

CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REVISED
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2020
6:00 p.m. Virtual (link on website)

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

This meeting was called to order at 6:22 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**

***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
Mr. Netz Sacro	Present - Remote

Also present

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

Anyone wishing to speak before the board may do so during the public comment 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,

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more appropriate, channels are available for expressing concerns about individual students or staff members.

Written comments may be submitted in writing prior to the meeting via email to boardsecretary@califonschool.org or via mail to Califon Public School, 6 School Street, Califon, NJ 07830. Correspondence must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting.

Both written and verbal comments must adhere to the 3 minute rule. Written correspondence will be read aloud until the time limit has been reached.

Duplicate comments will not be read but will be noted during the meeting.

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

- Mr. Keiser acknowledged receipt of an open letter to the Califon Board of Education by the Califon Staff.

***V. 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 6:26 p.m. to discuss the above-mentioned matters to the exclusion

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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. Reaves, seconded by Mrs. Lemley to adjourn to executive session.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

***VI. RECONVENE**

Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Reaves to end the executive session at 7:52 pm and reconvene the public session with full board consent via roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mrs. Lemley to approve the following:

***VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Lemley, seconded by Mrs. Kipp-Newbold to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Zarra
Board Secretary