

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 25, 2012 7:30 p.m.**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following opening statement:  
“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 9, 2011. 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.  
- Ms. Galligan called the meeting to order

**II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Timothy Ayers-yes  
Mr. Kim Schundler-yes  
Mr. Alfred Turello-not present  
Mrs. Carolyn Murin-yes  
Ms. Kelly Galligan-yes

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Motion to approve the following minutes:

December 13, 2011 Work Session Meeting  
December 21, 2011 Regular Meeting  
December 21, 2011 Executive Session

- K. Schundler made a motion to approve the minutes. T. Ayers seconded the motion.

-Mayor C. Daniels was granted permission to speak about a recent meeting he attended given by Sen. Walton. At his meeting, Sen. Walton presented a study done on the regionalization of all Hunterdon Co. School Systems. The study showed a potential savings of approx. \$100 mil.

-Mayor Daniels stated Sen. Walton’s report was not comprehensive. Mayor Daniels also mentioned that representatives from three South Hunterdon school districts also spoke about their plans to restructure their sending districts. All three districts send their students to So. Hunterdon H.S.

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-A presentation of their findings will take place on 02/08/12 @ So. Hunterdon H.S.  
More information can be found at [www.southcountyregionalization.com](http://www.southcountyregionalization.com)

-C. Murin mentioned that the topic of regionalization was also discussed at the  
No. Hunterdon/Voorhees BOE Presidents meeting that she had recently attended.

-C. Murin also discussed regionalization. C. Murin stated that, if the current property  
tax structure would be used under a county-wide regionalization plan, the largest  
property tax burden would fall on Tewksbury and the smallest would be on Califon.

**V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Borough of Califon Minutes December 5, 2011
  2. Letter from County Executive Jeff Scott
  3. Letter from Borough of Lebanon
- No additional written communications were submitted

**VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*-Dr. Prystash discussed the following:*

Kid's Care donated funds for the purchased of a paver stone that was recently  
donated as a part of a fund raiser for the Hunterdon Medical Center.

Mentioned Spirit Week events that occurred at the school

Talked about Study Island usage. Stated she gather usage and other data pertaining  
to Study Island and would present her findings at the Feb. work session.

Gave a review of her recent Principal's Chat on NJASK/Standardized Testing.

Stated three (3) parents were in attendance. (Some discussion ensued about how to  
improve attendance at these sessions)

Link-It Assessment program will be starting up shortly

Reported no new incidents of H.I.B. were reported

Stated teaching staff will be finishing their quarterly academic assessments

Discussed Advisory Commission

**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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the board will not discuss concerns about individual students or staff members. Other,

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more appropriate, channels are available for expressing concerns about individual students or staff members.

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Public comment started @ 8:15

-J. Beard, 20 Main St.: Asked about Sp. Ed. policy 6171.4. He inquired why this policy was since it was not listed on the agenda. C. Murin said the reason for that was the revision wasn't ready for public distribution.

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

After review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the month of **November 2011** 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 in total 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.

- C. Murin made motion to approve. K. Schundler seconded motion.
- Roll call voting: All present said "yes".

**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 Chief School Administrator. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the consent agenda by Board action.

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

K. Schundler made motion to approve. C. Murin seconded motion.



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Resolution to Eliminate the Vote on the Annual Budget and to Move the Election  
Of School Board Members to the General Election in November

**Whereas** Public Law P.L. 2011, Chapter 202 , Laws of 2012 (S3148) provides that a local school district may adopt a resolution to eliminate the vote on its annual school budget that is within the statutory cap imposed by the State of New Jersey, and

**Whereas** the above legislation provides that the above action would require districts to hold their annual election for school board members in November during the regular general election, and

**Whereas**, the Califon Borough Board of Education has determined that the statutory restrictions on the local levy tax increase for annual school appropriations is appropriate and sufficient to control and maintain a thorough and efficient education for the children of Califon Borough, and

**Whereas**, the Califon Borough Board of Education, consistent with the budgetary restrictions expressed above, believes that dispensing with annual school budget votes will save taxpayer dollars, and

**Whereas**, the Califon Borough Board of Education believes that school board member elections in November will attract a far greater number of voters than typically vote in April elections, and

**Whereas**, the Califon Borough Board of Education believes that the elimination of the vote on the school budget and the movement of the board member election to November is in the best interest of the Califon Borough community, and

**Whereas**, the Califon Borough Board of Education understands that this decision shall remain in effect for a minimum of four years,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Califon Borough Board of Education does hereby determine that it will eliminate the vote on its annual school budget which shall be within the statutory cap and become effective for the 2012-13 budget, and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Califon Borough Board of Education does hereby determine that the election of school board members will occur at the annual general election in November, 2012.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

NCLB Title IV Carryover

\* 8 Motion to carryover the following grant:

Title IV        \$64.00

SEMI-Waiver

\*9 RESOLVED that the Califon Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver to exempt the Califon School District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid

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Initiative (SEMI) for the 2012-13 school year due to the fact that the district projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students.

***B. Curriculum/ Instruction and Technology***

-K. Schundler made motion to approve. C. Murin seconded motion.

Health Report

- \*1. Motion to approve the attached Health Office Report for December 2011

Field Trips

- \*2. Motion to approve the following field trips:

Learning Through the Experience	4/27/12	7-8	Kooger
RVCC			Cost \$0.00
Freedom Train	3/27/12	5-6	Kooger
Morristown, NJ			Cost \$0.00

***C. Legislation and Policy***

- Policy book update

\*\*K. Schundler stated he went through the BOE policy book to see if we were out of compliance.

-K. Schundler made motion to approve. C. Murin seconded motion.

- Roll call voting: All present said "yes".

First Reading

- \*1. Motion to approve the first reading of the following policy:

3600 Evaluation of Business and Non Instructional Operations  
6171.4 Special Education Policy

***D. Board Ad Hoc Committees***

-K. Schundler made motion to approve. C. Murin seconded motion.

Long Range Planning Committee

-Planning meeting with Lebanon BOE on 02/09/12 was discussed

***E. Personnel*** - All resolutions on the recommendation of the Superintendent.

-K. Schundler made motion to approve. C. Murin seconded motion.

- Roll call voting: All present said "yes".

Staff Development/Travel

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\*1 Motion to approve the following staff development/travel:

L Patterson	NJSSNA Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	3/24/12	\$175.00
C Murin	Analyzing and Constructing Salary Guides	2/11/12		NJSBA credit
	Monroe Twp, NJ			

\*\* The above item for C. Murin was removed from voting.

Staff Development Reports

\*2. Motion to approve the following reports:

K Prystash	NJSBA Workshop	10/2011
T Cutshaw	Project FIT	10/21/11
K Prystash	Tools of the Mind	11/2011
R Heuneman	Math Conference	12/6/11

2011-12 Substitute List

\*3. Motion to approve the following additions to the 2011-2012 substitute list.  
Annual per diem sub rates are \$100.00 nurse, \$80.00 teacher or secretary.

Elyse Linfante (teacher)                      Gina Fernandes (teacher)

2011-2012 Extra Curricular Appointments

\*4 Motion to approve the following extra curricular appointments for the 2011-12 year:

K Brown	concert chaperone	12/14/11	\$40.00
L Montesion	concert chaperone	12/8/11	\$40.00
L Montesion	concert chaperone	12/14/11	\$40.00
L Patterson	Bullying Specialist	(2/1-6/30/12)	\$1,250.00

Maternity Leave

\*5. Motion to approve an extension of the maternity leave(unpaid/no benefits) of Jackie Carruthers from February 1, 2012 to February 15, 2012.

Maternity Leave Replacement

\*6. Motion to extend the maternity leave replacement of Patricia Cassa at a rate of \$240.55 per day (total of 2 days) from February 1, 2012 to February 15, 2012.

***F. Communications***

-None to report

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**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- Joint meeting of BOE/Borough Council, held on 1/23/12, was discussed by BOE members

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Dr. Prystash stated two new part-time students would be added to the pre-school roster on 02/01/12

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

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-B. Beers, 16 Hoffman Drive, asked about Califon School being a School Choice school. Dr. Prystash informed him that Califon School missed the deadline for the '12-'13 school year. Dr. Prystash stated that Califon School's application for School Choice would be automatically submitted for 13-14.

-K. Smith, ?? Raritan Drive, reiterated J. Beard's comment from a previous meeting. She stated that the community needs to be included in the decision making process whether or not to consolidate or change the current arrangement of Califon School.

-J. Beard, 20 Main St., encouraged the creation of a joint community-based committee to investigate the possible options for Califon School.

-K. Smith, ?? Raritan Drive, asked about if the budget vote would be impacted this April.

-J. Beard, 20 Main St, asked if the information or minutes of what was discussed at the BOE's Ad Hoc Long Range Planning meetings/sessions with neighboring school district's/BOE's was going to be released to the public.



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**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**

-Exec. Session was motioned at **8:29 PM.**

-K. Schundler made the motion to convene. T. Ayers seconded the motion.

-Roll call- All members in favor.

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 8:29 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**

-K. Schundler made a motion to reconvene into public session at **9:36 P.M.** C. Murin seconded the motion.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

C. Murin made a motion to adjourn the public session at **9:37 P.M.** K. Galligan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at **9:37 P.M.**