

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2022
7:00 p.m. Virtual**

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

This meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following opening statement read by Mr. Keiser:

“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 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.

***III. ROLL CALL**

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

Also present

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

***IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (resolutions only; time limits: 3 min. /person)**

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**

1. Motion by Ms. Kipp-Newbold, seconded by Ms. Lemley to approve the July 20, 2022 Regular Session minutes.

Motion approved as follows: Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 2, Absent: 0

***VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

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

Dr. Cone shared the following updates:

- Enrollment 86
- Staff professional Development days are scheduled for August 29 and 30, 2022.
- First Day for students will be August 31, 2022.
- Dr. Cone delivered a presentation of curriculum updates.
 - She thanked the staff for writing the updates, provided an overview of changes, and noted that we will be approving the school curriculum at this meeting.
- Mr. Reaves asked if the presentation slides would be shared.
 - Dr. Cone noted that they will be on the district website along with the curriculum.
- Ms. Kipp-Newbold thanked Dr. Cone for the clear explanation of the updates and also thanked the staff for their efforts.
- Mr. Keiser offered the sentiment of a great presentation.

***VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Met and discussed curriculum and federally funded SEL programs.

Policy & Legislation Committee: Did not meet.

Finance, Facilities, & Transportation Committee: Met and noted motions on the agenda to approve. Shared that the facility is ready for the new school year and that the PTA will plant the front sign flowerbed.

Personnel Committee: Met and discussed stipend motions.

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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, seconded by Ms. Lemley to discuss the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved on a unanimous all call vote.

- Ms. Kipp-Newbold inquired about the replacement of the technology that was being recycled.
 - Ms. Zarra noted that needed replacements were made.

Motion made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Lemley to approve the consent agenda.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Finance:

1. Motion to approve the bills list dated July 21, 2022 through August 24, 2022 in the amount of \$148,818.22.
2. Motion to accept, certify and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for July 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.
3. Motion to approve the transfers for July 2022.
4. Motion to approve an Affiliation Agreement with Hunterdon Healthcare for School Based Youth Services for the 2022-2023 school year.

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5. Motion to recycle the following obsolete/broken technology assets with New Tech Recycling at no cost to the district:

- 42 Samsung II Chromebooks
- 4 Smartboard Systems

6. Motion to accept the 2021-2022 unbudgeted Nonpublic School Transportation Aid in the amount of \$870 and to authorize the School Business Administrator to increase the 2022/2023 budget appropriations un the amount of \$870 to be used for technology purchases in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-13.3.

7. Motion to approve the revised CST Agreement with Tewksbury Township for the 2022-2023 school year.

Transportation:

1. Motion to enter into a Joint Transportation Agreement with Lebanon Township Board of Education to transport 3 students on Lebanon Township School District Routes at \$2,595.00 for the 2022-23 school year.

Facilities:

Personnel:

1. Motion to approve the following stipend positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

Position	Compensation
After School Art Club	\$250
Chaperones/2 dances	\$50 per dance/staff member
Soccer Coach/Assistant (2)	\$1500 total/\$750 per staff member

2. Motion to approve staff for the following stipend positions during the 2022-2023 school year:

Position	Staff Member	Compensation
Yearbook Coordinator (shared)	Christine Sullivan Amanda Swimmer	\$450.00 each
8th Grade Advisor (2)	Tracey O'Brien Marie Heyduke	\$500.00 each

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Teacher in Charge	Lisa Kooger Linda Patterson	\$80/day as needed
Student Council Coordinator	Lisa Kooger	\$500.00

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Motion to approve the following SEL programs funded through ESSER grant:

Program	Cost
“MindfulSELFF”	\$6000.00
“Pull Your Weeds”	\$6500.00
“Responsive Classroom”	\$3900.00 plus the cost of books for staff

2. Motion to approve the mandated 2022 NJDOE curriculum revisions in the following areas: Math, ELA, Visual & Performing Arts, Social Studies, Science, 21st Century Like & Careers, Technology, Comprehensive Health & Physical Education and World Language.
3. Motion to approve the following staff for the 2022-2023 QSAC Committee at no compensation:

Alison DeMarco	Kelly Mitzak	
Cheryl Zarra	Susan French-Gonzalez	

4. Motion to approve the following field trip:

Destination	Cost	Grades
Doyle’s Farm	\$8.00 per pupil	K, 1 & 2

***X. OLD BUSINESS**

None

***XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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Prior to opening up to the public, Mr. Keiser provided a statement regarding the unfortunate ad by the NJEA which he felt was in poor taste. He further noted that Califon School welcomes all parents to voice their opinions at the public meetings.

Cathy Smith - commented on the 5th grade health curriculum. She recalled the prior experience with her own child and is in favor of the curriculum and commends the staff on the teaching of the subject.

Kevin Wright - not a resident, offered inappropriate comments and was removed.

***XIII. BOARD COMMENT**

***XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

***XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Due to the continued inappropriateness of the last commenter through additional channels, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm. with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted



Cheryl Zarra
Board Secretary