

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2024
7:00 p.m. Library**

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT

This meeting is called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Reaves:

“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	Absent
Mr. Michael Reaves - Vice President	Present
Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	Present
Ms. Rita Lemley	Present
Mr. Netz Sacro	Absent

Also present:

Dr. Michele Cone, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Matthew Herzer, Board Secretary	Present

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.

None.

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Ms. Lemley to approve the October 16, 2024 regular and executive session minutes.

Motion approved on all call vote

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment 92
- HIB-0
- Suspension-(1) 1-Day In School Suspension
- Updates:
 - PTA Make it and Take it on 12/6/2024
 - Luncheon 12/9/2024
 - Holiday Concert 12/19/2024
 - Up to 100 pennants to date

Motion by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Ms. Lemley to accept the Chief School Administrator's report.

Motion approved on all call vote

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: The committee discussed the health report, the field trip to the high school orientation, tuition reimbursement for staff and the MOA with the police department.

Policy & Legislation Committee: The committee is continuing work on the attendance regulation.

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: The committee discussed the items on the agenda.

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Personnel Committee: None.

Negotiations Committee: None.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services: None.

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.

Motion made by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Dr. Kipp-Newbold to discuss the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Dr. Kipp-Newbold and seconded by Mr. Reaves to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

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

Finance:

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated November 20, 2024 in the amount of \$375,987.93.

2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for September 2024 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 September 2024.
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4. Motion to approve Cold Spring Lawn and Landscape, LLC to provide salting and snow plowing services for the 2024-2025 school year.

5. Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget calendar.

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Facilities:

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
October 24, 2024	Security
November 11, 2024	Fire
November 13, 2024	Security

Transportation:

1. Motion to approve the revised contract with the Lebanon Township School Board of Education - 2024-25 Joint Transportation Agreement, to transport school choice students residing in Califon for an annual fee of \$8,000.

Personnel:

Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for October 2024.
2. Motion to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Transportation Cost	Cost per pupil	Class/Club/Activity
Voorhees HS	\$50	\$0	8th Grade Orientation
YMCA Camp Bernie	\$727.50	\$49	Grades 6-8
Voorhees HS	\$367.50	\$0	Chorus Trip

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3. Motion to approve graduate course tuition request:

Staff Member	Course	Cost
Alison DeMarco	READ/7012: Wilson Reading System: Intensive Instruction for the Non-Responsive Reader: (Steps 1-3)	\$375.00
Alison DeMarco	READ/7014: Wilson Reading System: Intensive Instruction for the Non-Responsive Reader: (Steps 4-6)	\$375.00

4. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the 2024-2025 school year between the Califon Board of Education and the Washington Township Police Department.

5. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allowing video surveillance access for the 2024-2025 school year between the Califon Board of Education and the Washington Township Police Department.

Policy:

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

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

P 5200 Attendance (M) (*Revised*)

X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

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Kathy Smith asked what is the MOA and video surveillance for.

XIII. BOARD COMMENT

Dr. Cone wished the Board and members of the public a Happy Thanksgiving. Dr. Cone also responded to Ms. Smith the MOA is an agreement with the police to grant them access to the school video surveillance in the event of an emergency.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Dr. Kipp-Newbold to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous all call vote.

Respectfully submitted

Matthew Herzer
Board Secretary