

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD RETREAT MINUTES
April 8, 2020
6:00 p.m. Room 8**

***I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT**

This meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Keiser:

“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this meeting of the Califon Board of Education has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Proper notice of this Regular Meeting was provided to Hunterdon County Democrat and Hunterdon Review. A copy of this notice has also been posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed with the Borough Clerk. The agenda of this meeting has been posted at the Califon School and on the district’s website.

***II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All in attendance pledged the flag

***III. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken by Ms. Zarra as follows:

Mr. Christopher Keiser - President	Present - Remote
Mr. Michael Reaves - Vice President	Present - Remote
Ms. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	Present - Remote
Ms. Rita Lemley	Present - Remote

Also present

Dr. Johanna Ruberto, Superintendent	Present - Remote
Ms. Cheryl Zarra, Business Administrator	Present - In person
Ms. Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Representative	Present - Remote

***IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (resolutions only; time limits: 3 min. /person)**

At this time, comment is invited on any matter relating to the resolutions on tonight’s agenda.

Anyone wishing to speak before the Board concerning these resolutions may do so during this public commentary portion of the agenda. The presenter shall give his/her name and address and make the presentation as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is given, each speaker shall be limited to 3 minutes.

Speakers may offer suggestions or express their concerns. However, in public session, the Board will not discuss concerns about individual students or staff members. Other, more appropriate, channels are available for expressing concerns about individual students or staff members.

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The Board President may terminate the remarks of any individual, when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

None.

***V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Acknowledgement (s)

- Dr. Ruberto offered her gratitude to the Teachers, Parents and Students for their hard work.

Updates

- State declarations. Schools ordered closed through April 30th. Reopen status will be determined at that time. Some states have closed for the rest of the year.
- Student Assessments are cancelled and modifications made for teacher assessments.
- Spring Recess - parents informed
- Building is closed but monitored by Custodial Staff.
- Development of an alternative crisis plan.

Ms. Kipp-Newbold inquired about a contingency plan should a teacher need to care for someone.

Dr. Ruberto responded that there is a plan in place.

- Dr. Ruberto informed the Board about the postponement of the 7th Grade Broadway trip to the fall and the inclusion of the incoming 7th graders to join.
- 8th Grade dance and graduation upon return to school
- Transition plan with Dr. Cone is underway
- Marketing meeting update

Mr. Reaves inquired about privacy with school tweeting

Dr. Ruberto affirmed privacy policy in place.

- Memorandum of Agreement by NJEA - legal council sought.

Discussion regarding the start of the April 29th meeting. Start time for the public session will be 7:00 pm.

Ms. Thornton noted that an extension is sought for Superintendent Evaluations but nothing has been decided.

Dr. Ruberto left the meeting at 6:48 pm.

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***VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Keiser read the following:

1. Motion to approve changing the 2019-202 Spring Break calendar dates from Friday April 10, 2020 through Friday April 17, 2020 to Friday April 10, 2020 through Tuesday April 14, 2020. Online Classes will resume Wednesday April 15, 2020.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. Lemley.

Motion approved on a unanimous vote

***VII. BOARD TRAINING**

Chief School Administrator Evaluation Training by Gwen Thornton - NJSBA

Ms. Thornton commenced with the Chief School Administrator Evaluation Training.

***VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Motion approved with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Zarra
Board Secretary