

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
March 18, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. with the following opening statement read by \_\_\_\_\_:

“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 June 24, 2014. 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**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Robert Beers  
Mr. Jim Bell  
Mrs. Claudia Gangemi  
Mr. Kim Schundler  
Mr. Matthew Ramarge

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Motion to approve the following minutes:

February 18, 2015 Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2015 Executive Session

**V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

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**VI. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

\*1. Recognition of Students

Spelling Bee Champions: Taj Piontkowski (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Benji Beard (2<sup>nd</sup> Place),  
Lauren Beers (3<sup>rd</sup> Place).

Geography Bee Champion: Benji Beard

Girl's Basketball Team – Second Place in the League Championship

\*2. Shared Vision Statement: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

\*3. Superintendent Transition Update

\*4. HIB 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.

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.

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

After review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month of **February 2015**, based upon consultation with the Board Secretary, the Board of Education of the  
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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.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**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***

***Finance:***

February/March Bills List

- \*1. Motion to approve the payment of invoices from check number 21353 to check number 21406, checks 22815, and 31514, and non check N1156, in the amount of \$225,878.62.

2015-2016 Tentative Budget Presentation

- \*2. As recommended by the Interim Superintendent, motion to approve the 2015-2016 Tentative School Budget.

Medicaid Initiative

- \*3. Motion 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 2015-2016 School Year as the district will have fewer than forty (40) Medicaid eligible classified students.

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Extraordinary Aid

- \*4. Motion to approve \$19,281 of Extraordinary Aid to be used in the 2014-2015 school year.

Budget Transfers

- \*5. Motion to approve the attached list of budget and 10% transfers in the amount of \$8,000.

Helen S. Apgar Trust

- \*6. Motion to approve Erin McLaughlin as the 2015 winner of the Helen S. Apgar Trust.

***Facilities:***

Motion to approve the following use of facilities:

- \*1. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cake Auction      Gym      04/24/2015      6:00PM – 9:30PM
- \*2. Califon PTA Meeting      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room      03/05/15      7:00PM – 8:30PM

***Transportation:***

***Personnel:***

Development/Travel

- \*1. Motion to approve the following staff development/travel:
  - K. Hoitsma    Practical Strategies: Common Core State Standards for Writing  
Bureau of Education & Research    Allentown, PA    03/23/2015    \$229
- \*2. Motion to approve adding up to ten additional days to Dr. James Gamble's work schedule at the contracted per diem rate of \$488.66.

***B. Curriculum and Instruction***

Health Report

- \*1. Motion to approve the attached Health Report for February 2015.

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Field Trips

\*2. Motion to approve the following class trips.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: “Wicked” on Broadway, Lunch @ Ellen’s Stardust Diner 05/27/15  
8:45AM – 6:00PM \$186.50 per guest (students, parents) No Cost to Board

\*3. Reading Olympics Holland Township 04/22/2015 3:45PM - 9:00PM  
Transportation Cost to Board: \$295

***C. Policy***

- Policy book update

***D. Communications***

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

\*1. Adjustment to the 2014-2015 Calendar

A motion to approve making up the additional snow day on Thursday, June 18, 2015 instead of April 10 as indicated on the approved 2014-15 school calendar. It is further moved that any additional emergency closings days during the 2014-15 school year will be made up at the end of June 2015.

\*2. Date(s) for April Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the Budget

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

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**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to approve the following resolution:

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

**XIV. RECONVENE**

**\*XV. ADJOURNMENT**