

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:38 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Vice-President 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 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. Christopher Keiser
Mr. Terren Suydam
Mr. Mark Cantagallo (arrived 9:15 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

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. Suydam and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following minutes. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
April 26, 2017 Public Hearing on the Budget
April 26, 2017 Executive Session

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***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- *1. Mr. Kornegay talked about the Thank You note from CEA for Teacher Appreciation Week.

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *1. Superintendent Update

Facilities:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the re-coating of the gym roof and the upcoming lighting project.

Personnel: NONE

Curriculum & Instruction:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the community service program. He talked about the various projects, and he added he has received good feedback from the students regarding the program.

Technology:

Mr. Kornegay stated the district will not need to purchase as many Chromebooks as projected. Mr. Keiser asked if a firewall is in place. Mr. Kornegay replied it is; there is classroom supervision. Filters can be updated. Mrs. DeCoster asked if there was any other server in the area. Mr. Kornegay replied none has been brought to his attention. Dr. Furmanski asked about forcing Chromebooks to one user. Mr. Kornegay replied he would look into that. He added a recent usage sweep had no negative result. Mr. Suydam asked if the software conforms to State law.. Mr. Kornegay spoke of reviewing the process and emailing Jim Senn. Mr. Keiser suggested the Chromebooks should not be used as toys. Mr. Suydam suggested making decisions on the facts and using the technology.

HIB Report:

Mr. Kornegay stated there was no HIB to report. Mr. Suydam asked if this should be limited to HIB incidents. Mr. Kornegay said he has to be careful not to identify students. He pointed out there are social interaction difficulties that do not meet the strict HIB definition. Mr. Keiser talked about cyber-bullying during school hours. Mr.

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Kornegau pointed out that phones are allowed in school. Mr. Keiser asked about the school's limit. Mr. Kornegay stated that with HIB law, there is a legal nexus of a reasonable assumption that there would be an effect on a student when that student returns to school. He added HIB is a challenge for every school. Mr. Suydam suggested the incidents are easier with phones. Mr. Kornegay reiterated the standard of the school should have reasonably known. Mr. Suydam expressed concern about the school missing out on trends. Mr. Kornegay said the threshold is not a matter of severity. Mr. Suydam said he is concerned with the HIB law. Mr. Kornegay said social interaction is a concern. Mr. Suydam asked if it would be good to add to the process discussions on non-HIB incidents. Mr. Kornegay said he will research the law.

***VII. APPOINTMENTS**

A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mr. Suydam to approve the following appointments for 2017-2018. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education approve the following appointments from this date until the Reorganization Meeting in 2018:

A.	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	Thomas Johnston
B.	Public Agency Compliance Officer	Thomas Johnston
C.	Architect of Record	SSP Architectural Group
D.	Attorney of Record	Schenck, Price, Smith & King LLP
E.	Auditor of Record	Ardito and Company
F.	Insurance Agent of Record	Balken Risk Management
G.	Affirmative Action Officer	Superintendent
H.	Attendance Officer	Principal
I.	504 Officer	Principal
J.	BSI Contact Person	Principal
K.	RTK Contact Person	Head Custodian
L.	AHERA Representative	Head Custodian
M.	Air Quality Control Officer	Head Custodian
N.	Medical/School Physician	Hickory Run Family Practice
O.	Anti Bullying Specialist	Linda Patterson
P.	District Bullying Coordinator:	Principal
Q.	Custodian of School Records	Thomas Johnston

Physicians and licensed practitioners effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

School Board Attorney	Schenck, Price, Smith, King LLP	\$175.00/hr
Medical Inspector & CST Physician	Hickory Run Family Practice	\$500.00/yr
School Auditors	Ardito & Company	\$106.00/hr

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Behavioral Analysis	Catherine Taylor-Santa	\$100.00/hr
Occupational Therapist	Kid Therapy	\$95.00/hr

These contracts are awarded without public bidding for the reasons that the services to be rendered are recognized professions, licensed and regulated by law and their services are required by the Board of Education. The Board of Education used a deliberate process that considered cost and other relevant factors.

Mr. Kornegay discussed the appointments.

***VIII. DESIGNATIONS**

A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the following resolutions until the Reorganization Meeting in 2018. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

A. Official Newspapers:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education designates the Hunterdon Democrat as the official newspaper and the Hunterdon Review and The Express-Times as alternates.

B. Official Depositories for School Monies:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education approves the following bank as Official Depository of record for the Califon Board of Education accounts with the authorized signatures listed and that investments can be secured in any other bank holding a current certificate of eligibility from the New Jersey State Bank Association.

Peapack-Gladstone Bank:

<i>General Operating Checking</i>	President or Vice-President and Secretary and Treasurer or Superintendent (3)
<i>Payroll Checking</i>	Secretary or Treasurer (1)
<i>Milk Checking</i>	Milk Fund Coordinator and Secretary or Superintendent (2)
<i>Payroll Agency Checking</i>	Secretary of Treasurer (1)
<i>Capital Reserve</i>	President or Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer or Superintendent (3)
<i>Apgar Trust</i>	President or Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer or Superintendent(3)

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Unemployment Trust Secretary or Treasurer (1)
Student Activities Checking Secretary and Superintendent (2)

C. School Funds Investment Officer:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education designates the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the School Funds Investment Officer pursuant to N.J.S.A.17:13B-241.

D. Petty Cash Disbursement Agent:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to maintain the petty cash account in the amount of \$150.00, with individual disbursements limited to \$50.00.

E. Student Activity Disbursement Agent:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education appoints the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the Student Activity Fund Disbursement Agent effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

F. General Fund Account Transfers:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transfer funds within the approved Minimum Chart of Accounts (GAAP), as required by law, prior to placement of orders to maintain accounts in balance at all times. The Board, at a scheduled meeting, will approve the transfers.

G. Reinstatement of Board Policies, By-laws, etc.:

RESOLVED, that the Califon Board of Education reinstates all existing, duly adopted Board Policies, by-laws, job descriptions, rules and regulations and contracts now in force and effect, in accordance with the Policies and Procedures (Governance Manual) of the Califon Board of Education, and includes all revisions and additions, which were subsequently adopted and in accordance with New Jersey state rules and regulations.

H. Reinstatement of Curricula and Textbooks:

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It is recommended: that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, re-approve all current state-mandated curriculum requirements, including specials i.e. art, music, computers, physical education, etc., for the 2017-2018 school year, and additionally approve current textbooks for all students, including mandated programs, specified in code, for the 2017-2018 school year, as per N.J.A.C. as required each year. Revisions/Updates to individual curriculum will be presented for approval as they are completed.

Dr. Furmanski brought up curriculum changes regarding specials. Mr. Kornegay discussed the QSAC process, curriculum approval dates with the State, and stated there will be curriculum updates by the end of summer.

- I. A motion to approve Roberts Rules of Order as the authorized parliamentary procedure.
- J. A motion to approve cooperative bidding during the 2017-2018 school year with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission and Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.
- K. A motion to approve the chart of accounts.
- L. A motion to authorize the award of contracts up to the bid amount of \$29,000.00 and to set the quote threshold at \$4,350.00 pursuant to NJSA 18a:18a -2.
- M. A motion to approve the payment of bills between Board meetings on an emergency basis provided proper documentation is available and upon review of the Chief School Administrator and Business Administrator.
- N. A motion to adopt the Board Member Code of Ethics.
- O. State Contract Resolution

Whereas, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that, "A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and

Whereas, the Califon Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts, and

Whereas, the Califon Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the 2017-18 school year to make any and all purchase necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year,

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Califon Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various venders.

P. Affirmative Action

1. Motion to authorize the Affirmative Action Officer, in conjunction with the Affirmative Action Team, to conduct a needs assessment and to develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan, to implement the plan over a three-year period and to submit an annual progress report in the Quality Assurance Annual Report.
2. Motion to define the responsibility of the Affirmative Action Officer as to identify and correct all discriminatory and inequitable policies, programs, practices and conditions within or affecting their schools and to comply with Federal and State laws, require that the AAO be a certified staff person and to authorize any training as necessary to facilitate the AAO in handling the district's equity responsibilities.
3. Motion to authorize the AAO to conduct yearly training for all staff.

Q. Internet Protection Act

Motion to state that the Califon School District is in compliance with the Internet Protection Act and that a filtering device is in place on all district computers with internet connections.

R. Tax Sheltered Annuity Companies motion to approve the following Tax Shelter Annuity Companies and Broker of Record:

AXA/Equitable	Carmine Pedicone
American Funds	Thomas Cross
First Investors Corp.	Joe Cameron

S. District Travel

Motion to approve the following district travel:

1. All travel for the Superintendent, Principal and Business Administrator to attend articulation, roundtable, seminars, (registration fee of \$150.00 or less), county and state meetings for the 2017-2018 school year. Mileage reimbursement at the applicable NJ State rate. Meal reimbursement not to exceed state levels.

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2. All travel for staff as directed by the Superintendent to attend articulations, roundtables, seminars, (registration fee of \$150.00 or less), county and state meetings for the 2017-2018 school year. Mileage reimbursement at the applicable NJ State rate. Meal reimbursement not to exceed state levels.
3. All travel for Board of Education members to attend board articulations, county, state and NJSBA sponsored meetings for the 2017-2018 school year (registration fee of \$150.00 or less). Mileage reimbursement at the applicable NJ State rate. Meal reimbursement not to exceed state levels.

***IX. 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.

The Board President may terminate the remarks of any individual, when they do not adhere to the rules established above.

There was no public comment at this time.

***X. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT**

After review of the Secretary's report for the month of **April 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 in total 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.

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***XI. 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: NONE

Communications Committee:

Mr. Johnston read the report prepared by Mr. Cantagallo. The report stated a meeting was held on May 1st by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees sending districts. The parties discussed the following: 1) an increase in the amount of articulation between districts and the high school to improve student achievement gaps between districts and at the ninth grade level, 2) explore the thought of the sending districts conducting a feasibility study completed for the absorption/re-purposing of the sending districts into one centralized district (the NHV School District), 3) the creation of a strategic plan to identify the future of the sending districts to allow the most fiscally responsible opportunities for all students to obtain the highest level of education.

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 Interim Superintendent. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the consent agenda by Board action.

A. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

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Finance

April/May Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22628 to check number 22662, checks 43017, 51517, and non checks N1200 thru N1201, in the amount of \$225,110.61. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Transfers

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the attached list of budget and 10% transfers in the amount of \$4,903.00. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

2017-2018 Grants

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

- *3. Motion to approve submission of the 2017-2018 IDEA Grant application.
*4. Motion to approve submission of the 2017-2018 ESSA(NCLB) Grant application.
*5. Motion to approve submission of the 2017-2018 Extraordinary Aid application.
*6. Motion to approve submission of the 2017-2018 REAP Grant application.

Mr. Kornegay discussed each of the grants.

Requisition for Taxes

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

- *7. **RESOLVED:** that the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of the Board for the 2017-2018 school year is \$2,194,523, and that the Borough of Califon is hereby requested to place in the hands of the Custodian of School Moneys that amount in accordance with the statutes relating thereto.

DATE REQUESTED	AMOUNT
July 1, 2017	\$ 365,754
September 1, 2017	\$ 365,754
November 1, 2017	\$ 365,754

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January 1, 2018	\$ 365,754
March 1, 2018	\$ 365,754
May 1, 2018	\$ 365,753
Local Tax Levy 2017-2018	\$ 2,194,523
July 1, 2017	\$ 64,733
January 1, 2018	\$ 64,733
Debt Service Levy 2017-2018	\$ 129,466

Facilities: NONE
Transportation: NONE

Personnel:

Stipends

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following stipend. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Lisa Kooger Student Council Advisor \$500

B. Curriculum and Instruction

Health Report

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the attached Health Report for April 2017. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Field Trips

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following field trips. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Solar Sprints Kingwood Twp Middle School 05/19/17 8:30AM-2:00PM No Cost to BOE

Destination Imagination Global Finals Knoxville, TN 05/24-28/17 Cost to BOE: \$1,161

Mr. Keiser asked about the costs related to Destination Imagination Globals, and stated it appeared to be a lot of money given the overall size of the school's budget. Dr. Furmanski pointed out that the amount was budgeted for. Mr. Keiser asked if it is worth it for only three students. Mr. Suydam stated it is good publicity for the school. Mr. Kornegay said he and Mr. Patton will be reviewing the co-curricular allocation schedule.

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Community Service Project

*3. School Color Run Califon School 06/07/2017 Cost to Board: \$315.60 (supplies)

Dr. Furmanski asked if there was a rain date for this event.

C. Policy

Mr. Keiser asked about students on the property after school hours. Mr. Suydam asked if there have been any incidents. Mr. Kornegay stated the building is off limits. He added the playground is less regulated; the school can state it is off limits after school hours but that is hard to enforce. He said the district can disallow specific students in specific circumstances. Mr. Keiser asked if it was a safe have for the harassment of neighboring houses. Mr. Kornegay stated there is difficulty in policing. Mr. Keiser said the policy needs to be stated.

D. Communications: NONE

***XII. OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Furmanski asked about the progress of the feasibility study. Mr. Kornegay discussed his meeting with the County. He said the next step is to request a financial impact study from the State. He talked about a community survey; collecting data first and waiting for wording from the County. Mr. Suydam asked if he had any experience with this. Mr. Kornegay said it should not take long depending on the scope. He added the State asked the district to formally look into the issue. Mr. Suydam asked about a print monitoring device. Mr. Kornegay replied it would be here in August.

***XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kornegay discussed the Summer Reading Program. It would be on a voluntary basis. He said Mr. Patton could make a presentation at the June Board meeting. He mentioned a “would you be interested” survey. Mrs. DeCoster asked if all grades would be invited. Mr. Kornegay replied grades K thru 3. There would be six 2-hour sessions. Mrs. DeCoster asked when the program would be held. Mr. Kornegay replied the dates have not yet been set. Mrs. DeCoster suggested that August would be better. She asked if there would be a stipend. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. Mr. Keiser asked about staffing. Mr. Kornegay stated it would first be posted internally.

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

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Mr. Weber thanked the Board for its hard work and dedication. He discussed the finding of inappropriate garbage on school grounds. He explained the police used to lock the gate after dusk. Mrs. DeCoster asked about any problems at Califon Island Park. Mr. Keiser said it was less of a headache there. Mr. Weber stated he has found more beer bottles this year. Dr. Furmanski suggested closing the playground at dusk. Mr. Kornegay said beer bottles are one issue. He added on school property, school rules apply. Mr. Weber said he has policed the area. Mr. Keiser suggested signs would be a good idea. Mr. Kornegay stated signs will be ordered. Mrs. Riccio asked for an explanation of the feasibility study; Mr. Kornegay explained.

***XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

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

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- 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 9:21 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

***XVI. RECONVENE**

A motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to reconvene to regular session at 10:16 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

***XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Suydam and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.