

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 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 President Ramarge:

“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. Robert Beers
Dr. Jevan Furmanski
Mrs. Claudia Gangemi
Mr. Matthew Ramarge

Members Absent: Mr. Jim Bell

Also Present: Mr. Jason Kornegay, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Johnston, Board Secretary

Members of the Public

***IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Mrs. Gangemi to approve the following minutes. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- *1. Revised NHVRHS Board Meeting Schedule

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *1. HIB Report – no incidents to report
- *2. Superintendent Update

Mr. Kornegay stated there were no facilities issues and no personnel concerns to report. He reported that work is continuing on updating the curriculum maps, and that a number of issues are being looked at through the Council of Instruction including grade reporting and scheduling practices. Mr. Kornegay said Chromebooks have been issued to grades four thru eight, and to a few of the teachers. He said the teachers are making a great effort to incorporate the Chromebooks into their class operation. Mr. Kornegay pointed out that work will go on for the balance of the year on enhancing instructional integration. There are discussions on providing the remaining staff with Chromebooks, and that third grade will be budgeted for in 2016-2017. Mr. Kornegay stated the roll out is going well. He added that there was nothing new to report on special education.

***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 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 said Chromebooks has been very successful so far. Dr. Furmanski asked if there has been more interaction and collaboration. Mrs. Weiss said there has been some, and expects that to increase.

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

After review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month of November 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 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.

Mr. Johnston informed the Board the Mid-Year Review with the County is Tuesday, December 22. Mr. Kornegay said he is happy to see the County is talking more about the program side of things at this year's reviews.

***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Gangemi stated that Go Math is going well, and that Language Arts materials are being looked into. Mr. Kornegay pointed out the need for a more extensive library of guided reading books and non-fiction level readers. Dr. Furmanski asked this would be in class for a number of grades. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. Dr. Furmanski brought up redundancy among classrooms and a master library. Mr. Kornegay said there will be coordination with the overall library. Mrs. Gangemi asked if it would add to the teachers' workload. Mr. Kornegay replied no. Mrs. Gangemi asked if there will not have to be curriculum re-writes. Mr. Kornegay replied yes.

Mr. Beers asked about PARRC reports. Mr. Kornegay said the specific summary reports will be available late January 2016. Mr. Beers commented on the absurdity surrounding the release of data.

Mr. Ramarge reported the Finance Committee discussed pre-school tuition, the 2016-2017 budget, and enhancing the eighth grade classroom. Mr. Kornegay discussed fitting things into the instructional program. Mr. Beers stated it was a good vision and a good meeting.

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

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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.

A. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

Finance:

A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Beers to approve the following items. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Nov/Dec Bills List

- *1. Motion to approve the payment of invoices from check number 21805 to check number 21855, non-check number N1168 to non-check number N1170, and checks 11015 and 12515, in the amount of \$230,020.39.

Preschool Tuition

- *2. Motion to approve an increase of 3% for preschool tuition for the 2016-2017 school year.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

- *3. Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Auditor's Report on Administrative Findings: Financial Compliance, and Performance for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015, prepared by Ardito and Company, L.L.P. and to note their recommendations.

Budget Transfers

- *4. Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers for the period 11/01/2015 thru 11/30/2015 in the amount of \$962.00

Facilities:

Facilities Usage

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Mrs. Gangemi to approve the following uses of facilities. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

TREP\$ Mentor Workshop Library 02/17/2016 6:30PM – 8:30PM

TREP\$ Marketplace Gym 03/18/2016 3:00PM – 9:00PM

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Transportation:

Jointure Contract

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve a jointure contract with the Lebanon Township School District for the transportation of 13 students on routes LT11 and LT14 at \$11,245.00 for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Ramarge asked for an explanation of how the jointure contract works. Mr. Kornegay provided the explanation, and pointed out the cost savings of a jointure contract (\$865 per pupil) versus aid-in-lieu (\$884 per pupil). Mr. Beers pointed out the cost savings and statutory requirements of multiple routes.

Personnel: NONE

B. Curriculum and Instruction

A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Mrs. Gangemi to approve the following. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Health Report

- *1. Motion to approve the attached Health Report for November 2015.

Course Reimbursement

- *2. Motion to approve the following course reimbursement in accordance with Article XIII (2015-2018 Negotiated Agreement).

M. Zimmerman GED618: Seminar in Research & Application Summer 2016 \$1,275.

Field Trips

- *3. Motion to approve the following field trips.

5th & 6th Grade North Branch County Library 01/28/16 9:00AM-12Noon \$110 (transport)

Voorhees High School Orientation 01/06/2016 9:00AM-12:30PM \$150 (as amended)

Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement

- *4. The Superintendent recommends that the Califon Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (revised 2015) between the Califon Public School and the Washington Township Police Department, Morris County.

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C. Policy:

2nd Reading: Revisions to Policy File Code 5143, Automated External Defibrillator.

Dr. Furmanski stated that Mr. Bell had sent communication to staff and was awaiting comments. Mr. Kornegay said he spoke with the school's nurse, the coaches, and the school's attorneys, and there was no objection from them regarding the revisions to the policy.

A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Beers to approve the revisions to Policy File Code 5143, Automated External Defibrillator. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

D. Communications: NONE

***X. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ramarge pointed out the 2016-2017 school calendar needs to be approved before 02/01/2016.

***XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Beers thanked Mr. Bell for his service, adding that Mr. Bell brought honesty to the Board. Mr. Kornegay said a book will be dedicated to the library on Mr. Bell's behalf. Mr. Ramarge stated that Mr. bell will attend the January 6, 2016 meeting. He added that Mr. Bell's service has been much appreciated.

Mr. Beers asked when the meeting with the town council is to be held. Mr. Ramarge said late January or early February 2016.

Dr. Furmanski mentioned a program of 8th grade science demonstrations hosted by Exxon, and said he would like to see the Califon students attend. Mr. Kornegay said he will talk to Mrs. Johnston, the middle school science teacher, and that they should be able to have all 13 eighth graders attend. Mrs. Gangemi asked what demonstrations were done. Dr. Furmanski mentioned demonstrations like an engineering challenge, chromatography, and making Chapstick.

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

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Mr. Cantagallo said the PAARC individual student reports have some value, but agreed that the timeliness of the report distribution is awful. He added that Google takes time to develop collaboration, but it does help students participate. Mr. Kornegay stated there will eventually be a parent night regarding Chromebooks and Google, with concrete examples, and it will be a student-driven presentation. He then discussed Google Docs add-ons like Easy Bibs. Mr. Beers asked if the goal is to use the Google classroom format. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. Dr. Furmanski if the community will learn from the staff in the experimental phase. Mr. Kornegay replied yes, there will be basic collaboration, and next year everything will be in place.

***XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**

Motion to approve the following resolution:

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

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____ 9. Deliberations involving imposition of specific civil penalty.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at ____ 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 - NONE**

***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. Gangemi to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston, Board Secretary