

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

October 22, 2012

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Noack, Layne Drgac, Chester Canady, Dan Harris, Gerald Rodriguez, Mark Goodman

Members Absent: Albert Surovik, Jr.

Administrators: Dr. Janet Cummings, Rhonda Homeyer, Bill Broaddus, Dr. Brad Vestal, Vance Skidmore, Gary Stout, Nathan Goodlett, Kenneth Gilchrist, Lewis Wynn, Karen Turner

Guests: Dana Clark, Beverly Lillie, Karla Devin, Reba Hood; Caldwell I.S.D., Roy Sanders, Charlsa Goodman

Vice-President Noack called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

(Agenda Item E. Character Lesson on Responsibility was moved after Item B. Pledge & Prayer.)

Trey Groce, High School sophomore student, addressed the Board regarding Rachel's Challenge character trait, "Responsibility". Trey stated that to describe this character would be defined of having the quality of being responsible in all that you do. He expressed gratitude to Mrs. Drgac and Mrs. Clark for being asked to speak. The students and staff at CHS are helping each other and it is evident of this chain of reaction and is making a difference. Rachel's Challenge has changed the atmosphere at Caldwell High School!

Member of the Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 6:35 p.m. to discuss Agenda Item C. Closed Session: Legal Consultation- Special Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vice President Noack read the following: "The Board of Trustees on October 22, 2012, beginning at 6:35 p.m. convened in a closed or executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

At the end of the executive session, Vice President Noack read the following: "The Board ended its closed or executive session at 7:06 p.m. on October 22, 2012. Regular session reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

Student/Staff Recognition: Mr. Gary Stout, Middle School principal, recognized Mrs. Shirley Haggard, custodian, for her quick response on September 21st involving a microwave catching on fire. Mrs. Haggard quickly responded to the emergency situation and prevented possible damage to the school. Mr. Stout stated that there were no students present at the time, no injuries or damage thanks to Mrs. Haggard.

Superintendent Cummings recognized the following coordinators of Rachel's Challenge: Mrs. Dana Clark, Mrs. Nicki Drgac, Mrs. Beverly Lillie, Mrs. Karla Devin and Mrs. Bliss Bednar. These ladies have worked very hard getting the message out to our students, staff and community. Dr. Cummings stated that the community pep rally was an awesome event. Students presented their Rachel's Challenge chains representing how many acts of kindness since September. We are very thankful for our community involvement and by all the hard work by our students and staff in making this possible. On November 2nd at the Navasota game, both schools will unite with their chains during a special program at half-time. This should be a very special time for both schools sharing acts of kindness and representing school spirit.

Superintendent's Reports: *1st Six Weeks Review: Dr. Cummings stated that this time of the year, we would like to see 40% or higher in perfect attendance. The district's perfect attendance is: High School 38%, Middle School 32%, Intermediate School 66% and Elementary 54%. District's Honor Roll: Elementary 77%, Intermediate School 56%, Middle School 47% and High School 51% (all students ad at least A/B average or higher.) District Failures: Elementary 16 students (6%), Intermediate 44 students (11%), Middle School 56 students (13%) and High School 75 students (14%) *November Activities: Dr. Cummings shared a list of November activities with members of

the Board. *November 8th Meeting: Dr. Cummings reminded Board members of the November 8th meeting at 6 p.m. This will be a Board Workshop and we will need to have everyone in attendance. Mr. Doug Whitt, Finance Advisor, will be discussing the district's bond refunding and it is very important that everyone attend.

Motion No. 3787

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved the following: the minutes of the September 20, 2012 Board Workshop, September 24, 2012 Regular Meeting and October 8, 2012 Board Workshop/Special Meeting, approved expenditures, tax reports, monthly investment reports for September, 2012, submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 5 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

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

Motion No. 3788

On motion by member Rodriguez, seconded by member Canady, the Board approved adopting the following priorities as goals for 2012-2013: 1) Technology, 2) Communication, 3) Bond, 4/5) Community Support, 4/5) Develop All Students & Staff, 6) Facility Issues, 7) Build School Spirit (being a part of something larger than one's self.)

For 5 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, addressed the Board regarding the district's technology. *Optic Fiber: This fiber option between the school, county, city and hospital is still in negotiation. There have been some questions regarding the cost split between entities. This may not be an equitable split for the district. Mr. Wynn stated that he is looking at other options as well. *District Wide Wireless: Mr. Wynn stated that there will be wireless radios on all campuses that will be a huge benefit for the district. He has visited with several vendors and is checking all options including savings. We plan to have approximately 179 radios. They will be placed in every classroom except for Elementary/Intermediate, where we will have one radio in every other classroom. Mr. Wynn stated that currently, he is working on two other components on formal bids regarding the wireless system- running 175 network cables at approximately \$22,470. We will have to include switches to plug them into. Radios on the ceiling will be powered by Ethernet which would save on having an electrician. Once the radio is plugged in, it will configure as it is a centrally managed system. Mr. Wynn stated that there are three wireless networks: 1) school-servers, 2) BYOD (students bring their own devices from home), and 3) guest network (weekly password for guest coming in to the district.) We have to be sure and protect assets at all time. Computers brought into the district may not have antivirus program. *Increased Band Width- Mr. Wynn stated that he has been working on the district's band width from day one to get E-Rate funding. There are three components to consider: 1) Fiber Option- from Verizon with construction cost (\$7,444). This is E-Rate eligible and we would pay only 28%. The fiber would be constructed underground. 2 & 3 Option: Pay Verizon for connectivity to Texas A&M provided by TBN. We would pay Verizon for T-1 lines which would give us 45 mgs. This would be filed under E-Rate and we would have to meet E-Rate guidelines. Currently, the district pays a onetime fee of \$11,000 Texas A&M (DIR-state agency). \$5,500.00/month for T-1 lines. Mr. Wynn stated that this is an ongoing process regarding technology and needs of the district.

Motion No. 3789

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board approved an agreement with TASB Services in Bond Planning/Construction/Renovations/Improvement to meet updated contract status for 2013 with TASB. (Board originally approved on February 2, 2012.)

For 5 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services, addressed the Board regarding amending the district's 403 (b) retirement plan in order to meet IRS guidance concerning the Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART) and the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA).

Motion No. 3790

On motion by member Canady, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved amending the district's 403 (b) retirement plan to meet the IRS guidance, as recommended by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 5 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3791

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved the following tax resale deeds as submitted by Mr. Curtis Doss, Tax Assessor Collector:

1) \$304.00 paid by Aplonio & Carmen Alcocer for property: City of Caldwell, Block 29N, Burleson County, Texas. 2) \$400 paid by Joshua & Todd Glass for property: Lots 62, 63, Section out of the Cade Lakes Estates Subdivision, Burleson County, Texas. 3) \$600.00 paid by Cruz Gaitan for property: Lots 258-269, Section 4, Cade Lake Estates Subdivision, Burleson County, Texas. 4) \$800.00 paid by Veronica L. Anderson for property: Lots 28 & 29, Bowers & Williams Addition to the City of Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas.

For 5 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

*Member Drgac entered the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, presented information to the Board regarding starting up an Educational Foundation for CISD. An Educational Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports educational opportunities for students and staff in a school district through community/business partnerships via tax deductible donations. The foundation would consist of independent Board of Directors comprised of community leaders/parents/alumni that would serve for a three year term. There would be specific by-laws and guidelines to follow. This foundation would enhance staff and student development by allowing greater expansion of the classroom and promote motivation in many areas. There are teacher needs and student needs that can be met by this foundation. The foundation is also very transparent, with financial safeguards built into the system and clearly defined bylaws. Officers would be elected to take over the responsibility of providing the financial statements annually as well as provide monthly budget sheets. This would also be a means of assisting students with college scholarships. Dr. Cummings stated that she has been contacted by private donors regarding donating to the school district. This will be a means to do so that will greatly benefit the school district.

Motion No. 3792

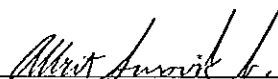
On motion by member Canady, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved the starting up of an Educational Foundation for Caldwell ISD.

For 6 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

At-Will Employees: Information Only

Hiring: Bobby Henderson, Part-time Aide, DAEP/ACE

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Albert Surovik, Jr., President


Layne Dfgac, Secretary