

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 23, 2021  
7:00 p.m. Virtual**

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

This meeting is called to order at 7:07 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 Special 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 who were present 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 - arrived at 7:14 pm
Mr. Netz Sacro	Absent

Also present

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

**\*IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

AT THIS TIME, COMMENT IS INVITED ON RESOLUTIONS ON TONIGHT’S AGENDA ONLY. 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

- Mr. Reaves inquired about the ARP ESSER grant.
  - Dr. Cone explained the grant purpose, qualifications, and timeline for use of funds. After additional clarification from the County Office, she is confident that we can apply and qualify for funding. She explained the reporting requirements , data collection and justifications. She also noted that we are not required to use the funds.

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- Dr. Cone further mentioned that amendments can be made to change the allocation of funds as needed.
- Mr. Reaves asked about the funds being linked to anything else.
  - Dr. Cone noted that the funds are not linked to anything at this time.
  - Ms. Kipp-Newbold noted that they are federal funds focused on learning acceleration and learning loss.
- Mr. Keiser commented on the potential of paying back funds and Mr. Reaves questioned approval of use of the funds for reimbursement.
  - Ms. Zarra explained that the grants are written in general terms according to the plan of use. She also shared general procedures for reimbursement requests that include justifications.

**\*V. FINANCE**

Motion made by Mr. Reaves and Seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the motions under Finance.

Motion approved on unanimous roll call vote.

1. Motion to approve the submission of the 2021-2022 ARP ESSER grant application.
2. Motion to accept the ARP ESSER Grant award in the following amounts:

Learning Acceleration:	\$50,000
Enrichment:	\$40,000
Beyond the School Day	\$40,000
Mental Health:	\$45,000
Non-Title I:	\$48,631

**\*VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Ms. Kipp-Newbold to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm with full board consent via roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted



Cheryl Zarra  
Board Secretary