

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2017 7:30 p.m.
(POSTPONED FROM MARCH 15, 2017)**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:31 p.m. with the following opening statement read by President 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 in the notice dated April 28, 2016. 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: Mrs. Nina DeCoster
Mr. Christopher Keiser
Mr. Terren Suydam
Mr. Mark Cantagallo

Member Absent: Dr. Jevan Furmanski

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

Members of the Public

***IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- *1. Letter of Resignation from Steffi-Jo DeCasas, Treasurer.

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *1. Superintendent Update:

Community Service Presentation (6th, 7th & 8th Grade):

The following students gave a presentation on the various Community Service projects they have been doing. The projects cover outside building and grounds maintenance as well as projects for younger students. The Board, Mr. Kornegay, and Mr. Patton expressed their appreciation for the students and their work.

The students who made the presentation were:

Ty, Tansug, Ryan Firko, Nora Cubberly, Zoe Laffler, Will Keiser

Facilities:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the results of the water testing for lead. He said the results were excellent, with all outlets measuring well below the acceptable limit. He credited Mr. Weber for his work related to the testing.

Personnel:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the new model RICE letter supplied by the Lebanon Township BOE attorney that is in compliance with the recent court ruling regarding RICE notices.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Mr. Kornegay stated the updating of curriculum maps continues, and the PARCC assessment training is starting soon.

Technology:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the option of print centers since the leases for the current copiers end in August. He talked about a print monitor on the network. Mr. Suydam asked if copies are monitored as well. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. He added that all options are being looked at.

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HIB Report: None

***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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Mr. Goger from NHVRHS expressed his appreciation for the support of their referendum, and extended an invitation to Board Presidents from sending districts to a roundtable meeting in April or May. Mr. Cantagallo talked about the referendum meetings he attended.

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

After review of the Board Secretary's reports for the month of February 2017, 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.

***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: NONE

Policy & Legislation Committee: NONE

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Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Mr. Cantagallo said the Finance Committee will meet some time after the tentative budget is passed.

Personnel Committee: NONE

Negotiations Committee: NONE

Long Range Planning, Shared Services, & School Choice Committee: NONE

Communications Committee:

Mr. Cantagallo talked about the February 21st NHVRHS meeting. He discussed their demographic study, Highlands Act restrictions, and larger acreage leading to less housing. He talked about yield per sale and nature of town. He added the study does not look at new construction nor new businesses.

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.

A. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

Finance:

Feb-Mar Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22549 thru check number 22586, and checks 22817 and 31517, and non-check N1197, in the amount of \$230,552.02. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Transfers

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the attached budget transfers of \$482.78. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Helen Apgar Trust

- *3. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve Cassandra Oeckinghaus as the 2017 winner of the Helen S. Apgar Trust Scholarship (\$1,000). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Resignation

- *4. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to accept with regret the resignation of District Treasurer Steffi-Jo DeCasas, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2017. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

2017-2018 Tentative Budget

- *5. As recommended by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the 2017-2018 Tentative School Budget. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Prior to that, a motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to discuss the tentative budget separately from the other items in the consent agenda. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kornegay explained the regulations related to the rescheduling of the Board meeting and the submission of the tentative budget to the County BOE. He also described the budget process. The preliminary budget has been sent to the County after the edit checks cleared. He added State aid has been flat for a few years. Mr. Kornegay thanked the Board for their work; the district is able to provide effective programs while not exceeding the 2% tax levy cap. He emphasized the budget supports extra programs for the students. He stated it is not an extravagant budget. Mr. Kornegay credited Mr. Johnston for his work on preparing the budget. Mr. Cantagallo stated the tax increase per year is less than \$10 per month which is very reasonable.

Facilities:

Facilities Usage

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following use of facilities. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Califon PTA Information Meeting Library March 27, 2017 7:00PM – 8:30PM

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Personnel:

Substitute List

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following addition to the Substitute Teacher list (pending receipt of certificate). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Thomas Dyer

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following addition to the Substitute Custodian List. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Edward Newhauser

Maternity Leave Replacement

- *3. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve Vicki Marcine as a maternity leave replacement starting April 12, 2017 to the end of the school year in Grade 1, at BA Step 1 (\$48,824 prorated). The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

Medical Leave Replacement

- *4. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve Lawrence Rothweiler as a medical leave replacement starting March 13, 2017 (duration projected to be a few weeks) in Grade 6, at BA Step 1 (\$48,824 prorated). The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

Health Report

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to accept the attached Health Report for February 2017. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Shared Services

- *2. As recommended by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the Child Study Team Shared Services Agreement with the Lebanon Township Board of Education for the 2017-2018 School Year at the annual cost of \$65,545. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Field Trips

- *3. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following field trips. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Destination Imagination Ridge H.S. Basking Ridge, NJ 03/25/17 7:00AM-10:00PM \$95

7th Grade Broadway Trip to See “Wicked” 05/17/2017 8:30AM-6:30PM \$342.80

*X. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

*XI. **NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

*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. Medea said the hiring of Ms. Marcine is awesome, and that it will make for a great transition. Mr. Kornegay said it was a case of him and especially Mr. Patton being in the right place at the right time. Mrs. Weiss asked about the outdoor classroom. Mr. Kornegay replied it will be located where the old bike rack was; no date set for its completion. Mrs. Weiss expressed concern about the print monitor on the network. Mr. Kornegay replied there is no remote access and the monitoring is limited to the print volume. Mrs. Weiss asked for a definition of a copy center. Mr. Kornegay explained.

Mr. Beard discussed the upcoming 100th Anniversary for Califon School. A planning committee is being put together, and Mr. Beard invited a representative from the

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school. Mr. Kornegay said he will do it. Mr. Beard discussed various ideas that are being considered. Mrs. Medea asked where old information can be located. Mr. Kornegay mentioned school register summaries. Mr. Beard talked about digitizing and soliciting items from the community. Mrs. DeCoster mentioned time capsules. Mr. Suydam suggested a comparison of various items between 100 years ago and now. Mrs. DeCoster asked if there can be a role for the community service students. Mrs. Medea talked about interviews. Mrs. DeCoster mentioned interviews can be archived at the New York Public Library. Mr. Beard said there will be a meeting soon. Mr. Kornegay stated he will add a section to his Superintendent's Report for the 100th Anniversary.

Mrs. Weis discussed the upcoming Destination Imagination competition. Califon is sending two teams. Mr. Johnston reminded all present to stop by the TREP\$ Marketplace being held in the gym on Friday March 24, from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

***XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

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 _____ 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**

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***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mr. Suydam to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston
Board Secretary