

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2021
6:00 p.m. Virtual (link on website)**

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

This meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Keiser:

“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. PUBLIC COMMENT (resolutions only; time limits: 3 min. /person)**

AT THIS TIME, COMMENT IS INVITED ON RESOLUTIONS ON TONIGHT’S AGENDA ONLY. 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.

***V. STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Presentation

Mrs. Thornton presented the process for 3D Strategic Planning which included identifying where Califon School is now, where Califon School wants to be and the goals and changes needed in order to realize the vision.

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Dr. Cone presented an overview of the current state of Califon School. She reviewed the strengths and challenges of the Califons' educational program, technology, human resources, finance, facilities, community relations.

Mrs. Thornton requested community input by way of a survey that will be posted on the school website along with the evening's presentation. She noted that results from the survey would be posted by April 15th. She further indicated that goals and objectives would be created at the May 19th meeting.

***VI. 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.

Ms. Kipp-Newbold - How will the parents know about the survey and posting?

Dr. Cone responded that an e-blast will go out to parents notifying them of the link and presentation on the school website.

Ms. Kipp-Newbold - Questioned the reply rate and what indicates good feedback.

Ms. Thornton responded that a good rate would be as many parent and community members as possible.

Mr. Reaves - How can we ensure that the survey will not give the wrong impression.

Dr. Cone and Ms. Thornton noted that an introduction would explain the true meaning of the survey.

***VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Reaves to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ms. Cheryl Zarra
Board Secretary