

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2015 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 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
Mr. James Bell
Dr. Jevan Furmanski (arrived at 7:35PM)
Mrs. Claudia Gangemi
Mr. Matthew Ramarge

Members Absent: None

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

Members of the Public

***IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

August 12, 2015 Work Session

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

September 16, 2015 Regular Session

***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- *1. North Hunterdon/Voorhees Board of Education Meeting Schedule

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *1. HIB Report

Mr. Kornegay discussed two investigations, one which met HIB criteria and one that did not. He also reviewed the law regarding HIB, and noted that common sense and the state law are very different.

- *2. Superintendent Update

Mr. Kornegay announced that the initial order of Chromebooks arrived. The Chromebooks will cover grades five thru eight. Mr. Kornegay said he will draft parent agreements regarding liability for lost or damaged units, and will borrow from other policies. He mentioned the immediate step is to get the staff up and running. Mr. Bell asked if the Chromebooks came with a protective cover. Mr. Kornegay said no; that students would have to purchase protective sleeves, which usually run from \$10 to \$12. Mr. Beers asked if the Chromebooks would be collected from students at the end of the school year. Mr. Kornegay replied yes, and reminded that the students would be bringing home the Chromebooks every day during the school year.

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

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Mr. Cantagallo asked if the PTA would be sponsoring the protective sleeves. Mr. Kornegay said that was still an option. Mr. Beard mentioned email blasting the agenda.

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

After review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the months of August and September 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 reported that the annual audit went very well, and that the auditors were extremely pleased with their findings, including the Student Activity Account.

***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Gangemi said the Council of Instruction met on October 20th. The Council faculty members are: Mrs. Montesion (pre-K), Mrs. Hoitsma (gr. 1-3), Mrs. Medea (gr. 4), Mrs. Charleston (gr. 5), Mrs. Johnston (middle school), and Mr. Blondina (special ed.). Mrs. Gangemi stated Califon is in great shape for next year's QSAC. She mentioned the PAARC reports were only general in nature.

Mrs. Gangemi reviewed the Curriculum Committee's meeting regarding Professional Development, Chromebooks, and grade reporting. Mr. Beers applauded the efforts of the Administration. Mr. Kornegay said he will meet with the Council of Instruction to discuss grading. Mrs. Gangemi pointed out the next Council of Instruction meeting is November 17.

Mr. Ramarge asked about the Go-Math implementation. Mr. Kornegay said the initial training in late August was well received by staff. However, the training session in October was not good. He stated that Mr. Patton expressed concerns to the company. Mr. Bell asked if Califon is moving forward with Go-Math. Mr. Kornegay replied yes.

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Mr. Ramarge said the new Grant Committee met on October 21. He mentioned the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and STEM, and that the committee will look for focused grants. Dr. Furmanski described the process as defining what Califon wants to achieve, then developing the curriculum, then pursuing the grant. Mr. Kornegay advised to be careful to integrate STEM into everyday learning; that Califon is mandated to change how science is taught. He said that grants are competitive, and that Califon needs a coherent direction. Mr. Beers said there are not a lot of grants out there for an affluent district like Califon. Dr. Furmanski discussed problem-based learning, NGSS, and accelerating active, individualized learning. Mr. Kornegay suggested not just being compliant, but going beyond to become more attractive for grants. Dr. Furmanski mentioned applying for smaller grants.

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:

Sept/Oct Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the payment of invoices from check number 21685 to check number 21749, non-check number N1166, and checks 93015 and 10515, in the amount of \$272,861.23. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities:

Facilities Usage

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

Califon PTA Make It-Take It Gym 12/04/2015 7:00PM-9:00PM

LTAA Basketball Gym Tuesdays & Wednesdays (6:30PM-8:30PM) and Saturdays (8:30AM-11:30AM) January 5 thru March 12, 2015.

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Califon Borough Adult Volleyball Gym Mondays during School Year 7PM-9PM

8th Grade Dance Gym & 8th Grade Room 10/23/2015 6:00PM-10:00PM

Fall Sports Banquet Gym & 8th Grade Room 11/02/2015 5:00PM-8:00PM

8th Grade Dance Gym & 8th Grade Room 03/11/2016 6:00PM – 10:00PM

8th Grade Dinner Dance Gym & 8th Grade Room 06/10/2016 3:00PM – TBD

PTA Parents Night Out Gym 11/13/2015 6:00PM – 8:30PM

PTA Family Portraits 7th & 8th Grade Rooms 11/12/15 (5pm-8pm)
11/14/15 (11am-6pm)
11/15/15 (10am-6pm)

Transportation: NONE

Personnel:

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

Paraprofessional Hiring

- *1. Motion to approve Thomas Dellaventura as a 1:1 Paraprofessional assigned to Woodglen School in Lebanon Township at an annual salary of \$17,338 (prorated).

Mr. Kornegay mentioned this was a replacement hire for an existing position.

Part-Time Special Education

- *2. Motion to approve Caroline Sergison as a Part-Time Special Education Teacher (.35 FTE) at an annual salary of \$17,965 (pro-rated).

Mr. Kornegay said the purpose of this hire was to meet IEP's. Mr. Bell asked if it was budgeted for. Mr. Kornegay said yes.

Staff Development/Travel

- *3. Motion to approve the following staff development/travel.

L. Kooger Anti-Bullying Seminar, Law Center, New Brunswick NJ 11/12/15
\$20.00 refundable deposit

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B. Curriculum and Instruction

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Health Report

Motion to approve the attached Health Report for September 2015.

Field Trips:

*1. Motion to approve the following field trips.

Michael Fowlin Presentation Clinton Twp Middle Sch. 10/16/15 8:45AM-11:45AM
Total Cost: \$69 (Student Activity Account)

Enrichment Consortium Trips (see attached) Transportation Cost: approx. \$1,000

C. Policy:

Mr. Bell presented a first reading of the revisions to Policy File Code 5143, Automated External Defibrillator. He mentioned the Califon cross-country coach follows the runners by bicycle with the AED. Dr. Furmanski suggested leaving the revision wording as is. Mr. Beers it should be practice, not policy, to bring an AED to away events. Mr. Ramarge suggested remaining in line with the law. Mr. Kornegay said the law states the AED must be present and functional. Mr. Beers asked if the policy needs to be sent to the Board attorney for review. Mr. Ramarge suggested sending the first draft to the Board attorney for recommendations.

D. Communications:

Mr. Kornegay reviewed the new Honeywell emergency notification system. The Board agreed to email blast the monthly agenda.

***X. OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Gangemi mentioned the Board shared a table with the PTA at the Califon street Fair. Mr. Bell asked if there was any status regarding his suggestion of an air

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conditioning and energy audit. Mr. Kornegay replied not at this time. Mr. Kornegay reported that he has received two quotes from contractors regarding the repair of the slab outside the main doors. Dr. Furmanski asked about a timetable. Mr. Kornegay said it would be three to four days of work. Mr. Bell made a recommendation of a contractor. Mr. Kornegay said he would reach out to the contractor he is waiting for a quote from.

XI. NEW BUSINESS - *NONE

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

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Mrs. Weiss asked about the donated bench and how it relates to the slab repair work. Mr. Kornegay replied the bench is inside for now. Mrs. Weiss informed the Board of the passing of Helen Leonard, a former 2nd grade teacher, and expressed she was saddened by her passing. Mr. Bell said Mrs. Leonard was very dedicated. Mrs. Weiss thanks Mr. and Mrs. Heuneman for the displays outside the school building.

Mr. Cantagallo mentioned the STEM program in Livingston NJ. Mr. beard asked if the plan for the new and old grant committees to work together was still in place. Mr, Ramarge said yes. Dr. Furmanski said the new committee met to discuss what it would talk to the old committee about at a future meeting. Mr. Beard congratulated the boy's cross-country team on their 4th place finish at a county meet. Mr. Kornegay pointed out a nice article on Califon alum Lauren Wagner, who runs cross-country for Voorhees.

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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
- 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**

Being there no further business to be brought before the Board, it was moved by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Beers to adjourn at 8:40p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston
Board Secretary