

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2021
6:00 p.m. Virtual (link on website)**

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

This meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Reaves:

“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 to Hunterdon County Democrat and Hunterdon Review. 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 who were in attendance pledged the flag.

***III. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Christopher Keiser - President	Present - Remote
Mr. Michael Reaves - Vice President	Present - Remote
Ms. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	Present - Remote
Ms. Rita Lemley	Present - Remote
Mr. Netz Sacro	Present - Remote

Also present

Dr. Michele Cone, Superintendent	Present - Remote
Ms. Cheryl Zarra, Board Secretary	Present - Remote
Ms. Gwen Thornton, NJSBA	Present - Remote

***IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Presentation & Work Session

Ms. Thornton presented a recap of the components of strategic planning. She spoke about developing a vision and identifying goals and objectives.

A work session began via a group discussion with all present. Ideas were shared and captured in the categories of Student Achievement (21st century skills/professional development/health and wellness), Finance and Facilities (technology/safety and security), and Community (communication/culture climate).

Ms. Thornton explained the next steps which included action plans to be developed by the Administration based on the goals captured in the work session. Once complete, the final product would be shared with the Board and community at a future public meeting. She thanked everyone for attending and participating.

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***V. PUBLIC COMMENT (all school-related topics; 3 min. /person)**

AT THIS TIME, COMMENT IS INVITED ON ALL SCHOOL-RELATED TOPICS. PLEASE RESPECT THE 3 MINUTE SPEAKING RULE AS PER BOARD OF EDUCATION BYLAW #0167 AND BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE SO THAT BUSINESS OF THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Mr. Reaves expressed his thoughts on the evenings exercise as being extremely valuable.

***VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. Kipp-Newbold, seconded by Ms. Lemley to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Motion approved with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted

Ms. Cheryl Zarra
Board Secretary