

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
May 13, 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 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**

1. Motion to approve the April 29, 2026 regular and executive session minutes
2. Motion to approve the May 5, 2026 regular and executive session minutes

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**\*VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

**\*VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Enrollment 87
- HIB Report-0
- Suspension Report-0
- Updates
  - Graduation Dates:
    - PK June 11
    - K June 12
    - 8th Grade June 10
  - Drama Production is June 2 & 3
  - PTA Shout Out for all of the wonderful things in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week

**\*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 bills list dated May 1, 2026 through May 13, 2026 in the amount of \$125,607.14
2. Motion to accept, certify and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for March 2026 and note that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations 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 March 2026.
4. Motion to approve a shared Child Study Team service agreement with Tewksbury Township School District for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Motion to approve Shared Services Agreement with HCESC for Paraprofessional services for the 2026-2027 school year.
6. Motion to approve Hunterdon County ESC to provide Public School Services as needed for the 2026-2027 school year per the 2026-2027 rate sheet.
7. Motion to approve Hunterdon County ESC to provide Technology Support Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
8. Motion to accept a donation of \$2000.00 from the Week's family for Teacher Appreciation to purchase outdoor benches for the school.
9. Motion to approve shared services agreement with the Frenchtown BOE for a music teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
10. Motion to approve contract with R&L Datacenters for payroll processing for the 2026-2027 school year.
11. Motion to approve retainer contract with Schenk, Price, Smith & King for legal services for the 2026-2027 school year.
12. Motion to approve contract with Hunterdon Primary Care for school physician services for the 2026-2027 school year.

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***Transportation:***

1. Motion to approve Hunterdon County ESC to provide AIL (Aid in Lieu) Processing Services for the 2026-2027 school year.

***Facilities:***

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
5/6/26	Fire

2. Motion to approve the district’s summer hours as follows for administration and administrative staff 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, 4 days per week Monday -Thursday, closed Fridays beginning June 22, 2026 through August 14, 2026.
3. Motion to approve the use of the Califon School Facilities:

Sponsor of Event	Event
Califon 8th Grade	Lock In-June

\*\*Based on Custodial availability

***Personnel:***

1. Motion to approve the following tenured certificated personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:

Name	FTE	Level	Step	Compensation
Blondina, Bryce	1	MA	13	\$75,605.00
Bruton, Michael	1	BA+45	14	\$76,815.00
Denkovic, Tracy	1	BA	13	\$72,730.00
DeMarco, Alison	1	MA+30	20	\$86,705.00
Heyduke, Marie	1	MA	16	\$78,810.00
Hoitsma, Kyle	1	BA	15	\$73,940.00
Medea, MaryJane	1	BA	14	\$73,940.00

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Mitzak, Kelly	1	BA	14	\$73,940.00
O'Brien, Tracey	1	BA	13	\$72,730.00
Sullivan, Christine	.2	MA+30	20	\$17,341.00
Swimmer, Amanda	1	MA+15	7	\$72,105.00

2. Motion to approve the following non-tenured certificated personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Corman, Lillian	1	BA+45/MA	4	\$67,605.00
Downey, Tristan	1	BA	4	\$64,730.00
Guardigli, Robert	.4	BA+30	5	\$27,192.00
Sedlacek, Jen	1	BA	18	\$78,130.00
Stout, Lindsay	.4	BA	2	\$25,092.00
Wright, LuAnn	.2	BA+45/MA	2	\$13,121.00

3. Motion to approve the following non certificated personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Susan French-Gonzalez	Executive Secretary to the Chief School Administrator and Student Data Manager	\$60,639.00
Edwardo Belenguer	Head Custodian	\$59,719.00
Paula Hatch	Treasurer of School Monies	\$2,145.00
Jacquelynn Couhlan	Paraprofessional	\$15,023.00

4. Motion to approve the Business Administrator achieving tenure and employment contract effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 pending approval by the Interim County Superintendent.

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5. Motion to approve the following Substitute Staff for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$115 per day.

Diana Abrue	Mary Scott
Melina Bolcar	Anne Simpson
Maria Buniva	Lindsay Stout
Nora Cubberly	Christine Sullivan
Kathryn Dunkerton	

6. Motion to approve the following Substitute Nurse Staff for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$130.00 per day.

Nike Brandner	Linda Patterson
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7. Motion to approve the following stipend positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

Position	Compensation
Yearbook Coordinator (1)	\$600
8th Grade Advisor (1)	\$500
8th Grade Graduation Coordinator (1)	\$250
Student Council Coordinator (1)	\$500
Webmaster (1)	\$2,000
District Media Coordinators (2)	\$500 per staff member
Art Club Advisor (1)	\$250
Drama Club Advisor (1)	\$800
Dance Chaperones	\$50
Drama Chaperones	\$50
Concert Chaperones	\$50
TREPS Advisor (2)	\$500 per staff member
Soccer Coach (2)	\$1,500 per staff member
Boys Basketball Coach (1)	\$ 2300
Girls Basketball Coach (1)	\$ 2300

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8. Motion to approve the following “Mandated” stipend positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
HIB Coordinator	No Compensation
HIB Specialist	\$1,000
Safety Specialist	No Compensation

9. Motion to approve the following employees for the “Mandated” stipend positions for the 2026-2027 school year:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Faculty Member</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
HIB Coordinator	Chief School Administrator	No Compensation
School Safety Specialist	Chief School Administrator	No Compensation

10. Motion to approve the following staff for stipend positions for the 2025-2026 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position Club/Activity</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Tristan Downey	8th Grade Overnight Lock-In	\$200.00

11. Motion to approve Nick Marmorato as a part time custodian during the 26-27 school year at a rate of \$18.36/hour not to exceed 30 hours per week.

12. Motion to approve Damian Gerock as a part time custodian during the 26-27 school year at a rate of \$18.36/hour not to exceed 30 hours per week.

13. Motion to approve Anthony Pessolano as a substitute custodian for the 26-27 school year at a rate of 18.36/hour.

14. Motion to approve the following summer custodians from June 22, 2026 through August 14, 2026:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Rory French-Gonzalez	\$18.36 not to exceed 20-25 hours per week
Anthony Pessolano	\$18.36 not to exceed 20-25 hours per week

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15. Motion to appoint Dr. Timothy Frederiks as interim Chief School Administrator commencing July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, working one to two days per week at a per diem rate of \$750, pending the approval of the Interim Executive County Superintendent.
16. Motion to approve Mariz Desouza as PreSchool Disabled teacher for the 26-27 school year at Step 4 BA, \$64,730.00 FTE pending criminal history clearance.

***Curriculum and Instruction***

1. Motion to approve Califon Fire Company Fire Truck ride for Kindergarten class.
2. Motion to approve the Health Report for April 2026.
3. Motion to approve summer curriculum writing hours at the CBA contracted rate not to exceed 16 hours.
4. Motion to approve summer nurse hours for 26-27 preparations at the CBA contracted rate not to exceed 25 hours.
5. Motion to approve the Seeing Eye dog and his handler to visit the Califon School for the Day of Service Event.

***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:

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**\*X. OLD BUSINESS**

**\*XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**\*XII. PUBLIC COMMENT (all school-related topics; 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

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adjourn 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.

**\*XVI. RECONVENE**

**\*XVII. ADJOURNMENT**