

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 24, 2018 7:30 p.m.  
(POSTPONED FROM JANUARY 17, 2018)**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:35p.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 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: Mr. Jeffrey Dahl  
Mrs. Nina DeCoster  
Dr. Jevan Furmanski  
Mr. Christopher Keiser  
Mr. Mark Cantagallo

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. Keiser and seconded by Mr. Cantagallo to approve the following minutes. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

December 13, 2017 Regular Session  
January 3, 2018 Reorganization Meeting

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**\*V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*1. Letter and \$250 Donation from the Work-Family Connection to the Califon PTA.

Mr. Kornegay discussed the donation.

**\*VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- \*1. Superintendent Update

Feasibility Study: Mr. Kornegay discussed a feasibility study. A demographic study was conducted in 2016. The district is experiencing a decline in enrollment, currently at 87 students enrolled. Mr. Kornegay suggested 2 separate studies, a Califon/Lebanon Twp study first because Lebanon Twp has shown interest. The second study would be a Califon/Tewksbury study if Tewksbury is still interested. The timeframe of the study would be within 90 days of a signed contract. The study looks at enrollment, facility capacity, academic programs, co-curriculars, personnel, diversity, financial/tax implications, negative impacts and other issues. Primary focus is on what is best for students. There will be interim reports for certain grades. The Long Range Planning committee is on Board with this.

Facilities: NONE

Personnel: NONE

Curriculum and Instruction: NONE

Technology: NONE

HIB Report: No incidents 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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There was no public comment at this time.

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

After review of the Board Secretary's report for the month of December 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 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 gave an update on the progress of the 2018-2019 Budget. He stated the projected date for the announcement of State School Aid for 2018-2019 is March 13, 2018, one week before the budget is due to the State.

**\*IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Will meet soon.

Policy & Legislation Committee: NONE

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Mr. Keiser asked about putting gravel at the entrance to the playground. Mr. Kornegay said he would consult with Mr. Weber.

Personnel Committee:

Mr. Keiser stated the committee met last week. Mr. Kornegay added he and Mr. Patton are reviewing staffing needs.

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Negotiations Committee:

Dr. Furmanski said the initial meeting was held right before the Board meeting, and that the groundwork was discussed. Future meeting dates were set.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services, & School Choice Committee: NONE

**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 motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to discuss the Consent Agenda. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

***A. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel***

***Finance:***

Dec-Jan Bills List

- \*1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22997 thru check number 23037, and checks 12517, 12017, and 11518, and non-checks N1212, in the amount of \$352,935.57. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Medicaid Initiative

- \*2. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Dr. Furmanski 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 2018-2019 School Year as the district will have fewer than forty (40) Medicaid eligible classified students. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

***Facilities:***

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Facilities Usage

\*1 Motion to approve the following facilities usage.

PTA Information Meeting Library Wednesday, January 24, 2018 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Booster Club Parent/Child B-Ball Game Gym Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 5:15PM–6:30PM

Voorhees Jr. Wrestling Club Match Gym Saturday, February 10, 2018 3:30PM – 7:00PM

Class of 2018 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Gym Friday, March 16, 2018 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Boy Scouts of America Den Meetings Gym 3 or 4 Tuesdays per Month 3:30PM – 4:30PM

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

***Transportation:***

***Personnel:***

NJSMART Consultant

\*1. As recommended by the Superintendent, motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded By Dr, Furmanski, to approve Donna Sabol as NJSMART consultant, at a compensation of \$35 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours, for 2017-2018.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

***B. Curriculum and Instruction***

Health Report

\*1. Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Dr. Furmanski, to approve the attached Health Report for December 2017.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

School Safety Specialist

\*2. As recommended by the Superintendent, motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Dr. Furmanski, to approve Mr. Daniel Patton, Principal, as the School Safety Specialist.

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Field Trips

- \*3. Motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded by Dr. Furmanski, to approve the following field trip.

Reading Olympics Holland Township School 03/26/2018 4PM-9PM Cost to Board \$305

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Shared Services

- \*4. As recommended by the Superintendent, motion made by Mr. Cantagallo, seconded By Dr. Furmanski, to approve the Child Study Team Shared Services Agreement with the Lebanon Township Board of Education for the 2018-2019 School Year at an annual cost of \$66,855.00.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

\*X. **OLD BUSINESS**

\*XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

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\*XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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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 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.

There was no executive session at this time.

**\*XIV. RECONVENE**

**\*XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. DeCoster, seconded by Dr. Furmanski, to adjourn the meeting. The Time was 8:13 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted.

Karin Laraway  
Interim Board Secretary