

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:33 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 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 (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
Mr. Terren Suydam
Mr. Mark Cantagallo

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.

December 21, 2016 Regular Session
January 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting

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***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

***1. Letter from NJDOE: QSAC Equivalency Approval**

Mr. Kornegay discussed the waiver granted by the NJDOE that is good for three years.

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

***1. Superintendent Update**

Presentation of the WinterFall Grants by Mrs. Gloria Winter: Mr. Kornegay welcomed Mrs. Winter, and thanked her on behalf of the Board and the staff. Mrs. Winter recognized Mrs. Medea for scheduling an author to visit the school. Mrs. Medea talked about the author, Trinka Noble. Mrs. Winter presented certificates to Mrs. Medea, Mrs. Montesion, Mrs. DeMarco, and Miss Hubiak.

Recognition of Fundraising for the 8th Grade by the Califon Historical Society: Mr. Kornegay talked about the check for \$1,470 given the School Activity Fund for the eighth grade by the Califon Historical Society. Mrs. Weiss thanked Mrs. Greico for her efforts. Mrs. Medea discussed the program.

Facilities: Mr. Kornegay said he will soon meet with the Facilities Committee to prioritize facilities projects for the budget. He talked about the new gym doors.

Personnel: None.

Curriculum and Instruction: Mr. Kornegay stated he met with the Curriculum Committee before this meeting. He said there was a teacher professional development day on MLK Day. Mr. Kornegay discussed student goals, objectives, work behavior, strengths, and weaknesses. He said the Rutgers Literacy coaches are writing a book, and asked for permission to take pictures for the book at Califon. Dr. Furmanski asked about the current relationship with Rutgers Literacy. Mr. Kornegay replied the relationship is still in place, it involves teacher coaching and fidelity evaluation, and it costs less now.

Technology: Mr. Kornegay stated there needs to be room in the upcoming budget for SmartBoard replacement. Mrs. DeCoster asked if the problems were with projectors or screens. Mr. Kornegay replied that, due to the age of the machines, replacement parts are harder to come by. He talked about new technology and cost savings. Dr. Furmanski asked about the Chromebooks loaner pool. Mr. Kornegay replied it is more like a puddle than a pool. He added there have been very few issues with Chromebooks, and commended Mr. Senn. Dr. Furmanski asked if the tech support has been enough. Mr. Kornegay replied yes.

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HIB Report: no HIB to report.

- *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.

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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Mrs. Medea praised the Rutgers literacy coaches. Mrs. Weiss echoed that sentiment, and stated the Rutgers literacy coaches love Califon school. Mr. Riccio introduced herself as the liason from the Borough Council.

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

After review of the Board Secretary's reports for the month of December 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.

Mr. Johnston discussed the progress on the budget, the approaching end to the copier leases, the approaching retirement of the Treasurer, and the need to review the options for banks.

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***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee:

Dr. Furmanski discussed benchmarking, individual curriculums, and middle school math. He stated things are progressing well for the most part. He further discussed goal setting, assessments, communication with parents, work behaviors, and self-assessments. Mr. Kornegay discussed current benchmarks, limiting algorithms, and specials like music. Mr. Suydam asked if there were benchmarking tools for study skills. Mr. Kornegay replied he is working on that. Mr. Suydam asked if there are studies available. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. Mr. Suydam asked about reinventing the wheel. Mr. Kornegay replied there is some customization. Mr. Suydam asked about incidents where an assessment is wrong. Mr. Kornegay said standardized assessments are programatical, and there is a need for multiple tools. Mr. Suyman spoke about work skills assessments. Mr. Kornegay spoke about teacher-student conversations. He added districts can't only use standardized assessments; there are teacher roles. Mr. Cantagallo asked about algebra and high school preparation. Mr. Kornegay talked about Algebra I and eighth grade.

Policy & Legislation Committee: NO REPORT

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: Will meet regarding the budget.

Personnel Committee: Will meet after the finance committee meets.

Negotiations Committee: NO REPORT

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

Mr. Cantagallo discussed the meeting among the Voorhees sending districts regarding declining enrollment. He stated he is proud that Califon is leading the discussion. Mr. Kornegay pointed out that all the districts attended. Mr. Cantagallo mentioned data gathering, shared professional development, network building, and communication. Mr. Suydam asked if there were minutes for the meeting. Mr. Cantagallo replied there will be a report for the Board. Mr. Kornegay said there will be more meetings.

Communications Committee: NO 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

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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:

Dec-Jan Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22456 thru check number 22505, and checks 12016 and 11517, and non-checks N1191 and N1192, in the amount of \$233,117.02. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Medicaid Initiative

- *2. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the request for a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2017-2018 School Year as the district will have fewer than forty (40) Medicaid eligible classified students. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Transfers

- *3. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the attached list of budget transfers in the amount of \$8,755.00. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities: NONE

Transportation: NONE

Personnel: NONE

B. Curriculum and Instruction

Health Report

- *1. A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to accept the attached Health Report for December 2016. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

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***X. OLD BUSINESS**

Appointment of standing committee members by the Board President (first listed is chair).

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Finance, Facilities & Transportation	Cantagallo	Cantagallo, Keiser
Legislation & Policy	Suydam, Cantagallo	Suydam, Cantagallo
Curriculum & Instruction	Furmanski, DeCoster	Furmanski, DeCoster
Personnel	Suydam	Suydam, Keiser
Communications	Furmanski, Cantagallo	Furmanski, Cantagallo
Negotiations	Furmanski	Furmanski, Keiser
Long Range Planning/Shared Services/School Choice	DeCoster, Cantagallo	Decoster, Cantagallo

Dr. Furmanski asked if a NJSBA rep is coming to Califon to meet with the Board. Mr. Kornegay replied a date needs to be set.

Appointment of delegates/representatives by the Board President:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Hunterdon County ESC	Mr. Kornegay	Mr. Kornegay
Hunterdon/Warren SBA	n/a	TABLED
N.J.S.B.A. Delegate	n/a	TABLED

XI. NEW BUSINESS - *NONE

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

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Mrs. Medea asked if the meeting of the sending districts is a public meeting. Mr. Kornegay replied that it is, but since there will be no quorum the meeting is not advertised. Mrs. Medea discussed teacher-shared professional development. Mr. Kornegay agreed it is very effective. Mrs. Weiss talked about professional development on delayed opening dates. Mr. Kornegay said he is almost done with the calendar for 2017-2018.

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.

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XIV. RECONVENE - *NONE

***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Being there is 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 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston
Board Secretary