

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
January 22, 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 AND OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Christopher Keiser - President  
Mr. Michael Reaves - Vice President  
Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold  
Ms. Rita Lemley  
Mr. Netz Sacro

The Board Secretary will administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Keiser.

**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**

Motion to approve the following minutes:

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- December 20, 2024 Regular Session Minutes
- January 8, 2025 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Enrollment - 94
- HIB - 0
- Suspension - 0
- Updates:
  - PK & K Registration
  - Spring Musical-*Wizard of Oz, Jr.* on June 3 & 4, 2025

**VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee:

Policy & Legislation Committee:

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Personnel Committee:

Negotiations Committee:

**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.

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

**Finance:**

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated January 22, 2025 in the amount of \$314,518.17.

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2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer’s and Board Secretary report December 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 December 2024.
4. Motion to approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Califon Borough Board of Education’s 2025-26 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) based on the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 students for the district.
5. Motion to approve the following tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year:

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Preschool/PreK 5 Full Days | \$5,700 |
| Grades K-5                 | \$7,000 |
| Grades 6-8                 | \$7,500 |

6. Motion to accept a donation of \$1,000 for the Drama Club from the Weeks family.

**Facilities:**

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

| <b>Date of Drill</b> | <b>Type of Drill</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 12/18/2024           | Fire                 |
| 1/13/25              | Fire                 |

**Transportation:**

**Personnel:**

1. Motion to approve Alana Corradi as a substitute teacher for the 2024-2025 school year pending criminal history background check.
2. Motion to approve Anthony Xiros as a substitute custodian at \$17.00 per hour for the 24-2025 school year pending criminal history background check.

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**Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for December 2024.
2. Motion to approve Califon School Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Motion to approve the following staff attendance at workshops:

| <b>Staff</b>   | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Workshop</b>  |
|----------------|-------------|--|
| MaryJane Medea | \$0         | Non-Fiction Comprehension Strategies<br>Across the Curriculum<br>Paramus, NJ |

4. Motion to approve the following field trips:

| <b>Destination</b>                 | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Class/Club/Activity</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| VHS                                | TBD         | Band                       |
| Columbia Trail/Califon Island Park | \$0         | K-3                        |

5. Motion to approve a Califon School Team and Mr. Downey to participate in Relay for Life at Voorhees High School in the spring.
6. Motion to approved graduate course tuition request:

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Institution</b>                                       | <b>Dates</b> | <b>Compensation</b> |
|----------------|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Alison DeMarco | Felician University-LDTC-504 LDTC<br>Clinical Internship | Spring 2025  | \$1050.00           |

7. Motion to approve Lauren Welch to administer English Language Learning services as needed at \$150.00 per hour during the 2024-2025 school year.

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**Policy:**

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

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| P 5512     | Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying <b>(M)</b> <i>Revised</i>                             |
| P 5533     | Student Smoking <b>(M)</b> <i>Revised</i>   |
| R 5533     | Student Smoking <i>Revised</i>  |
| P & R 7441 | Electronic Surveillance In School Buildings and On School Grounds <b>(M)</b> <i>Revised</i> |
| P & R 9320 | Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies <b>(M)</b> <i>Revised</i>                         |

2. Motion to approve Califon Public School District abolishment for the following Policies:

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**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**