

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
January 21 , 2026  
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

**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**

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Motion to approve the following minutes:

- December 17, 2025 Regular Session Minutes
- January 7, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Enrollment -85
- HIB - 0
- Suspension - 0
- Updates:
  - PK & K Registration
  - 8th Grade HS Orientation & Course Selection
  - Spring Drama Production
  - Global Day of Play-February 4

**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.

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

**Finance:**

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated January 21, 2026 in the amount of \$300,919.21.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report December 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 filing of a waiver request to exempt the Califon Borough Board of Education's 2026-27 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.
4. Motion to approve the following tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year:

Preschool/PreK 5 Full Days	\$5,900
Grades K-5	\$7,000
Grades 6-8	\$7,500
5. Motion to accept a donation of \$1000.00 from the Weeks family to support the Califon School Drama Club.

**Facilities:**

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
1.7.26	Fire
1.15.26	Security

**Transportation:**

**Personnel:**

1. Motion to approve a leave of absence under FMLA/NJFLA for Bryce Blondina for 12 weeks beginning on May 2, 2026 and ending September 30, 2026.

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**Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for December 2025.
2. Motion to approve Califon School Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Motion to approve the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) submission for reporting period 1.
4. Motion to approve the following field trips:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Class/Club/Activity</b>
VHS Pops Concert	\$225	Califon Band
Walking Trip to Califon Island Park for Vietnam Veteran Event	\$0	Grades 5-8

**Policy:**

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

P 0142.1	Nepotism (M) (Revised)
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) (Revised)
P & R 1552	Sexual Harassment – Staff (M) (New)
P & R 2530	Resource Materials (Revised)
P & R 2535	Library Material (M) (New)
P & R 9130	Public Complaints (Revised)

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**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 - 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.

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**XV. RECONVENE**

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