

**CALIFON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
December 17, 2025
7:00 p.m. Library**

I. CALL TO ORDER – OPENING STATEMENT

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 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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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- November 19, 2025 Regular Session

VI. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment 84
- HIB-0
- Suspension-0
- Governor Educator of the Year Announcement
- Updates

BOE Ethics Training-Kathy Helewa presenter/trainer

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

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Finance:

1. Motion to approve the bill list dated 11/20/2025, through 12/17/2025 the amount of \$310,470.70.
2. Motion to approve and file the Treasurer's and Board Secretary report for November 2025 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 for the Califon Board of Education to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. 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:

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

Date of Drill	Type of Drill
November 21, 2025	Fire
November 24, 2025	Security
December 4, 2025	Security
December 11, 2025	Fire

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

Sponsor of Event	Dates	Event

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

Transportation:

Personnel:

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3. Motion to approve Wenjing Feng as a substitute teacher for the 25-26 school year pending criminal history clearance.

Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Motion to accept the Health Report for November 2025.

Policy:

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

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
- _____ 9. Deliberations involving imposition of specific civil penalty

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