

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2019
7:30 p.m.
The Board will meet at 6:30 pm for Personnel Items**

***CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Nina DeCoster, President:

“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, Hunterdon Review and The Express Times. 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 to the flag

***III. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Nina DeCoster	Present
Mr. Christopher Keiser	Absent
Mr. Jeffrey Dahl	Present
Ms. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	Absent
Mr. Michael Reaves	Present

Also in attendance: Dr. Johanna Ruberto, Interim Superintendent
Cheryl Zarra, Business Admin./Bd. Secretary

***IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 (R. S.10:4-13), permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or portion of a meeting of this public body in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the Board must consider (see check below), which is/are exempt from public discussion pursuant to the Act;

- 1. Matter which by express provision of law is rendered confidential
- 2. Release of information which would impair receipt of federal funds
- 3. Individual Privacy/Student Matters
- 4. Collective Bargaining/Negotiations
- 5. Real estate matters
- 6. Disclosure could impair public safety
- 7. Pending/Anticipated litigation/Contract negotiation
- 8. Terms and conditions of employment
- 9. Deliberations involving imposition of specific civil penalty

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matters to the exclusion of all others. Matters discussed may or may not be made public this evening. Resulting action may or may not be taken following re-entry into regular session.

Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn to executive session with full board consent.

***V. RECONVENE**

Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Dahl to end executive session at 7:37 pm with full board consent.

***VI. 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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None at this time

***VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Reaves, to approve the following minutes:

November 13, 2019

Regular session and Executive session

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

***VIII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- Mr. Eric Zobian dated December 6, 2019 regarding fee schedule for facility use.

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***IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Acknowledgement(s)

- Spoke to the recent early dismissal and evacuation. She commended Mr. Patterson and the staff on the success of both events.
- Congratulated the Debate Team on their wins
- Read the Honor Roll from VHS consisting of former Califon Students
- Shared that the Winter Concert was “forty-seven minutes of excellence”
- Shared that students were highly involved in the Hour of Code
- Noted that the students were very involved during the Pep Rally
- Spoke to the commitment of Mrs. Gonzales

2. Announced the K Open House as February 18, 2019 with a snow date of February 19, 2019

3. Climate Survey Results

4. Shared that the Mandated assessment science scores 2019 that were supposed to be received on December 10, 2019 have been delayed and have not been reported as of yet.

Mrs. Ruberto spoke to the need of a professional development day on January 21st due to the early dismissals that were weather related on previously scheduled professional development day.

Mrs. Ruberto spoke to the

***X. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee:

Policy & Legislation Committee:

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Personnel Committee:

Negotiations Committee:

Long Range Planning, Shared Services,

Steering Committee:

***XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education and/or its standing committees, for reading and study and will be enacted with one motion. The Personnel items on the consent agenda are

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recommended by the Superintendent. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the consent agenda by Board action.

Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

Finance:

1. Motion to approve the bills list dated November 14, 2019 through December 18, 2019 in the amount of \$331,559.64.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for October 2019 and November 2019 and note that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation and that no major account has been over-expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.20.
3. Motion to approve the transfers for October 2019 and November 2019.
4. Motion to approve the following graduate course tuition request:

Name	Institution	Dates	Compensation
Ann Marie DeAngelo	American College of Education - M. Ed. STEM Leadership	January 2020 - April 2020	\$1,500

Transportation:

Facilities:

1. Motion to approve the use of the Califon School Facilities:

Sponsor of Event	Event
BOE Steering Committee	Meetings for December 2019 & January 2020
Administration	Kindergarten Open House February 18, 2020

Personnel:

1. Motion to approve the following staff members for the stipend position(s) for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Name	Position	Compensation
MaryJane Medea	TREP\$ Marketplace	\$500.
Kristen Charleston	TREPS Marketplace	\$500.

3. Motion to approve as a Substitute teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.

Name
Carol Clark

4. Approve the Charlotte Danielson Observation Rubric for the following positions:

Nurse
Student Counselor

5. Approve the following job description (revision).

Media Specialist

6. Motion to approve additional compensation:

Name	Event	Compensation
Kristen Charleston	Book Fair (Evening)	3 hours at the negotiated rate

7. Motion to approve the Sidebar Agreement between the Califon Board of Education and the Califon Education Association for the enrollment of non-resident students of currently employed association members at Califon School at no cost.

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8. Motion to approve for practicum.

Name	Institution	Dates
Madalyn Keating	Fairleigh Dickinson University	January 6-January17, 2020

C. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Motion to approve the following travel expenditures for staff members or their designated alternate to attend professional development conferences / workshops. This travel is deemed educationally necessary and fiscally prudent. All travel expenditures shall be directly related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and professional development plans.

Name	Date	Workshop/Conference	Fee/Mileage
Daniel Patton	January 8, 2019	NJSBF Workshop	Mileage/ No Fee
Maryjane Medea	January 14, 2019	TCNJ STEM Workshop	Mileage/ No Fee
Maryjane Medea	January 30-31 2020	Techspo 2020	Mileage, Hotel/ \$475
Daniel Patton	January 30-31 2020	Techspo 2020	Mileage, Hotel/ \$475

2. Motion to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Cost	Class/Club/Activity
RVCC	\$12 per student + Transportation	K-1 Field Trip
Gateway National Park NJ	\$12 per student + Transportation	Grades 3-5

3. Motion to accept the Health Report for November 2019

***XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Second Reading Regulation 7510 Use of Facilities - Discussion
Chief School Administrator/Principal - Search update
Proposal for Tuition Based program

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***XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

***XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT (all school-related topics; 3 min. /person)**

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***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.
Motion approved with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Zarra
Acting Board Secretary