

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 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 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
Mr. Mark Cantagallo

Members Absent: Dr. Jevan Furmanski
Mr. Christopher Keiser

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

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***V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

***VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

***1. Superintendent Update:**

Facilities:

Mr. Kornegay discussed the savings to date from the summer lighting project. He also mentioned snow plowing.

Personnel:

Mr. Kornegay explained he was adding a motion in the Personnel section of the Consent Agenda regarding pay rates for substitute teachers.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Mr. Kornegay stated he will present the testing results at the January 2018 regular meeting. Mr. Cantagallo asked about correlation to the one-on-one program. Mr. Kornegay presented a classroom example.

Technology: NONE

HIB Report: NONE

***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.

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There was no public comment at this time.

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

After review of the Board Secretary's report for the month of November 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 mentioned 1) the Mid Year Budget review with the County is December 19th, and the budget for 2018-2019 is due March 20, 2018. He said State aid for FY19 may arrive later than normal due the change in the Governor's seat.

***IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: NONE

Policy & Legislation Committee: NONE

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Mr. Cantagallo stated that Mr. Johnston and Mr. Kornegay are doing a great job putting the budget together.

Personnel Committee: NONE

Negotiations Committee:

Mr. Dahl stated that he and Dr. Furmanski have met, and that the first meeting with the Califon Education Association will be held soon after the January 17 Board meeting.

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

Mr. Cantagallo talked about the NHV BOE meetings.

Communications Committee: NONE

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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 review the Consent Agenda. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

A. Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel

Finance:

Nov-Dec Bills List

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the payment of invoices from check number 22948 thru check number 22996, and check 11017, in the amount of \$134,998.46. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Facilities:

Facilities Usage

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following usage of facilities. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

8th Grade Dance/Overnight Lock-In Gym June 8-9, 2018

Transportation:

Joint Transportation Agreement

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the revised Joint Transportation Agreement with Lebanon Township for 2017-2018 at a cost of \$10,380. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Personnel:

Volunteer

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve Anne Simpson as a volunteer to read to students in the lower grades and help out as needed. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

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Mrs. DeCoster asked what the volunteer would be reading, and if the volunteer was a parent of a current student. Mr. Kornegay replied she is not a parent, she was a teacher, and that what she reads will be dictated by what the Preschool teacher needs. Mr. Cantagallo asked if she has been fingerprinted. Mr. Kornegay replied yes.

Substitute List

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve Mallory Bartow to the substitute custodian list (\$12.50/hour), and the substitute teacher list (\$80/day, pending receipt of substitute certificate). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Substitute Rate of Pay

- *3. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to increase the substitute teacher rate of pay to \$90/day after a substitute teacher accumulates twenty (20) days in any one school year. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Curriculum and Instruction

Health Report

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the attached Health Report for November 2017. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Course Reimbursement

- *2. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the following course reimbursement in accordance with Article XIII (2015-2018 Negotiated Contract). The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

M. Zimmerman GED-619N Spring 2018 Centenary University \$1,326

QSAC Assurances

- *3. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the revised QSAC Statement of Assurances, and the following resolution. The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

Whereas the Califon Board of Education approves the contents of the 2017-2018 QSAC Statement of Assurances;

Therefore, it is resolved that the information provided in the QSAC Statement of Assurances is accurate represented.

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Mr. Kornegay explained the adjustments by the State. Since there were adjustments, the Board has to re-approve and re-submit.

***X. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

***XI. NEW BUSINESS**

NHV BOE Roundtable Meetings

- *1. A motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mrs. DeCoster to approve the resolution in support of continued collaborative discussions with Boards of Education of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education and Its Constituent Districts. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

WHEREAS the Califon School District is a constituent district of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, and students residing in this School District attend school in North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District in grades 9 thru 12;

WHEREAS, since May 2017, representatives of the Boards of Education of the Regional High School District and its constituent districts have met several times to discuss policy issues of shared interest; and these meetings have provided valuable opportunities to share information and discuss education policy issues of interest to the participating Boards of Education and their communities;

WHEREAS continuing to meet regularly with representatives of the Boards of Education of the Regional High School District and its constituent districts would provide additional opportunities to share information and discuss education policy issues of interest; and through such meetings, the Boards of Education may develop a vision for education in Northern Hunterdon County and explore solutions for problems facing all of our Boards of Education and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board President shall be and is hereby authorized to appoint one or more representatives of the Board of Education to attend such meetings, quarterly or at a frequency determined to be beneficial and convenient, and to report to the Board of Education on discussions and developments of interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting of the Board of Education and published on the Califon Board of Education website.

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Mr. Cantagallo discussed what the resolution was all about. Mr. Kornegay explained it was specific to BOE interactions. He discussed increased articulation at the High School in Language Arts and Math. He discussed shared information, sample writings, and specific feedback from sending districts. Mr. Kornegay said it has been a positive experience. He added he is responsible for Language Arts. He discussed stamina charts for reading, and better organized articulation. Mr. Cantagallo said Califon has been well represented.

***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.

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Mrs. Weiss commended Mrs. Debbie Thompson and the school's music program for a fine Winter Concert.

***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

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- 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: NONE**

***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Cantagallo and seconded by Mr. Dahl to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Johnston
Board Secretary