

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:32 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**

All in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**\*III. ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Mr. Kornegay, Superintendent

**\*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.

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Public: Spoke in support of school, house values. Asked about cost of sending first grade and where are the students going. Any first grade students of BOE members? Viability of combined classes and why that is not being chosen. Asked to have notice about which district first graders being sent, to have enough time to prepare child. What about siblings? Does the BOE have information from other districts and does the BOE have enough information to make a decision? How is the BOE going to make the decision? What is the duration of the send/receive relationship? What if students move in during the year? What is the possibility of returning students to Califon school? Concern with "bouncing back and forth." Why can't we wait until we get all the information to make a decision. Suggested waiting 3 years. Have other districts sent grade levels? How would we deal with future years for the school? What happens if some parents are happy and some are not? Why students couldn't be put in combined classes? Concerned about combined classes not being fully vetted and thought out.

**\*V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Cantagallo, to approve the following minutes:  
June 20, 2018                      Regular and executive session

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**\*VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- \*1. Superintendent Update:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the steering committee application and process.

He also discussed the reduction in state aid of \$8,762 due to the state budget for fiscal year 2019.

**\*VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: No report

Policy & Legislation Committee: No report

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: Discussion regarding air conditioning.

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Personnel Committee: Discussing an interim Superintendent and sharing a Business Administrator.

Negotiations Committee: Met on June 26, July 3, and will be meeting on Aug 23.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services, & School Choice Committee: Steering committee discussion. Discussed Mr. Keiser and Mr. Cantagallo be the BOE representatives on the committee.

**\*IX. 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.

Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Dahl, to approve the consent agenda.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

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

***Finance:***

1. Motion to approve the list of bills dated June 12, 2018 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$179,002.17.

***Facilities:***

1. Motion to approve the following facilities usage request:

- a. LTAA Basketball            Nov 27, 2018 – Mar 9, 2019  
6-9 PM – practices  
8 AM – 3 PM - games

***Transportation:***

***Personnel:***

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1. Motion to approve the following stipend requests for the 2017-18 school year:

Leslie Weiss	Safety Patrol Advisor	\$ 250
Leslie Weiss	Destination Imag. Advisor	\$ 800
Debbie Thompson	Drama Club Advisor	\$1,000

2. Motion to approve payment of 2017-2018 merit goals for Daniel Patton.

***B. Curriculum and Instruction***

1. Motion to approve the contract for Speech and Language Therapy service with the Hunterdon County ESC, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 as follows:

Direct services and prep time	\$95/hr
Evaluation-initial or re-evaluation	\$425/eval
Meeting-in person or phone	\$100/meeting
Annual review/IEP development (for speech only students)	\$500
Case manager-speech only students	\$100/case
Case manager for CST students (PLAAFP and goals/objectives)	\$150/case

2. Motion to approve the contract for Teacher Assistant services to be provided with Hunterdon County ESC, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$25.60/hr.

3. Motion to enter into a limited purpose send/receive tuition agreement for the 2018-2019 school year, for students entering grade one.

4. Motion to approve the contract with Lebanon Borough Board of Education for Music Program Services as follows:

Music Teacher Salary (1/2 of salary)	\$34,387.50
Waiver of Health Benefits	1,050.00
NJ SUI	171.95
Worker's Comp	215.00
Total	\$35,824.45

**\*X. OLD BUSINESS** None at this time.

**\*XI. NEW BUSINESS** None at this time.

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

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Public: Asked about the tax levy cap.

Board: Discussed the impact of the state aid reduction.

Public: Clarified comments about children leaving school. Expressed concern about anxiety related to students leaving school. Concerned about impact on other students.

Mrs. DeCoster: Expressed concern that anxiety in students can come from adult conversations.

Public: Discussed having conversations about school with children. Concern about evaluating send/receive relationship. Air conditioning. Why are we getting an interim Superintendent? Taxes. Make-up of steering committee. Have we reached out to other districts who are looking for Superintendents? Expressed concerns about uninformed decisions. Asked about kindergarten success. Expressed concerns about comparing tax rates between towns.

**\*XIII. 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

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- 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 9:28 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.

Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Dahl, to adjourn to executive session.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

**\*XIV. RECONVENE**

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mr. Dahl, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 10:07 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Mrs. DeCoster, to approve Aranxta Simel as an ESL tutor effective 4/5/18 through 6/20/18 at the contractual rate for professional services of \$40/hour.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

**\*XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Mr. Cantagallo, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:12 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway  
Board Secretary