

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 30, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:33 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Cantagallo:

“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 Special 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**

All in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

***III. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Jeffrey Dahl	Present
Mrs. Nina DeCoster	Absent
Dr. Jevan Furmanski	Absent
Mr. Christopher Keiser	Present
Mr. Mark Cantagallo	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Jason Kornegay – Superintendent
Ms. Karin Laraway – Board Secretary

***IV. 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,

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

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Mr. Kornegay and Ms. Laraway discussed the reduction in the state aid based on the FY 2019 State budget. This year the reduction will be taken from undesignated surplus but in future years the BOE will deal with reductions during the budget process. Reductions will occur over the course of seven years. Any surplus at the end of the 2018-19 school year will replenish what has been taken up to the maximum of \$250,000 as permitted by the state.

***V. FINANCE**

1. Motion made by Mr. Dahl, seconded by Mr. Cantagallo, to transfer unassigned general fund surplus in the amount of \$8,762 to provide the resources necessary to offset the reduction to the 2018-19 state aid.
The reduction in state aid and the necessary transfer of surplus is based on the FY 19 State Budget which included revised state aid for all school districts.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

***VI. 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.

Anyone wishing to speak before the board may do so during the 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.

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Public: What is the status of the Superintendent search?

Mr. Cantagallo: There are 3 resumes for an interim to review.

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Public: What happens to the first grade after this year?

Mr. Kornegay: The agreement is for one year. After 4-6 months an evaluation will be done and a decision can be made about the following year and what is best for the students.

Public: Does Lebanon have a right to refuse Califon's students?

Mr. Kornegay: Yes, they can. Any district can sever a contract. Califon would have to vote to continue to send students.

Public: Is there a contract in place?

Mr. Kornegay: It has not been voted on by Lebanon Twp yet.

Mr. Cantagallo: We received information from Lebanon Twp, Tewksbury, and High Bridge and decided to use Lebanon Twp. We did not want to wait until August.

Public: Child attends Lebanon Twp school, the teachers, administration and BOE have big hearts and do what is in the best interest of the child. It was a good choice to send the first grade to Lebanon Twp.

***VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mr. Keiser, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:05 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary