

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
September 23, 2026
7:00 p.m. Library**

y 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

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the following meeting minutes.

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VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Enrollment 97
- HIB Report-0
- Suspension Report-0
- Week of Respect October 5-9, 2026
- Walking School Bus October 1
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VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee:

Policy & Legislation Committee:

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee:

Personnel Committee:

Negotiations Committee:

Long Range Planning, Shared Services:

Presentation of Eagle Scout Project by Liam Newbold

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 9/23/2026 in the amount of \$287,985.39.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer’s and Board Secretary report for July 2026 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.

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3. Motion to approve the transfers for July 2026.

Facilities:

1. Motion to approve the use of Califon School Facilities:

Sponsor of Event	Dates	Event*-
LTA	Gym 8:00 am to 11:00 am 12/19/29, 1/9/27, 1/16/27, 1/23/27, 1/30/27, 2/6/27, 2/20/27, 2/27/27, 3/6/27	Basketball Games/Practices
Trep\$	Library 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm 10/19/26, 10/29/26, 11/9/2026 Gym 11/19/26, 11/20/26 (Snow Date)	Trep\$ Marketplace

**Based on Custodial availability

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
9.4.26	Fire
9.15.26	Security

Transportation:

1. Motion to approve entering into a contract with the Tewksbury Township School Board of Education - 2026-27 Joint Transportation Agreement, to transport school choice students residing in Califon for an annual fee of \$12,947.
2. Motion to approve the coordinated transportation services contract with the Hunterdon County ESC with an administrative fee of 5.5% for the 2026-2027 school year.

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Personnel:

1. Motion to approve Rory French-Gonzalez as a substitute custodian for the 26-27 school year at a rate of \$18.36 /hour.
2. Motion to approve Tara French as a Substitute Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year pending criminal history background check.
3. Motion to approve Myrna Milan as a long term substitute for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Motion to approve Matt Herzer as the School Safety Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Motion to authorize the Chief School Administrator to make emergent hires in order to address any unfilled positions that may occur between today and the date of the next Board meeting. Any such emergent hires are subject to approval by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
6. Motion to approve the resignation of Mariz Desouza, preschool teacher effective September 17, 2026.

Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Motion to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Cost	Class/Activity
Tranquility Farms	StudentPay-\$17 Transportation \$570	K-3
Sitnik Theater - Centenary University	Student Pay- \$14 Transportation \$950	K-5
Columbia Trail	No Cost	Grades 3-5

2. Motion to approve the Califon School Safety and Security Plan for the 2026-27 school year.

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3. Motion to accept the submission of the Student Safety Data System-Part II for the 26-27 school year.
4. Motion to approve the Califon Public School District Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the 2026- 2027 school year.
5. Motion to approve the Nursing Standing Orders for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Motion to approve the district mentoring plan and statement of assurance for the 2026-2027 school year.
7. Motion to approve the Califon School District, BOE and Chief School Administrator goals for the 2026-2027 school year:

School District Goals 2026-2027

Goal 1 – Social-Emotional Learning & Student Wellness

Cultivate a positive school culture by strengthening students' social-emotional competencies, belonging, resilience, and overall well-being.

Goal 2: Academic Excellence and Student Growth

Strengthen academic achievement and ensure measurable growth for every student through high-quality, engaging, and differentiated instruction, with a particular emphasis on literacy and the development of lifelong learners.

Goal 3 – School Pride & Community Connection

Cultivate a strong sense of pride, belonging, and responsibility by providing meaningful opportunities for students to contribute to, lead, and celebrate their school and broader community.

Board of Education Goals 2026-2027

Goal 1 – Board Development & Certification

Participate in ongoing professional development and collaborative training to maintain board certification and strengthen effective governance.

Goal 2 – Fiscal Responsibility & Facilities

Ensure responsible fiscal stewardship while prioritizing district operations and planning for essential facility improvements.

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Chief School Administrator Goals 2026-2027

Goal 1- School-Community Communication

Strengthen and maintain clear, consistent, and transparent communication with students, staff, families, and the broader school community to foster trust, engagement, and a strong sense of partnership.

Goal 2 - Student Achievement

Improve student achievement in Middle School Math and ELA by using LinkIt! assessment data to monitor and support student growth from Form A to Form C, with a focus on targeted instructional strategies and measurable student progress.

Goal 3 – Service Learning & Community Engagement

Strengthen connections between the school and community by expanding meaningful service-learning opportunities that engage students in community needs, civic responsibility, and partnerships with local organizations.

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 and regulations:

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

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
- ☐ 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