

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2016 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:34 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Dr. Furmanski:

“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: Dr. Jevan Furmanski
 Mr. Terren Suydam
 Mrs. Nina DeCoster
 Mr. Mark Cantagallo

Members Absent: None

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

***IV. CLASS OF 2016 GIFT PRESENTATION**

Members of the Class of 2016 presented their gift to the school and the Board. The gift was a standing United States flag. Mr. Kornegay mentioned the hard work done in fundraising by the Class of 2016. He thanked them for the gift. Dr. Furmanski thanked the Class of 2016 on behalf of the Board.

***V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:38 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.

***VI. RECONVENE**

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to reconvene to regular session at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to appoint Christopher Keiser to the Board. The motion and appointment were passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

***VII. OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Johnston administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Keiser.

***VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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***IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- *1. Letter from Caroline Sergison, Cross Country Coach

Mr. Kornegay reviewed the letter. Dr. Furmanski said it was nice to read such a positive letter.

- *2. Statement of Election Held November 8, 2016

Mr. Johnston read the official election results for the School Board election held November 8, 2016. Mrs. DeCoster was elected for a new three-year term. Mr. Kornegay pointed out the high school's referendum passed.

***X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *1. Superintendent Update

Mr. Kornegay reviewed the current QSAC report and explained state monitoring. He stated it is primarily a compliance process. He said schools that are consistently compliant over the last three years may qualify for a differentiated QSAC process, whereby the county officials do not come to the district for full monitoring. Mr. Kornegay happily informed the Board that Califon qualified for the differentiated QSAC process, and gave credit to Mr. Johnston for his work in the Business Office. He explained the scoring system of 1 or 0, and that Califon received a score of 1 in all categories but one, where one report was one day late. Mr. Kornegay stated the instruction program piece was an area of concern one year ago, but the county is thrilled with the curriculum work since then. He praised the teachers for their work on the curriculum. Dr. Furmanski asked about the dates on the report. Mr. Kornegay explained the State asked for dates at least three years old. Mr. Suydam asked when the document catches up to the standards. Mr. Kornegay replied it takes legislative action.

***XI. 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,

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

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Dr. Furmanski state there will be strict adherence to the time limits.

There was no comment by the public at this time.

***XII. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

After review of the Board Secretary's report for the month of October 2016, 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.

***XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: NONE

Policy & Legislation Committee: NONE

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: NONE

Personnel Committee: NONE

Negotiations Committee: NONE

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

Mr. Cantagallo said he and Mrs. DeCoster have met to discuss data gathering with reference to the school's future. He stated there cannot be comment on the issue until all the data is gathered.

Communications Committee:

Mr. Cantagallo said the high school referendum passed, and it will provide for quality improvements to the facility.

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***XIV. 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:

Oct - Nov Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22365 thru check number 22407, and checks 10516, 10016, and 11516, and non-checks N1186 thru N1188, in the amount of \$345,606.64. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Shared Services Agreement

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve a Shared Service Agreement for a Business Administrator of Record from October 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017. The cost will be \$10,000 for the period of October 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2017, and \$500 per week if any services are needed from April 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2017. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities:

Facilities Usage

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve the following use of facilities. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

TREP\$ Marketplace Gym 03/24/2017 3PM–10PM (includes setup and cleanup)

Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve submission of the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 to the New Jersey Department of Education. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Transportation:

Jointure Transportation Agreement

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve a transportation jointure contract with the Lebanon Township School District to transport 15 students on Routes L14 and L11 at \$12,975.00 for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Cantagallo asked what this was for. Mr. Kornegay replied it is for transporting special education and school choice students, and that it is cheaper than paying aid-in-lieu.

Personnel:

Athletic Coaches

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve the following athletic coaches for 2016-2017. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Chris Lemley	Boys Basketball Coach	Stipend = \$2,300
Gabe Polanco-Flores	Girls Basketball Coach	Stipend = \$2,300
Kelly Hubiak	Cheerleading Coach	Stipend = \$2,100

Mr. Keiser asked if there was a cheerleading team. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. Mrs. Patterson said there are wither seven or eight cheerleaders, and that they cheer all home games, boys and girls. Mr. Cantagallo stated the stipends were reviewed in September.

NJSMART Consultant

- *2. As recommended by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve Donna Sabol as NJSMART consultant, at compensation of \$35 per hour not to exceed 50 hours. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

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

Health Report

- *1. Motion to accept the attached Health Report for October 2016.

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QSAC Assurances

*2. Motion to approve the QSAC Statement of Assurances, and the following resolution:

Whereas the Califon Board of Education approves the contents of the 2016-17 QSAC Statement of Assurances;

Therefore, it is resolved that the information provided in the QSAC Statement of Assurances is accurately represented.

Field Trips

*3. Grades 3-5 Historic & Scientific Tours of Sandy Hook 06/08/17 8AM-4PM \$0

Course Reimbursement

*4. Motion to approve the following course reimbursement in accordance with Article XIII (2015-2018 Negotiated Agreement).

M. Zimmerman GED651 Curriculum Development & Evaluation Spring 2017 \$1,305

***XV. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Kornegay reviewed the School Street Extension maintenance agreement issue and HUD requirements for a shared road. He stressed a school district must follow procurement and purchasing laws. He described the scenario where homeowners would pay twice as much for services, especially since school districts must pay prevailing wage. Mr. Kornegay said he spoke with the Borough office, and they pointed out the section of the extension next to the school is an easement according to the tax map. Mr. Kornegay recommended sending a letter to the homeowners and their representative that we would take care of our portion of the road. Mr. Suydam asked if that meant two snow plowers. Mr. Kornegay replied technically yes. Dr. Furmanski asked if our obligation stands. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. He added it is all cut and dry regarding the issue. Mr. Suydam asked about the curriculum adjustments in light of last month's PARCC report. Mr. Kornegay said curriculum maps will be updated in December. He added he has talked with Mr. Patton about this. He said time will be carved out for the teachers for curriculum work. Mr. Suydam asked if there will be a presentation to the Board. Mr. Kornegay replied it will take place at the January 2017 regular meeting.

***XVI. NEW BUSINESS - NONE**

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Mr. Bell asked if there were any HIB to report. Mr. Kornegay said no, and there have been none so far this year. Mrs. Geist thanked Mr. Kornegay for answering her question regarding the School Street Extension, and pointed out she had difficulty navigating the school's website to find minutes of prior meetings. Mrs. Cubberly said she could not find either the music curriculum or the art curriculum on the school's website. Mr. Kornegay replied since there was a significant revamp of curriculum, they are not posted yet but will be shortly. Mrs. DeNeufville discussed a letter she received from an unknown source and expressed her concern about the tone of the letter. She said she felt the school was under attack, and that the letter was a disgrace. She expressed her support of the school and thanked the Board and the teachers for their service to the Califon school community.

***XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.