

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CALDWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 19, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Albert Surovik, Jr., Steve Noack, Layne Drgac, Chester Canady, Dan Harris,  
Gerald Rodriguez

Members Absent: Scott Chennault

Administrators: Rhonda Homeyer, Bill Broaddus, John Meckel, Vance Skidmore, Gary Stout,  
Tracy Anderson, Dr. Tim Cuff, Shauna Savage, Kim McManus, Nathan Goodlett  
Pam Evans, John Carrigan

Guests: Jane Ann Giese, Kim Hughes, Terri Jurena, Rhonda Schroeder, Deanie Gold,  
Lavelle Sommerlatte, Bobretta Taylor; Caldwell I.S.D., Reba Hood, Roy  
Sanders, Ana Torres, Adam Luna, Redmond Ward, Ivan Arquello, Ivan  
Nunez, Jamie Robertson, Susan Smith, Gene Wisnienski, Antwan Heath,  
Sherri Massy, Chris Teague, Kody Teague, & Dara Harris

President Surovik called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Student/Staff Recognition: John Carrigan, Athletic Director, addressed the Board regarding the district's athletes in football, volleyball and cross country. He expressed a thank you to the coaches and athletes for all their hard work and accomplishments this year. Coaches Chance Locklear, Jane Ann Giese, and Laton Giese introduced athletes to the Board.

Deanie Gold, High School Teacher, recognized Ana Torres, for passing her National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Exam.

**Motion No. 3681**

On motion by member Drgac, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved the following: the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on November 28, 2011, approved the expenditures, tax reports, and quarterly investment reports ending November 30, 2011 submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 6                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Public Input- No one addressed the Board at this time.

Amber Klausmeyer, Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP, presented the district's 2010-2011 audit to members of the Board. The district received an overall qualified opinion of meeting all standards and requirements as contained in the Government Auditing Standards for the 2010-2011 audit.

**Motion No. 3682**

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Harris, the Board accepted the district's 2010-2011 audit as presented by Amber Klausmeyer, Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP. (A copy of the audit is made available in the district's business office.)

For 6                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3683**

On motion by member Canady, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board approved the audit contract for 2011-2012 with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP. (A copy of the audit contract is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 6                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

President Surovik recognized members of the Board for their continuing education hours as required by law. (Continuing education for Board members includes orientation sessions, an annual team building session with the Board and Superintendent, and specific hours of continuing education on identified needs. In the first year of service, Board members shall receive at least 10 hours of continuing education. Following the first year of service, Board members shall receive at least 5 hours of continuing education.)

Total hours for 1/1/11 – 12/19/11	
Chester Canady	19.75 hrs.
Scott Chennault	3.00 hrs.
Layne Drgac	15.50 hrs.
Dan Harris	24.00 hrs.
Steven Noack	12.50 hrs.
Gerald Rodriguez	21.50 hrs.
Albert Surovik, Jr.	15.75 hrs.

\*Upon Completion of Video Training 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislature members will earn an additional 2 hrs.

President Surovik also met requirement of dissemination of the Framework for Governance Leadership: The amendments require that the board president annually distribute the Framework for Governance Leadership (also known as the Framework for School Board Development) to all current members of the board and the superintendent. This document appears in TASB localized policy manuals as an exhibit in policy code BBD and can be found in the Continuing Education Credit Reporting section of the TASB web site. (A copy of this Framework was presented in the Board book for members to review as required.)

Superintendent Cummings presented the results of voting for the district's 2012-2013 school calendar to members of the Board for their approval. There were two calendars "A" and "B" available for voting by staff and community on the district's web site.

Calendar A received 94 votes. Calendar B received 86 votes.

Dr. Cummings also shared comments/responses received on the web site regarding the calendars.

**Motion No. 3684**

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Canady, the Board approved Calendar "A" for the 2012-2013 school year as voted by district staff and community.

For 5                      \*Ag. 1                      Ab. 0

\*Member Drgac voted against the motion to approve Calendar "A".

**Motion No. 3685**

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Drgac, the Board approved the date of January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Caldwell ISD Board Room for the public viewing of the Academic Excellence Indicator System as per TEA guidelines.

For 6                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3686**

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Canady, the Board approved the following timeline and process for Superintendent Cummings' evaluation as per recommendation by the Texas Association of School Board:

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| January 4, 2012  | Distribute Commissioner's Student Performance Worksheet & additional documents to individual board members. |
| January 11, 2012 | Distribute Evaluation and Performance Goal worksheets to individual board members.                          |
| January 18, 2012 | Board members complete evaluation and submit to Board President for compiling of results.                   |
| January 23, 2012 | Board meet with Superintendent in closed session and discuss performance goals.                             |

For 6                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Superintendent's Reports: December Calendar of Events- Dr. Cummings shared a calendar of December events with the Board and extended an invitation for them to attend. 2012-2013 School Calendar- Dr. Cummings reviewed two calendars with members of the Board indicating the differences between the two calendars. Both calendars are available on the district's web site for review and for voting by staff and by community until December 9<sup>th</sup>. The State has not released the dates yet for testing so both calendars will be subject to change. Dr. Cummings stated that the calendar will be presented to the Board at the December meeting for their approval.

**Motion No. 3687**

On motion by member Drgac, seconded by member Harris, the Board accepted the recommendation by Mrs. McManus to hire Mrs. Berta Cuff as Elementary Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Bilingual teacher.

For 6                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Dr. Cummings submitted the following: At-Will Employees: Information Only

Resignation: Judy Schulz- Cafeteria

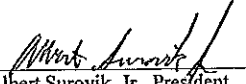
Members of the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item K, "Personnel and Student Issues."


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Board President Surovik read the following: "The Board of Trustees on December 19, 2011, beginning at 7:05 p.m. convened in a closed or executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

At the end of the executive session, Board President Surovik read the following: "The Board ended its closed or executive session at 7:45 p.m. on December 19, 2011. Regular session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
Albert Surovik, Jr., President

  
Layne Drgac, Secretary