

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 17, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:30 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 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**

Mr. Jeffrey Dahl	Present
Mrs. Nina DeCoster	Present
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, more appropriate, channels are available for expressing concerns about individual students or staff members.

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None at this time.

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**\*V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Cantagallo, to approve the following minutes:  
August 22, 2018 Regular & Executive Session

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**\*VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

More steering committee applications have been received.

**\*VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- \*1. Superintendent Update:

Facilities: None

Personnel: Met on Friday, September 14 to discuss the personnel items to be approved at tonight's meeting.

Curriculum and Instruction: QSAC is next year for Califon. The county office will review the curriculum documents.

Technology: None

HIB Report: None

Steering Committee: The BOE has received additional applications. The BOE will review tonight.

**\*VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: New requirements for QSAC. The district will probably not have the ability to obtain a waiver.

Mrs. DeCoster asked about the requirement for dance. Mr. Kornegay stated that the requirement is that district's have to have a certified dance instructor, can't include dance within any other curriculum document. Dance can be done in Pys Ed but need to have a specific curriculum for it.

Policy & Legislation Committee: None

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: None

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Personnel Committee: Three candidates were interviewed for the Interim Superintendent position. The BOE has followed up with two requesting written responses to questions.

Negotiations Committee: The committee met three times over the summer with the teachers' union and reached a Memorandum of Agreement. The meetings were very productive.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services, & School Choice Committee: The BOE will be discussing the steering committee applications tonight.

**\*IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters listed within the consent agenda 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.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Cantagallo, to discuss the Consent agenda.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mrs. DeCoster, to approve the Consent agenda.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

**A. *Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel***

***Finance:***

1. Motion to approve the following workshop requests:

M Medea	Reading/writing conference	\$180/each
J Firko	October 26, 2018	
K Mitzak		
K Charleston		
A DeAngelo	Science Convention	\$295
	October 23-24, 2018	

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2. Motion to approve the service agreement commencing on August 29, 2018 through June 30, 2019, between Hunterdon Healthcare (Hunterdon Family Medicine) and the Califon Board of Education for medical services for the students of the school district at a cost of \$500.
3. Motion to approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2018-19 school year.
4. Motion to approve the following workshop request:  

M. Zimmerman	Building Sustainable Coding Programs Sept 19 & October 3 Online	\$293.94
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***Facilities:***

1. PTA                      Monthly meeting                      Library  
   September 26, 2018  
   7-8:30 PM

***Transportation:***

***Personnel:***

1. Motion to appoint Mallory Bartow as a full time paraprofessional, \$19,000, for the 2018-19 school year to be prorated on start date of September 18, 2018.
2. Motion to accept the resignation of Susan Dyer, Executive Secretary, effective October 1, 2018.
3. Motion to appoint Christine Sullivan, School Counselor, .2 full time equivalent, MA Step 13, \$12,663 for the 2018-19 school year, to be prorated based on start date, pending criminal history review.
4. Motion to hire Steve Weber, part time custodian, \$17/hour, 2 hours per day, up to 10 hours per week, on an as needed basis, beginning September 1, 2018.

***B. Curriculum and Instruction***

1. Motion to approve the attached list of Enrichment trips for the 2018-19 school year.

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**\*X. OLD BUSINESS**

The school was approached by the NJEA to tape a segment for a program called Classroom Close-up. This would focus on the art program at Califon. Written permission would be needed by parents for their child to be filmed. This program supports teachers doing great things in the classroom.

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mrs. DeCoster, to approve NJEA Classroom Close-up to focus on the art program.

Motion approved on a 3-1 roll call vote with Mr. Dahl voting no.

**\*XI. NEW BUSINESS**

The Eighth grade students presented their fundraiser commemorating the 100 year anniversary of Califon. The wooden plaque has the picture of Califon School on it. Each Eighth grader signed the back of the wooden plaque. There are 100 plaques to sell at \$30 each. This fundraiser supports the eighth grade year end trip.

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

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Mr. Cantagallo stated that the BOE will adjourn to executive session to discuss the Interim Superintendent search and the steering committee candidates. The deadline for steering committee applications was September 14.

The BOE interviewed 3 candidates for the Interim Superintendent position on August 22. Two of the candidates were requested to provide written responses to questions.

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Public-What is the date of Mr. Kornegay's obligation to the district? Who was used to get the candidates?

Mr. Cantagallo- Mid December. NJSBA was used.

Mr. Kornegay- NJSBA has a list of people interested in interim positions. The BOE can select from this list, interview candidates, check references and negotiate with the candidate. The contract with the Interim needs Executive County Superintendent approval.

Public-Can you share the criteria used in the process?

Mr. Cantagallo-The main focus is what is in the best interest for students, how to build a curriculum, interact with the community. Nothing is focused on opinions, all centered around what is best for the students of Califon, leading the BOE and staff towards this.

Public-What happens when the steering committee is done with their work?

Mr. Cantagallo-They bring their recommendations to the BOE.

Public-How many members on the steering committee?

Mr. Cantagallo-Two BOE members, Mr. Cantagallo being one and the other to be decided, and 5 community members. The list of chosen candidates will be posted on the website.

**\*XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mr. Keiser, to adjourn to executive session.

Motion approved 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

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- 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 8:10 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**

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mr. Keiser, to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting. The time was 10:54 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**\*XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mr. Keiser, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:54 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway  
Board Secretary