

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 15, 2025
7:00 p.m. Library**

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 to Hunterdon County Democrat and the Hunterdon Review. 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. Christopher Keiser - President
Mr. Michael Reaves - Vice President
Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold
Ms. Rita Lemley
Mr. Netz Sacro

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

AT THIS TIME, COMMENT IS INVITED ON RESOLUTIONS ON TONIGHT’S AGENDA ONLY. PLEASE STATE ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS IN SUCCESSION TO THE BOARD DURING YOUR SPEAKING TURN. BE AWARE THAT YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMENT. ALL COMMENTS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE BOARD AND IF APPLICABLE, WILL BE ANSWERED DURING THE BOARD COMMENT SECTION OF THE MEETING. PLEASE RESPECT THE 3 MINUTE SPEAKING RULE AS PER BOARD OF EDUCATION BYLAW #0167 AND BOARD MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE SO THAT BUSINESS OF THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the September 17, 2025 Regular and Executive Session minutes.

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Enrollment: 84
- HIB Report: 0
- Suspension Report- (1) 2-Day Out of School Suspension
- HIB Self Assessment Review & Submission **Score: 78 out of possible 78**
- QSAC DPR Submission
- Upcoming events:
 - School Violence Awareness: October 20-24, 2025
 - Red Ribbon Week: October 23-31, 2025
 - Fire Safety & Visit from the Califon Fire Company
 - Halloween Dance
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences: November 3-5, 2025

1. Motion to accept the Chief School Administrator’s report.

- **NJSLA Student Achievement Presentation**

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee:

Policy & Legislation Committee:

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Personnel Committee:

Negotiations Committee:

Long Range Planning, Shared Services:

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Matters listed within the consent agenda have 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.

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Finance/Facilities/Transportation/Personnel/Curriculum and Instruction/Policy

Finance:

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated September 18, 2025 through October 15, 2025 in the amount of \$258,393.37.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for August 2025 and September 2025 and note that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation and that no major account has been over-expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:16.20.
3. Motion to approve the transfers for August and September 2025.
4. Motion to accept an anonymous donation of \$3,000 for the 8th grade trip fund.

Facilities:

1. Motion to approve documentation of mandated Security/Fire/Emergency and Evacuation Drills.

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
	Security
	Fire
9/29/25	Annual Bus Evacuation

2. Motion to approve the submission of the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M-1 for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Motion to approve the use of Califon School Facilities:

Sponsor of Event	Dates	Event
Lebanon Twp Athletic Association	8:00 am to 11:00 am 1/10/26, 1/17/26, 1/24/26, 1/31/26, 2/7/26, 2/21/26, 2/28/26, 3/7/26, 3/14/26	Basketball Practices and Games

**Based on Custodial Availability.

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Transportation:

Personnel:

1. Motion to approve Nora Cubberly as a substitute teacher for the 25-26 school year pending criminal history clearance.
2. Motion to approve Kathryn Dunkerton as a substitute teacher for the 25-26 school year pending criminal history clearance.
3. Motion to approve Marie Heyduke and Lori Montesion as Home Instructors as needed for the 2025-2026 school year at the CBA hourly rate.

Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for September 2025.
2. Motion to approve the Califon School Nursing Services Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Motion to approve the Annual HIB Self Assessment Report for certification to the NJDOE by October 31, 2025.
4. Motion to approve mandated 30 weeks of mentoring as per NJDOE regulation for the following staff:

Name	Mentor	Period	Fee
Lindsay Stout	Lisa Kooger	October 2025-June 2026	\$550.00

5. Motion to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Cost	Class/Activity
Lunch Cruise on the Hudson	\$2000.00 (Via Funds Raised/Donated)	8th Grade Class
Gateway National Recreation Area	\$885	Grades 3-5
8th Grade trip to VHS	\$100	8th Grade Class

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Policy:

1. Motion to approve Califon Public School District first reading for the following policies and regulations:
2. Motion to approve Califon Public School District second reading for the following policies:

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLVED: That the Califon Borough Board of Education has convened at a public meeting on October 15, 2025 to review the proposed responses to the District Performance Review (DPR's) and Declaration Page for NJQSAC, and approves submission of the DPR's and Declaration Page to the State of New Jersey State Department of Education as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2.

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

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XIII. BOARD COMMENT

XIV. 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/Contract negotiation
- ☐ 8. Terms and conditions of employment - Superintendent Evaluation
- ☐ 9. Deliberations involving imposition of specific civil penalty

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns 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.

XV. RECONVENE

XVI. ADJOURNMENT