

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:35 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 19, 2017. 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. Mark Cantagallo

Members Absent: Mr. Christopher Keiser

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

**\*IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo 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 Board Member Terren Suydam.
- \*2. Board Vacancy Letter from Mr. Jeffrey Dahl.

Mr. Kornegay discussed the letters, pointed out that interviews can be conducted in public session, and that interviews and appointments can be done at the same meeting.

**\*VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- \*1. Superintendent Update:

Facilities: Mr. Kornegay thanked Mr. Weber for his efforts in getting the lighting project completed. He added the building is in good shape overall.

Personnel: Mr. Kornegay mentioned personnel items that would be addressed later in the meeting. He added schedules have gone out to the staff.

Curriculum and Instruction: Mr. Kornegay discussed the schedule changes. He added the arts curriculum is being updated, and the science curriculum updating for grades one thru three is done. Dr. Furmanski asked if the updating was for next generation standards. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. Mrs. DeCoster asked about library time. Mr. Kornegay stated there is one library period and one tech period.

Technology: Mr. Kornegay stated the school is in good shape technology-wise, and that Chromebooks have been returned in good condition.

HIB School Self-Assessment: Mr. Kornegay explained the HIB School Self-Assessment. He discussed compliance monitoring with the law, training, procedures, and the scoring system.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the Califon School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- \*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.

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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. Weber mentioned the outside lights are left on longer at the playground, and that the various new signs are up. Mrs. DeCoster asked if there have been any recent problems. Mr. Weber replied he is still finding small liquor bottles. He added that the police have been patrolling the area. Mr. Kornegay stated he has had conversations with the police.

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

After review of the Board Secretary's reports for the months of June and July 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.

Mr. Johnston said the annual audit will be held October 16-17, 2017.

**\*IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee:

Mr. Kornegay said he will soon meet with the committee to discuss the science curriculum.

Policy & Legislation Committee: nothing to report.

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Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Mr. Kornegay said he will meet with the committee to discuss fees for building usage.

Personnel Committee: nothing to report.

Negotiations Committee:

The committee will include Dr. Furmanski and Mr. Keiser. Mr. Johnston will provide the committee with a copy of the current contract.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services, & School Choice Committee:

Mr. Kornegay discussed his meeting with the committee. Mr. Cantagallo said the topics of discussion in the multi-district meeting in July were types of schools, shared services, and a vision together. Mrs. DeCoster talked about a meeting of Califon, Lebanon Township, and Tewksbury in August to discuss a feasibility study. Dr. Furmanski asked if Tewksbury showed any interest. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. He discussed an RFP for an outside entity to produce a feasibility study. Dr. Furmanski asked how enrollment looks for the upcoming school year. Mr. Kornegay replied as of this date Califon is up one student over last year.

Communications Committee: nothing to report.

**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 motion was made by Mrs. DeCoster and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to discuss the consent agenda items. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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

***Finance:***

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the following Finance items. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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June Bills List

- \*1. Motion to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22714 thru check number 22747, and check 63017, in the amount of \$100,231.98.

June Budget Transfers

- \*2. Motion to approve the attached list of budget transfers of \$25,209.78.

Jul-Aug Bills List

- \*3. Motion to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22748 thru check number 22780, and checks 071517, 073017, and 081517, and non-checks number N1204 thru N1206, in the amount of \$305,702.58.

Maintenance Reserve

- \*4. Motion to approve the transfer of the balance of the ROD grant (\$29,211.20) to Maintenance Reserve.

***Facilities:***

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the following Facilities items. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Donation of Mats and Basketball Nets

- \*1. Motion to accept a donation by Mr. Steven Weber, Head Custodian, of two (2) heavy-duty rubber swing mats for the playground area outside the school building, and two (2) outside basketball nets. The total value is \$93.00.

Alternate Use

- \*2. Motion to approve the submission of application for alternate method of compliance for providing toilet rooms and application for the dual use of space (preschool/art room) to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2017-2018 school year.

Donation of Framed Print

- \*3. Motion to accept the donation of a framed print of Califon from Donna Sabol.

***Transportation:***

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the following Transportation items. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Joint Transportation Agreement

- \*1. Motion to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Delaware Valley Regional High School Board of Education for various trips at a rate of \$70.75/hour (first 4 hours) and \$42.00/hr (after first 4 hours).
- \*2. Motion to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Lebanon Township School District for the transportation of eleven (11) students during 2017-2018 at a cost of \$9,515.00.

***Personnel:***

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the following Personnel items. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

First Grade Teacher

- \*1. Motion to approve the appointment of Vicki Marcine as full-time (FTE 1.00) First Grade Teacher, at a salary of \$57,519 (Step 5-6, MA15).

Maternity Leave

- \*2. Motion to approve the maternity leave for Third Grade Teacher Kyle Hoitsma from November 13, 2017 to May 2018.

***B. Curriculum and Instruction***

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the following Curriculum and Instruction items. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Health Report

- \*1. Motion to accept the attached Health Report for June 2017.

Special Education ESY

- \*2. Motion to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement with the Lebanon Township School District for five (5) students in Extended School Year (ESY), at the amount of \$3,800 per student.

Nursing Services Plan

- \*3. Motion to approve the following submission to the New Jersey Department of Education: Nursing Services Plan for 2017-2018.

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Mr. Cantagallo stated the Nursing Services Plan was quite impressive. Mr. Kornegay stated Mrs. Patterson, the School Nurse, normally goes above and beyond in her work.

Speech Services

- \*4. Motion to approve a Service Agreement Contract with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for speech services for 2017-2018.

Tuition Contracts

- \*5. Motion to approve Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements with Lebanon Township Board of Education in the amount of \$60,200.

Cross Country Uniforms

- \*6. Motion to approve up to \$500 from the Student Activity Account for the purchase of new Cross Country uniforms.

**\*X. OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Furmanski asked about stipend job descriptions. Mrs. DeCoster said they have not been completed.

**\*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 congratulated the Board on approving Vicki Marcine's appointment as the first grade teacher. She also asked about the Califon 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Kornegay replied he has heard nothing yet, but will work with the borough council.

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**\*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.**

**\*XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Being there no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston  
Board Secretary