

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

December 16, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Dan Harris, Mark Goodman, Terri Jurena, Janet Carrigan, Gerald Rodriguez,
Mike Thompson, Clover Cochran

Members Absent:

Administrators: Dr. Janet Cummings, Rhonda Homeyer, Bill Broaddus, Tracy Brewer,
Kim McManus, Nathan Goodlett, Dr. Tim Cuff, Shaunna Savage, Richard Taylor,
Lewis Wynn

Guests: Brenda Schroeder, Breana Hardy, Shelly Tucker, Makala Gerland, Michelle Goff,
Debra Chapman, Chelsea Colwell, Kristi Kubicek; Caldwell I.S.D., Roy Sanders,
Lisa Dantke, Amber Klausmeyer, Rhonda Johnson, Rev. David Johnson,
Diedra Kubecka, Nicole Colley, Dorcus Green, Walsh Anderson

President Dan Harris called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Public Input: No one wished to address the Board at this time.

Student/Staff Recognition: Campus Principals recognized UIL students at the Middle School Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. with a reception following for students and parents.

Ms. Amber Klausmeyer, Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP, presented and reviewed the district's 2012-2013 audit with members of the Board. The district received an overall unmodified opinion (best audit) as to meeting all standards and requirements as contained in the Government Auditing Standards.

Motion No. 3935

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board approved the district's 2012-2013 audit as presented by Ms. Amber Klausmeyer, Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP. (A copy of the 2012-2013 audit is made available in the district's business office.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3936

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved renewing the audit contract for 2013-2014 with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP firm as recommended by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Brenda Schroeder, Breana Hardy & Shelly Tucker, Intermediate School Teachers, along with their G/T students, presented a power point of the recycling project that students will do on campus. Students plan to have a pep rally on January 17th to get everyone motivated on campus to help with the recycling project.

Makala Gerland, Middle School Teacher, presented information regarding a grant resolution with Brazos Valley Council of Governments that the school has applied for to start a recycling project at the Middle School. Mrs. Kelly Lazo, Middle School Teacher, will be the CMS Waste Management Coordinator for the project. Ms. Gerland stated that this project will be for campus students and teachers to work together as a team as well as a teaching tool for students to learn to become "stewards of the land" by helping to keep our environment clean and productive.

Motion No. 3937

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved the Resolution as submitted by Ms. Gerland to allow for the CMS to apply for a Regional Solid Waste Program grant with the Brazos Valley Council of Governments. (A copy of the approved Resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Mr. John Banks, Tax Attorney with Perdue, Brandon, reported on the status of the district's delinquent taxes. Mr. Banks shared the process of filing and collecting for the district.

Motion No. 3938

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Jurena, the Board approved the following: the minutes of the regular meeting on November 25, 2013; approved expenditures; tax reports; quarterly investment reports for November, 2013; submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services, presented a request to un-commit committed reserved funds in the amount of \$325,000 to un-reserved funds and amend budget for approved capital replacement/improvements. (This will allow for Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, to move forward with the district's CISCO phone system, wireless improvements, as well as the City of Caldwell lease agreement for fiber optics.)

Motion No. 3939

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved the request to un-commit committed reserved funds in the amount of \$325,000 to un-reserved funds and amend budget for approved capital replacement/improvements as recommended by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services. (A copy of the budget amendment request is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3940

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board voted for Mrs. Janet Carrigan, as the district's representative of the Burleson County Appraisal District Board of Directors submitting the total votes of 1,152 in favor of Mrs. Carrigan. (Calculations of number of votes are based on taxes collected 10/1/12 to 9/30/13 and presented by Mrs. Brincefield, Chief Appraiser Burleson CAD.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

President Dan Harris 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 5 hours of continuing education.)

Total hours for 1/1/13 – 12/16/13	
Dan Harris	24.25 hrs.
Mark Goodman	27.50 hrs.
Terri Jurena	26.50 hrs.
Gerald Rodriguez	25.50 hrs.
Mike Thompson	19.50 hrs.
Janet Carrigan	25.00 hrs.
Clover Cochran	25.50 hrs.

President Harris also met requirement of dissemination of the Framework for Governance Leadership. The amendments require that the Board President annual 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.)

Members of the Board entered into Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel regarding personnel matters to include: 1) Superintendent Contract, Performance and Possible Contract Negotiations; 2) High School Principal Personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Harris read the following: "The Board of Trustees on December 16, 2013, beginning at 7:22 p.m. convened in a closed or executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

At the end of the executive session, President Harris read the following: "The Board ended its closed or executive session at 8:30 p.m. on December 16, 2013. Regular session reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Motion No. 3941

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Thompson, the Board directed legal counsel to proceed as was discussed in closed session in reference to contract negotiations with Superintendent Cummings.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3942

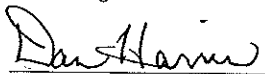
On motion by member Jurena, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved the resignation submitted by Chelsea Colwell, Middle School Teacher, effective beginning December 20, 2013.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

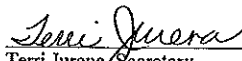
At-Will Employees: Information Only

Resignation: Eulonda Gamble- High School Cafeteria

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Dan Harris, President



Terri Jurena, Secretary