

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALDWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

August 19, 2013

6:00 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, Gary Stout, Tracy Brewer,
Richard Taylor, Lewis Wynn, Vicki Ochs, Dr. Cuff

Guests: Deanie Gold, Susan Skrabanek, Russell Young, Wes Hancock, Beverly Lillie;
Caldwell ISD, Vanessa Jackson, Ecaroh Jackson, Mike Brooks & Bo Ledoux-
TASB

President Harris called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, presented the "Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits (Netting Chapter 42 Funding) to members of the Board. This agreement needs to be approved and sent into the state to purchase the district's attendance credits. Dr. Cummings stated that this is the option that the district has chosen and has to be completed before we can set the tax rate.

Motion No. 3902

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Carrigan, the Board approved the "Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits – Netting Chapter 42 Funding" as submitted by Superintendent Cummings.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Class Ranking Policy Discussion & Presentation: Dr. Cummings reported that the High School staff Department Heads and Individual Departments have met and discussed this system for the last two weeks.

Mr. Wes Hancock, High School Ag Teacher, addressed the Board regarding the discussion by High School staff regarding the policy. Mr. Hancock requested that the Board not take any action at this time to allow more time to look into the situation- this needs more discussion to make any decisions or changes. If there are changes made at this time, it could be detrimental especially to the seniors that have already planned their course work in preparation for graduation. Mr. Hancock reported that the incoming freshmen are given a selection guide to choose from and to decide what graduation route they wish to choose to pursue. This plan is not set in stone and can be very flexible. Mr. Hancock stated that this is a big decision to make and should not be made hastily as it could affect our current juniors and graduating seniors. He stated that it is not our intention to use class ranking to influence a student's career path. We want them successful in their future. We know we may need some kind of resolution but are not ready yet. He also indicated that we could possibly get public input and can return with a recommendation to the Board.

High School Teacher, Russell Young, Deanie Gold & Susan Skrabanek also addressed the Board regarding their thoughts and concerns regarding making any changes to the policy.

Motion No. 3903

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Jurena, the Board voted to revisit this item regarding class ranking at their next regular meeting in September to allow time for the High School Department Heads to prepare their recommendation.

For 6 *Ag. 1 Ab. 0

*Member Goodman voted against the motion.

Members of the Board entered into their Facilities Planning Workshop at approximately 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Bo Ledoux and Mr. Mike Brooks with TASB presented information regarding the district's options for construction and preparing for a possible bond election.

After further discussion, the consensus of the Board was to prioritize the needs of the district. Priority #1: meeting the needs of the current Middle School. Members would gather feedback from the community as to what they would possibly support. The Board would setup a date in October to meet with Mr. Brooks and Mr. Ledoux to make their final decision in seeking a bond election in May. This will allow time for the Board to gather community feedback as well as meet the required timeline if the decision is made to call for bond election in May, 2014.

The workshop concluded at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Members of the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item E. Personnel and Student Issues- Closed Session- Contract Issue.

Members took a 5-10 minute break at approximately 8:15 p.m. before entering into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Harris read the following: "The Board of Trustees on August 19, 2013, beginning at 8:24 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 8:40 p.m. on August 19, 2013. Regular session reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Motion No. 3904

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Jurena, the Board approved changing the contract for Nicki Drgac from Teacher to Coordinator with the same salary and contract days.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3905

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Jurena, the Board approved hiring Vicki Ochs as High School Principal for the 2013-2014 school year.

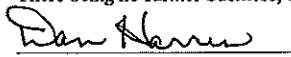
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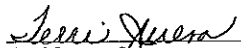
At-Will Employees: Information Only

Hiring: Daryl Bates, Bus Driver
Kim Ochs, Maintenance
Sherri Reed, High School Cook
Ira Rogers, Jr., Bus Driver
Vera Williams, Bus Driver

Resignations: Shirley Haggard, Custodial
Kelley Hubbard-Hobbs, Bus Driver
Seth Willis, Technology

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Dan Harris, President


Terri Jurena, Secretary