

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Vice-President Gangemi:

“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 in the notice dated May 11, 2015. Said notice was posted at the office of the Califon School, mailed to the 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**

All present participated in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

***III. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mr. James Bell
Dr. Jevan Furmanski
Mrs. Claudia Gangemi
Mr. Matthew Ramarge (arrived at 7:48 p.m.)

Members Absent: Mr. Robert Beers

Also Present: Mr. Jason Kornegay, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Johnston, Board Secretary
Member of the Public

***IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the following minutes. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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Approval of the August 12, 2015 Work Session minutes was tabled to the September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

***1. HIB Report**

Mr. Kornegay reviewed the HIB Self-Assessment Report. He explained the scoring system; a "3" means requirements are exceeded and a "2" means compliant. Califon is compliant or better in all areas. Dr. Furmanski asked if it was based on formal reports. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. He stated what is most important is the relationship between the staff and the students. Mr. Bell mentioned the school took steps under Dr. Gamble to deal with online bullying. Mr. Kornegay said they can see everything through the servers. Mrs. Gangemi pointed out that last year there was an HIB workshop for parents.

***2. Superintendent Update**

Mr. Kornegay said the staff day went well today. The students arrive August 27, and there will be assemblies on August 28. He thanked Mr. Ramarge for stopping by this morning to welcome the staff.

***3. Cross Country Coach**

Mr. Kornegay said Mr. Johnston reached out to the candidate, and she accepted the stipend of \$1,400. Mr. Bell asked if the other coaches are paid stipends. Mr. Ramarge replied yes. Mr. Ramarge asked if the candidate had any questions. Mr. Johnston replied no. Dr. Furmanski asked for a clarification of the student drop-off procedures. Mr. Kornegay said no parents are allowed beyond the atrium. Mrs. Gangemi pointed out an exception for parents of pre-schoolers.

***VII 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

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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.

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Mrs. Weiss informed the Board that a graduate of Califon Public School is on the high school cross-country team this season.

***VIII. BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

After review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month of July 2015, based upon consultation with the Board Secretary, the Board of Education of the Borough of Califon has ascertained, to the best of our knowledge and ability, with the information provided, that no major account has been over-expended, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and hereby certifies the district's financial plan as approved is being followed as revealed in the financial reports.

***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Ramarge stated the new Grant Committee will meet in September 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

Matters listed within the consent agenda designated by *(**including Board Secretary and Treasurer Report**) has 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.

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A. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

Finance:

August Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the payment of invoices from check number 21606 to check number 21645, non-checks number N1162, N1163, and N1164, and check 81515, in the amount of \$239,157.03. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Tuition Sending Contract

- *2. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the following tuition contract for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Kornegay stated the amount is consistent with other tuitions being charged in similar situations. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

SID #6869365247	High Bridge School	\$27,592.00
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Facilities:

Donation of Cabinets

- *1. A motion was made by Mrs. Gangemi and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the donation of cabinets for the kitchen area next to the gym stage by Mr. and Mrs. Tramutola. The donation of materials and labor amounted to \$150. Mr. Ramarge asked for some details, and Mr. Kornegay provided them. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Snow Plowing and Salting

- *2. A motion was made by Mrs. Gangemi and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve Matarazzo Excavation & Masonry LLC for snow plowing and salting services for 2015-2016. Mr. Ramarge asked if the price was the same as 2014-2015. Mr. Johnston replied yes. Dr. Furmanski asked if bids were needed. Mr. Johnston replied no since it was below the threshold. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities Usage

- *3. A motion was made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the following uses of facilities. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Boy Scout Troop 192	Gym	9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17	7:00PM-9:00PM
Adult Co-ed Volleyball	Gym	Mondays 2015-2016	7:00PM-9:00PM

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(Does not include Mondays when school is closed. Califon BOE reserves the right to schedule a Califon school activity in place of the adult co-ed volleyball).

Transportation - NONE

Personnel:

Substitute List

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve Alexandria Annunziata for the Substitute List. Mr. Bell asked if she was related to Mrs. Annunziata. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Special Education Teacher

- *2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Gangemi and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve Bryce Blondina as new Special Education Teacher. Mr. Kornegay described the position and the candidate. Mr. Ramarge asked about the candidate pool size. Mr. Kornegay stated it starts out large, but shrinks as the qualifications are added. He said Mr. Blondina meets most of Califon's needs, and there is still a need for a part-time person. He pointed out these decisions are always based on individual student needs. The motion carried with three ayes (Ramarge, Gangemi, Furmanski) and one abstention (Bell).

B. Curriculum and Instruction - NONE

C. Policy:

Mr. Bell said the committee met with Mr. Kornegay regarding the AED policy, and they still need to meet with Mrs. Patterson. Dr. Furmanski stressed the urgency related to cross-country. Mr. Bell stated the goal is to resolve the matter quickly. Mr. Ramarge pointed out the concern is for practice situations. Mr. Bell said he wants the best coverage possible, and mentioned the possibility of purchasing a third AED unit. Mr. Kornegay said Lebanon Township has an AED unit at the start/finish line for cross-country. Mr. Ramarge said that is least restrictive based on the law. Mr. Kornegay discussed the difference between policy and procedure. Dr. Furmanski suggested the AED locations should be more pronounced.

D. Communications - NONE

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***X. OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Gangemi asked about the speech therapist position. Mr. Kornegay said he is outsourcing the service to HCESC. He recommended the Board members all have Califon G-Mail addresses. Mr. Ramarge asked about Chromebooks. Mr. Kornegay said they are good for middle school. Dr. Furmanski asked about the timeline. Mr. Kornegay replied before winter break if not sooner. The Google domain is in, and there is no software to purchase. Dr. Furmanski asked about Chromebooks for the media room first. Mr. Kornegay said he is working toward putting a device in the students' hands. Mr. Bell asked for clarification on students taking Chromebooks home.

***XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ramarge mentioned the school website, recommending the teacher pages be consistent, and pointing out the school's hours of operation is not on the site. Mrs. Gangemi stated Mr. Patton has been very good about updating the website with Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Bell asked if there were links for before and after care. Mrs. Gangemi said yes. Mr. Bell asked about the upcoming Board elections. Mr. Ramarge said two candidates filed for the two positions.

***XII. 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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Mrs. Weiss expressed concerns about all the new technology, the tech person hours, and teacher professional development as it relates to technology. She also pointed out a couple of items on the school site which may be outdated. Mr. Kornegay said he is concerned about the staff being able to utilize the technology, but he plans to do the

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professional development appropriately over a reasonable period of time. Dr. Furmanski pointed out Califon needs sufficient tech support. Mr. Ramarge stressed having needs and the proper tools. Mr. Kornegay discussed having a web page through Genesis. Mr. Bell asked if Mr. Senn does professional development. Mr. Kornegay said he does IT support, and that PD can be done with local districts. Dr. Furmanski mentioned that Google owns YouTube.

Mrs. Weiss thanked the Board's negotiating team for their efforts. She stated there was always a sense the teachers were important.

***XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. Gangemi to approve the following resolution. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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
- 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 8:59 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

***XIV. RECONVENE**

A motion was made by Mrs. Gangemi and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to reconvene to regular session at 9:15 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Gangemi and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the 2015-2018 contract with the teachers. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Bell thanked the CEA for their work in the negotiations.

***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston
Board Secretary