

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:32 p.m. with the following opening statement read by President Ramarge:

“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 May 11, 2015. 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. Robert Beers
Mr. James Bell
Dr. Jevan Furmanski
Mrs. Claudia Gangemi
Mr. Matthew Ramarge

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 Mrs. Gangemi and seconded by Mr. Beers to approve the following minutes. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

June 24, 2015 Executive Session

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

- *1. Letter from Diana McLaughlin re: cross country coaching position.

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Kornegay stated he is thrilled to be at Califon. He met with Mr. Patton today to discuss various issues. He said he would discuss any questions in New Business.

***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.

Mr. Tony Forrester introduced himself as the Califon Borough Council liason.

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

The June 2015 Treasurer's Report will be presented at the August 2015 Board meeting.

Mr. Johnston stated the IDEA Grants that were applied for will be higher than budgeted.

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Gangemi said she is available to meet with Mr. Beers in August. Mr. Ramarge said the new grants committee has received the names of the members of the old committee, and that he will reach out to them.

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. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

Finance:

June Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Beers to approve the payment of invoices from check number 21521 to check number 21555, and check 63015, in the amount of \$50,844.70. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Transfers

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Dr. Furmansky to approve the attached list of budget transfers from June 27-28, 2015 in the amount of \$10,693.00. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities: (NONE)

Transportation: (NONE)

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

Personnel:

A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Dr. Furmanky to table the following item to Executive Session. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Cross Country Coach

- *1. Motion to approve Diana McLaughlin as Cross Country Coach for 2015-2016 at the stipend of \$1,400.

B. Curriculum and Instruction (NONE)

C. Policy:

Mr. Bell reported that the committee met, and found items that can be changed. The Board continued its discussion regarding the need for and logistics of an AED device for the cross-country meets and practices. It was suggested to discuss scheduling of cross-country meets and soccer matches with the Athletic Director. The policy is still being developed. There will probably be a need for one additional AED unit.

D. Communications: (NONE)

***X. OLD BUSINESS (NONE)**

***XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kornegay discussed Chromebooks. He stated there needs to be a clear definition between tool and toy. Chromebooks can be set to ping back to the school's server. He explained it is a web-based device. Students would have a Google Chrome account. There would be a full day of training for the staff, and time would be given to the staff to work it into their routine. Mrs. Gangemi asked if a policy would be needed. Mr. Kornegay replied that there should be an updated acceptable use policy. Mrs. Gangemi asked if there would be an increase in the tech person time. Mr. Kornegay said there would be far fewer devices. Mr. Beers stated it is easy to use, and simply a matter of practice. Mr. Kornegay said instructional integration is the longer part of the process; about

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

one year. He pointed out that teachers could talk to each other and share. Mr. Beers asked if there could be interaction with Lebanon Township. Mr. Kornegay replied yes. He discussed professional development and coordinating with Lebanon Township. Mr. Kornegay mentioned creating a professional learning community. He mentioned the cost of Chromebooks, and pointed out that Google Apps for Education is free and the domain is already registered.

Mr. Kornegay presented goals. He discussed curriculum standards, rigor, and enrichment. He stated enrichment cannot be looked at in isolation. Dr. Furmanski asked what is enrichment. Mr. Kornegay replied enrichment is beyond the basic curriculum. He discussed differentiation of instruction and the opportunity to tailor instruction.

Mr. Kornegay asked if his goals matched the Board's. Mr. Beers replied absolutely. Mr. Ramarge said it was refreshing to hear. Mr. Kornegay suggested looking at day-to-day data; that the State data is worthless. Mrs. Gangemi said she agreed with the goals.

Mr. Kornegay discussed utilizing Genesis. Mr. Bell talked about world languages and Rosetta Stone. Mr. Kornegay suggested establishing baseline needs. The middle school grades need a certified language teacher. Mr. Beers stated Spanish is the most offered, and that students can move to French easily. Dr. Furmanski talked about STEM and problem based learning. Mr. Kornegay said students should be able to think across all content areas.

Mr. Kornegay talked about Google Docs. Mr. Ramarge mentioned being careful to avoid what can be perceived as a public meeting. Mr. Beers asked if the tables could be arranged better to enhance discussion among the Board members.

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

At this time, comment is invited on any matter relating to the school district.

Anyone wishing to speak before the board may do so during the 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,

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

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 were no public comments.

***XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Furmanski and seconded by Mrs. Gangemi 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
- 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

***XIV. RECONVENE**

A motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to reconvene to the regular meeting at 9:41 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 1, 2015 7:30 p.m.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Beers and seconded by Dr. Furmanski to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.