

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
January 17, 2024  
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**

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**

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- December 13, 2023 Regular Session Minutes
- January 3,2024 Reorganization Meeting Minutes

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**VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Enrollment 83
- HIB 0
- Suspension 0
- Updates:
  - PK & K Registration
  - TREP\$ Event
  - ARP Grant Amendment
  - Spring Musical-*Frozen* on May 22, 2024

**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.

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

**Finance:**

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated January 17, 2023 in the amount of \$260,240.96.

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2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer’s and Board Secretary report for November and December 2023 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 December 2023.
4. Motion to approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Califon Borough Board of Education’s 2024-25 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 approve the following tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year:

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

6. Motion to approve amendment application for the ARP ESSER III Grant.

**Facilities:**

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

<b>Date of Drill</b>	<b>Type of Drill</b>
December 12, 2024	Fire
December 20, 2023	Security
January 8, 2024	Security

**Transportation:**

**Personnel:**

1. Motion to approve the following staff members to the Affirmative Action committee at no compensation:

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Alison DeMarco	Michele Morano	Peggy Ippolito
Dr. Michele Cone	Linda Patterson	

2. Motion to approve the amended contract for the superintendent

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Dr. Cone are parties to an employment contract dated July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed to mutually rescind that contract and enter into a new employment contract from January 4, 2024 through June 30, 2028; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, with the consent of Dr. Cone, the Board of Education hereby rescinds Dr. Cone’s current employment contract and with the approval of the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1, the Board of Education approves a new employment contract for Dr. Cone at initial annual salary of \$165,000.00; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Board President is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for December 2023.
2. Motion to approve Califon School Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the 2023-2024 school year between the Califon Board of Education and the Washington Township Police Department.
4. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) allowing video surveillance access for the 2023-2024 school year between the Califon Board of Education and the Washington Township Police Department.
5. Motion to approve the Poet-in-Residence, Luray Gross, for grades 3-5 at a cost of \$1050.00 funded via the ARP grant..
6. Motion to approve the Magic of Science assemblies for grades PreK - 8 at a cost of \$495.00 funded via the ARP grant.

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7. Motion to approve the Hunterdon County Parks assembly series for grades K-3 at a cost of 210.00 funded via the ARP grant.

8. Motion to approve the following field trips:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Class/Club/Activity</b>
Columbia Trail/Califon Island	\$0	Grades 3-5

9. Motion to approve the submission of Reporting Period 1 data to the Student Safety Data System (SSDS).

10. Motion to approve Professional Development provider, Bobbie Felip, in the amount of \$1000.00/day to provide staff professional development for Personalized Student Learning funded via the ARP grant.

11. Motion to approve the Forensic Workshop with Prime Suspect Inc for grades 6-8 at a cost of \$500.00 funded via the ARP grant.

12. Motion to approve the summer forensics camp for a total of 20 students with Prime Suspect Inc at a cost of \$3000.00 at no cost to students funded via the ARP grant.

13. CPR Training for staff via Washington Twp Police/St. Clare's Hospital at a cost of \$20.00/staff member.

14. Motion to approved graduate course tuition request:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Amanda Swimmer	Rowan University Global Learning & Partnerships - Correction of Learning Disabilities-LDTC18505	January-May 2024	\$1,176.00

**Policy:**

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

P&R 5111                      Eligibility Of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)

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

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Policies:

P 8500

Food Services (M)

**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

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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.

**XV. RECONVENE**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**