

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 18, 2023  
7:00 p.m. Library**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT**

This meeting is called to order at 7:01 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**

All in attendance pledged the flag led by Corrina Reaves.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Also present

Dr. Michele Cone, Superintendent	Present
Ms. Cheryl Zarra, Board Secretary	Present

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - Read by Mr. Reaves**

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 following minutes:

- December 20, 2022 Regular and Executive Session
- January 4, 2023 Regular and Executive Session ( Reorganization Meeting)

Motion approved on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, Absent: 1

**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

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

Dr. Cone shared the following:

- Enrollment 87
- “Start Strong” Student Performance Presentation
  - Students tested on previous year information. Designed for internal use for curriculum planning. Overall students did well.
- Achievement Data Review
  - PSAT from the High School. Overall students did very well.
- Governor Educator of the Year - Marie Heyduke
- Governor Proclaims January 2023 'School Board Recognition Month'
  - Dr. Cone and Ms. Zarra thanked the Board for their service to the district.
- HIB

1. Motion to affirm the first reading of the Chief School Administrator, Dr. Michele Cone’s, recommendation for disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights for the following reports:

<b>Number of alleged Incidents</b>	<b>Number of Verified Incidents</b>	<b>HIB Tracking Number</b>
1	0	22-23 #2

2. Motion to affirm the HIB report 22-23 #1 submitted on December 14, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Ms. Lemley to approve the Chief School Administrator motions.



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Mr. Keiser resumed the proceedings of the meeting.

**VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Discussed the student data presentations.

Policy & Legislation Committee: Two policies moved to February Agenda. The balance of the policies discussed are listed on the agenda.

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: Motions on the agenda including school drills and a transportation contract.

Personnel Committee: Did not meet.

Negotiations Committee: Did not meet.

Long Range Planning, Shared Services: Did not meet.

**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. Keiser and seconded by Mr. Reaves to discuss the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on unanimous all call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser and seconded by Ms. Lemley to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on unanimous all call vote.

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

**Finance:**

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated January 18, 2023 in the amount of \$269,417.56.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for December 2022 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 December 2022.
4. Motion to approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Califon Borough Board of Education's 2023-24 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 amend Finance Motion #6 from the December 20, 2022 meeting to reflect a change in docket number from EDS 01934-22 for LID #670902 to EDS 6916-22 for LID #67902
6. Motion to amend Finance Motion #7 from the December 20, 2022 meeting to reflect a change in docket number from EDS 01934-22 for LID #670903 to EDS 6918-22 for LID #67903.
7. Motion to approve the following tuition rates for the 2023-2024 school year:

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

**Facilities:**

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
12/21/22	Security
12/22/22	Fire
1/4/23	Fire
1/13/23	Security

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

Sponsor of Event	Date(s)	Event
Califon School 8th Grade Advisors	2/10/23 * Snow date 2/24/23	Dance

\*adhering to COVID related restrictions. \*\*Based on Custodial availability



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**Transportation:**

1. Motion to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with the Tewksbury Township Board of Education for sports and field trips at \$85 per hour for the 2022-23 school year.

**Personnel:**

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for December 2022.
2. Motion to approve Califon School Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Motion to approve the following field trip:

Destination	Cost	Class/Club/Activity
Voorhees High School	\$25 Transportation	8th grade orientation
Califon Island Park	\$55 program cost	8th grade science

4. Motion to approve the following graduate course tuition request:

Name	Institution	Dates	Compensation
Amanda Swimmer	Rowan University Global Learning & Partnerships - Read 30530: Teaching reading to Students w/ Disabilities	3/14/23-5/8/23	\$2,183.46

**Policy:**

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

- P 0161 Call, Adjournment, Cancellation (Revised)
- P 0162 Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
- P & R 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
- P & R 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (Revised)

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

- P 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Req (M)

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**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

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- Cathy Smith - inquired about the number of students graduating.
  - Dr. Cone indicated that 14 students will be graduating.
- Cathy Smith inquired about the number of incoming Kindergarten students for the 23-24 year..
  - Dr. Cone said that it is too early to tell.

**XIII. BOARD COMMENT**

None.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Reaves to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous all call vote.

Respectfully submitted



Cheryl Zarra  
Board Secretary