

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2020
7:30 p.m. Virtual (link on website)
The Board will meet at 6:30 pm for Personnel Items.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT

This meeting is called to order at 6:37 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Reaves:

“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, the 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

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. Michele Cone, Superintendent	Present - Remote
Ms. Cheryl Zarra, Business Administrator	Present - Remote

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following was read by Mr. Reaves:

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

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- 5. Real estate matters
- 6. Disclosure could impair public safety
- 7. Pending/Anticipated litigation/Contract negotiation
- 8. Terms and conditions of employment - Superintendent Evaluation
- 9. Deliberations involving imposition of specific civil penalty

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 6:40 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 Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mrs. Lemley to adjourn to executive session.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

V. RECONVENE

Motion made by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold to end the executive session at 7:35 pm and reconvene the public session with full board consent via roll call vote.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (resolutions only; time limits: 20 min. total; 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.

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

No public comments at this time

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion made by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold and seconded by Mrs. Lemley to approve the June 17, 2020 regular and executive session minutes.

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VII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Keiser acknowledged the letters submitted by Mrs., Smith and Mrs. Mahon.

Cathy Smith - Thank you letter

Amanda Mahon - The role of the Director of Special Services.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Superintendent Update:

Dr. Cone provided the following:

- Enrollment report - Currently 79 students on roll
- Reopening
 - Plan development is underway with CDC and Dept of Ed Guidance and it is due by August 1st to the County Office.
 - Safety first. Modifications to schedules, room use, cleaning, arrival and departure procedures.
 - The goal is to open in school.
 - The CDC and Health Department are expected to provide updates.
 - Parent and Staff surveys have been prepared and will be sent.
 - A technology survey will be sent to gauge current needs.

IX. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Did not meet.

Policy & Legislation Committee: A meeting will be held next week.

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: Did not meet.

Personnel Committee: Did not meet.

Negotiations Committee: Met. Things are moving forward amicably.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services, & School Choice Committee: Did not meet.

Steering Committee: Did not meet.

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

Mrs. Zarra informed the Board that item #1 under Facilities will reflect five (5) applications for change of use will be submitted in the minutes. The additional applications a for a back up options for optimizing space in the school for re-opening.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mr. Reaves to discuss the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Keiser offered a heartfelt Thank You to Mrs. Madson who is retiring. The sentiment was echoed by Mrs. Kipp-newbold and Mr. Reaves.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. Lemley to approve the consent agenda including the motion changs.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

Finance:

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$102,118.22 and the bill list dated July 15, 2020 in the amount of \$ 84,793.62.
2. Motion to approve the transfers for June 2020.

Facilities:

1. Motion to approve the submission of five applications for change of use of educational space and two applications for the dual use of educational space to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Transportation:

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Personnel:

1. Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Lisa Madson, Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2020, for the purpose of retirement.

Curriculum:

1. Motion to approve an Affiliation Agreement with Hunterdon Healthcare for School Based Youth Services for the 2020-2021 school year.

XI. POLICY

Motion by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold to table policy #2270.

Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold to approve the motions under Policy with the exception of Policy #2270.

Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

1. Motion to approve the following Califon Public School Policies and Regulations for a first reading:

- 1649 – Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA) - Policy (M) (NEW)
- 2270 - Religion in Schools -Policy
- 2431.1 – Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety - Policy (M)
- 2622 – Student Assessment - Policy (M)
- 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 5200 - Attendance - Policy (M)
- 5320 – Immunization - Policy & Regulation
- 5610 – Suspension - Policy & Regulation (M)
- 5620 - Expulsion – Policy (M)
- 8320 - Personnel Records – Policy & Regulation (M)

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold to approve the Califon Board of Education Organization Chart.

Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT (all school-related topics; time limits: 30 min. total; 3 min. /person)

At this time, comment is invited on any matter relating to the school district.

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Cathy Smith asked if the student enrollment number offered by Dr. Cone included Preschool.

Dr. Cone confirmed that the enrollment number included preschool.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Mrs. Lemley to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Zarra
Board Secretary