

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2024
7:00 p.m. Library**

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT

This meeting was called to order at 7:03 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	Present
Mr. Michael Reaves - Vice President	Present
Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	Absent
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.

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Mr. Bell asked if there has been any planning from the possible closure of the Federal Department of Education.

Dr. Cone Responded that there is currently no information on any impacts yet.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Ms. Lemley to approve the November 20, 2024 regular session minutes.

Motion approved on all call vote

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment 92
- HIB-0
- Suspension-0
- Governor Educator of the Year Announcement
- Updates:
 - Ms. Montesion is Teacher of the Year
 - Overall scores of the PSATs for Math and ELA
 - December Events
 - Make it Take it
 - Holiday Luncheon
 - 8th Grade Dance
 - Holiday Concert

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Report cards have been posted.

Policy & Legislation Committee: The committee discussed the regulations for attendance which specifies types of absences.

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: None.

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Personnel Committee: The committee discussed maternity leave extensions as requested.

Negotiations Committee: The committee will be meeting with the local union to begin negotiations.

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 Ms. Lemley to discuss the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Mr. Keiser 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 11/21/2024, through 12/18/2024 the amount of \$299,225.72.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for October and November 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 October and November 2024.
4. Motion for the Califon Board of Education to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The audit synopsis is to be made part of the official minutes. The complete Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Management Report is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Facilities:

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
12.3.24	Security

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

Sponsor of Event	Dates	Event
PTA	Jan-April 4 week sessions 1x per week (K-6 Groups)	Stem Program with Mr E

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

Transportation:

Personnel:

1. Motion to approve the extension of previously approved leave of absence for Michele Morano through June 2025.
2. Motion to approve the extension of employment for Lillian Corman through June 30, 2025 at Step 2 MA Salary \$61,380.00, prorated FTE (previously approved on August 21, 2024 meeting).
3. Motion to approve Tristan Downey as a Dance Chaperone at a rate of \$50.00 per Dance.
4. Motion to approve the following staff as Concert Chaperones at a rate of \$40.00 per Concert.

Maryjane Medea
Lori Montesion
Tracy Denkovic

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Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for November 2024

2. Motion to approve the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) submission for reporting period 1.

Policy:

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

R 5200 Attendance (M) *Revised*

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

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XIII. BOARD COMMENT

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Reaves and seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Motion approved on a unanimous all call vote.

Respectfully submitted

Matthew Herzer
Board Secretary