

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

November 25, 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, Gary Stout, Tracy Brewer,
Kim McManus, Vicki Ochs, Nathan Goodlett, Lewis Wynn

Guests: Ian Campbell, Susan Skrabanek, Lavelda Box, Deanie Gold, Rosa Gonzales;
Caldwell I.S.D., Roy Sanders, Lisa Dantke, Mlike Sutherland, Denise Squier,
Jonathan Squier, Karl, Sherry, Mason, Maegan & Madilyn Schneider

Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, held a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the updated Internet Safety Policy. (The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires an Internet Safety Policy for schools receiving federal funding for Internet access or internal connections from the E-rate program.)

No one was present for the public hearing. The hearing concluded at 6:10 p.m.

President Dan Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

*Member Cochran entered the meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Student/Staff Recognition: Mr. Stout, Middle School Principal, and Mr. Ian Campbell, Middle School Band Director, recognized the following band students that advanced into the Area 18/26 All Region Bands: Gracie Gonzalez (8th grade, Flute); Tomas Garza (7th grade, Tuba); Jonathan Squier (8th grade, Trombone); and Mason Schneider (8th grade, Tuba). Mr. Campbell presented the students with certificates.

Motion No. 3925

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved the following: the minutes of the regular meeting on October 28, 2013; approved expenditures; tax reports; monthly investment reports for October, 2013; and budget amendment to recognize donations as listed and submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services. (A copy of the budget amendment is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

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Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, addressed the Board regarding the adoption of the district's internet safety policy. This is a requirement by the Federal Government in order to participate and meet compliance with (CIPA) Children's Internet Protection Act and also meet the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Mr. Wynn shared information regarding the requirements of the policy reference to education and training to students to ensure their safety when accessing the Internet.

Motion No. 3926

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Jurena, the Board approved to adopt the district's internet safety policy as presented by Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director. (A copy of the Internet Safety Policy is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

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Members of the Board had a lengthy discussion in reference to the possible lease of the Fiber Optic Facilities between the City of Caldwell and the district as to the pros and cons of the entering into the agreement.

Judge Sutherland, representing the County, addressed the Board regarding the fiber optic project and answered some of the questions and concerns expressed by the Board.

Motion No. 3927

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Thompson, the Board approved the lease of Fiber Optic Facilities between the City of Caldwell and the district with the following stipulations being made accordingly: approval with a cap of \$60,000 for the installation/construction cost and fees not to exceed \$1,000 annually for administrative costs and pole rental.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, presented a Letter of Agency for Brazos Valley Council of Government Health Care Connect Broadband grant application for the Board to review and approve. Dr. Cummings stated that she spoke with Michael Parks, BVCOG Asst. Executive Director, and would like to reserve our options if at all possible. This grant is for creating a regional fiber optic healthcare network for governments, ISD's and non-profits allowing the option of connecting to a higher speed, lower cost network. (By approving this letter, Caldwell ISD authorizes Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG), Consortium Leader of COGNET to act on its behalf before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company's Rural Health Care Division in matters related to the Consortium's participation in the Healthcare Connect Fund.)

Motion No. 3928

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Carrigan, the Board approved the Letter of Agency (LOA) for Brazos Valley Council of Government's (BVCOG) Health Care Connect broadband grant application as presented by Dr. Cummings, Superintendent. (A copy of the Letter of Agency is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

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Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, presented a tabulation of proposals/costs received for the district's phone system, intercom system, wireless, and cameras. He reviewed the cost involved and shared his list of what he felt was priority for the district at the present time: 1) Phone system- one of the biggest needs; 2) Wireless- huge need instructionally. He receives a call every week from people that need wireless; 3) Cameras; 4) Intercom

Motion No. 3929

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Jurena, the Board approved for Mr. Wynn to proceed with the district's phone system expansion (\$162,941.49); district-wide wireless (\$82,916.95) including switches (\$19,000) for a total of \$264,858.44.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3930

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board approved renewing the contract with Region 17 West Texas Food Service Cooperative for the 2014-2015 school year to allow Southwest Foods to purchase the district's food commodities at a substantial savings through volume purchasing.

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Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, discussed with members of the Board the need for repairs to the High School track. The repair is needed on lane 8 as it is ripped and has also formed a ridge. Hellas Construction did their annual walk-through and has indicated a repair bill of \$41,557. Dr. Cummings stated that we have asked them to come back and re-analyze the repairs with an estimated bill of \$25,585.

Mr. Broaddus, Director of Maintenance, addressed the Board regarding the needed repairs. Vibra World will be coming to check the Middle School track that is still under warranty. He can ask them to check the High School track at the same time in order to get their estimate for repairs. The question is do we want to repair the track, send out bids or wait.

Motion No. 3931

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved Mr. Broaddus to proceed with bids in order to make the needed repairs to the High School track.

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*Member Thompson was absent during voting by the Board.

Motion No. 3932

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved to add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 98.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, presented information pertaining to the district's Special Program Evaluations, Accountability and Highly Qualified with members of the Board. The Special Program Evaluation is done each year. We look at staffing and patterns. Dr. Cummings reviewed the following Special Programs: **Bilingual/ESL:** 196 students are served in PK-12; 74 students took state assessment STAAR/TAKS; 53 students passed assessment in grades 3-8; with no PMG staging. **Career Technical Education-** 487 students take CTE courses; CTE STAAR EOC= Math 84.6 (out of 50); Reading 73.2 (out of 35); Science 85.4 (out of 50); Social Studies 69.2 (out of 50); Writing 59 (out of 35); no stages for LEP, ED and SPED; **Non-Traditional Course Completion Rate /Females = 2; Stage 1 for PBM. Gifted & Talented:** 139 students are served; realigned with new standards for 2013-14 year; all students in grades 3 and above met standard in assessments. **Special Education:** 125 students served-continually declining due to inclusion definitions and broader services for identification; SPED 3-8 passing rate- all below standard (Math 57.1; Reading 57.1; Science 52.9; Social Studies 40; Writing 50), increased services for high maintenance students – additional time in one/one settings. **Migrant:** None served for the past year. **Texas Academic Performance Report:** This replaces AEIS report. All campuses individually "Met Standard" and "Safeguards" – is a new measurement that can be counter active. The scores will become public on December 5th. **Highly Qualified:** Core Academic Teachers are 100%; Career Technical Education Teachers are 100% (additional requirements must be met); Non Core Academic Teachers- maintain a 100% highly qualified status; Title I Paraprofessionals – 100% HQ; Non Title I Paraprofessionals- 100% HQ; Clerical Paraprofessional- 100% HQ; Random Validation- Met in all areas!

Vicki Ochs, High School Principal, presented a recommendation by the Caldwell High School Counseling Interview Committee to employ Nicki Drgac as High School Counselor.

Members of the Board took a five-minute break at 8:18 p.m. before entering into Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Harris read the following: "The Board of Trustees on November 25, 2013, beginning at 8:29 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 9:55 p.m. on November 25, 2013. Regular session reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Motion No. 3933

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Cochran, the Board voted to table any action regarding Bliss Bednar, M/S Counselor until their special meeting tomorrow night, November 26, 2013, at 6:30 p.m.

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Motion No. 3934

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Goodman, the Board voted to table any action regarding High School Counselor until their January regular meeting.

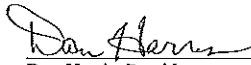
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*Member Jurena voting against the motion.

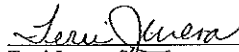
At-Will Employees: Information Only

Hiring: Seth Willis, Technology
 Janie Luna, H/S Cook
 Nancy Parker, Elementary Cashier/Cook

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Dan Harris, President



Terri Jurena, Secretary