

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET
MINUTES
April 26, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:51 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 Special 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
Dr. Jevan Furmanski
Mr. Christopher Keiser
Mr. Mark Cantagallo

Members Absent: Mr. Terren Suydam

Also Present: Mr. Jason Kornegay, Superintendent
Mr. Thomas Johnston, Board Secretary
Members of the Public

***IV. PRESENTATION OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. Kornegay reviewed the budget process. He stated the County BA has approved the budget. Mr. Kornegay showed a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017-2018 budget. He discussed revenues and appropriations, as well as the tax effect of the budget. Mr. Kornegay stated NJ State aid has been flat for more than five years. There is declining enrollment with modest budget increases. Mrs. Weiss asked how Califon’s cost-per-student compares with other districts. Mr. Kornegay replied it is higher than Lebanon Township and Tewksbury, but they are not fair comparisons. Califon is slightly higher than other districts of comparable size.

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- *V. 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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There was no public comment at this time.

***VI. FINANCE**

2017-2018 School Budget

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve the 2017-2018 School Budget. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Final budget be approved for
the 2017-2018 School Year:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2017-18				
Total Expenditures	2,618,812	51,642	174,085	2,844,539
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>424,289</u>	<u>51,642</u>	<u>44,619</u>	<u>520,550</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>2,194,523</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>129,466</u>	<u>2,323,989</u>

And, be it further,

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Resolved that the Califon Board of Education acknowledge that the 2017-2018 budget results in a general fund tax levy of **\$2,194,523**.

And be it further,

Resolved that the Califon Board of Education acknowledges that the 2017-2018 budget results in a debt service tax levy of **\$129,466** as approved by Voter referendum.

And be it further,

The Board of Education
of Califon hereby adopts the following final
budget for the 2017-18 school year:

The proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

Anticipated Enrollment 92

<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Revenue</u>	
General Current Expense	<u>2,618,812</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	
Capital Outlay	-	..Budgeted Fund	
Special Revenue Fund	<u>51,642</u>	Balance	<u>63,309</u>
Repayment of Debt	<u>174,085</u>	..Local Tax Levy	<u>2,194,523</u>
		..Misc Revenue	<u>600</u>
		..Tuition	<u>23,126</u>
		..State Aid	
			<u>320,754</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,844,539</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	
		..State Aid	<u>16,500</u>
		..Federal Aid	<u>51,642</u>
	-	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	
		..Budgeted Fund	
		Balance	
		..Local Tax Levy	<u>129,466</u>
		..State Aid	<u>44,619</u>
		Total Revenue	<u>2,844,539</u>

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WHEREAS, the Califon Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A.23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of **\$50** per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A.23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A.23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1, to a maximum expenditure of **\$1,000** for all staff and board members.

***VII. 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 by which 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

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:55 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

***VIII. RECONVENE:**

A motion was made by Mrs. DeCoster and seconded by Mr. Keiser to return to regular session at 8:38 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

***IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education and/or its standing committees. , for reading and study and will enacted in 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.

Personnel:

Tenured Teachers 2017-2018

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the re-appointment of the tenured professional staff shown below for the 2017-2018 School Year, on the salary guide at the classification and step as indicated, based on the 2015-2018 Negotiated Agreement between the Califon Board of Education and the Califon Education Association. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

NAME	POSITION	FTE	SALARY STEP
Charleston, Kristen*	MS/LAL 6-8	1.00	MA/7-8
Cutshaw, Glenn T.	PE/Health	1.00	BA/7-8
Heuneman, Robin	Math	0.56	BA/15
Heyduke, Marie	Math/SE	1.00	MA/7-8
Hoitsma, Kyle	Elementary	1.00	BA/7-8
Hubiak, Kelly**	Elementary	1.00	BA/5-6
Kooger, Lisa	MS/SS 6-8	1.00	BA/19
Madson, Lisa	Art	0.40	BA/14

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Maginnis, Isabel	Spanish	0.50	BA30/19
Medea, MaryJane	Elementary	1.00	BA/5-6
Montesion, Loretta	SE/Preschool	1.00	BA45/19
Patterson, Linda	Nurse	1.00	BA15/14
Weiss, Leslie	SE	1.00	MA/15
Zimmerman, Matthew	Media	1.00	MA/5-6
Edsall, Kelly	Psychologist	0.20	n/a – per diem

*Will be granted tenure 11/16/2017

**Will be granted tenure 09/01/2017

Non-Tenured Staff 2017-2018

- *2. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the re-appointment of the non-tenured professional staff shown below for the 2017-2018 School Year, on the salary guide at the classification and step as indicated, based on the 2015-2018 Negotiated Agreement between the Califon Board of Education and the Califon Education Association. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

NAME	POSITION	FTE	SALARY STEP
Blondina, Bryce	SE	1.0	MA/4
DeAngelo, Ann Marie	MS/Science 6-8	1.0	BA/5-6
Demarco, Alison	Elementary	1.0	MA/14
Parisella, Jenny	Elementary	1.0	MA/4
Ryan-Firko, Jessica	Elementary	1.0	BA/9-10

Non-CEA Staff

- *3. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the following staffing for the 2017-2018 School Year. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

10 Months

Susan Annunziata	Instructional Aide	1.00 FTE
Susan French-Gonzalez	Instructional Aide	1.00 FTE
Jaqueline Zajac	Instructional Aide	1.00 FTE
Edward Belenguer	Night Custodian	0.50 FTE
Dawn Hup	Preschool Aide	0.50 FTE

12 Months

Susan Dyer	Executive Secretary	1.00 FTE
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Head Custodian

As recommended by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Keiser to appoint Steven Weber as Head Custodian in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the agreed upon contract from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 (12 months). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Principal

As recommended by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Keiser to appoint Daniel Patton as Principal in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the agreed upon contract from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 (12 months). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

As recommended by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Keiser to appoint Thomas Johnston as Business Administrator/Board Secretary in accordance with the terms and conditions in the agreed upon contract from July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 (12 months). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

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

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Mrs. Weiss stated the Middle School Destination Imagination team was invited to Globals. She congratulated Team manager Mrs. Medea. Mrs. Cerniglia said her son will be in Kindergarten next year; one of five boys. She expressed her concerns. Mr. Kornegay replied it is a concern, and that there have been conversations about

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male/female imbalance in a classroom. He added that there have been successful one-gender classes at Califon. Mr. Kornegay noted the Board will discuss a feasibility study. He stressed that it must be looked at as what is best programmatically. He added there are no solid answers yet, since there is a need for lots of actual information. Mrs. Cerniglia said she is concerned for the long-term. Mr. Kornegay said he expects to have solid answers as soon as possible. Mrs. Medea stated there could be some interesting multi-age options with other ways to socialize. Mr. Kornegay discussed the need to create structures for interactions, although they are limited by curriculum.

***XI. NEW BUSINESS**

***1. Feasibility Study**

Mr. Kornegay discussed what a feasibility study is. He stated it is a formal look at where the school is, and what options exist going forward. He stressed the driver is what is best for the students. He suggested the kindergarten part be completed first. Mr. Kornegay stated there are no good answers yet, and that the study must be done quickly but deliberately. Mr. Cantagallo added the Long Range Planning Committee has already been working on the issue and meeting with the other sending districts. He added the next sending district meeting is May 1. Mr. Cantagallo pointed out Califon is ahead of the other districts in examining the enrollment issue by taking a structured approach. Mr. Kornegay said the demographic study was done last year, and the actual enrollment has declined faster than the study suggested it would. Dr. Furmanski pointed out the demographic study was actuarial, and that small districts can break the statistics.

The following motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

WHEREAS, the district is concerned with continuing and maintaining excellent student program efficacy, it is resolved that the Superintendent investigate and initiate a feasibility study.

***XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.