

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

October 24, 2011

6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

Administrators: Rhonda Homeyer, Bill Broaddus, John Meckel, Brad Vestal,  
Vance Skidmore, Gary Stout, Dr. Tim Cuff, Shauna Savage,  
Pam Evans, John Carrigan, Karen Turner

Guests: Pam Cantey; Caldwell I.S.D., Reba Hood, Roy Sanders & Raynard Shaw

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

Student/Staff Recognition: None at this time.

**Motion No. 3668**

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Drgac, the Board approved the following: the minutes for the regular Board meeting held on September 26, 2011, approved the expenditures, tax reports, and monthly investment reports for September, 2011, submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

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

Public Hearing: A public hearing was held at 6:40 p.m. regarding the district possibly taxing goods-in-transit in accordance with the Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253. "Goods-in-transit means tangible personal property acquired in or imported into Texas to be forwarded to another location in Texas or outside of Texas, (i.e., goods in both intrastate and interstate commerce), not later than 175 days after the date of acquisition in or importation into Texas, Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1-n, Texas Constitution, and Section 11.253 Tax Code. The hearing concluded at approximately 6:47 p.m. with no questions from the public.

**Motion No. 3669**

On motion by member Drgac, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved a resolution allowing the District to continue to preserve its right to tax goods-in-transit, as contemplated by Texas Tax Code 11.253, as amended by S.B. 1, including the tax year beginning on January 1, 2012 and each subsequent tax year. (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3670**

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Canady, the Board approved a resolution authorizing Superintendent Cummings the authority to notify the Texas Comptroller of the district's authority to exercise power of eminent domain, as required by Government Code Section 2206.101 (b) by December 31, 2012. (*Authorization to the school district may, by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, acquire the fee simple title to real property on which to construct school buildings or for any other public use necessary for the district.*) (A copy of the resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent reviewed Policy Update 91 affecting (local) policies with members of the Board. (Policy Update 91 consists of 102 Legal changes and 6 local changes to the policy.)

**Motion No. 3671**

On motion by member Chennault, seconded by member Noack, 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 91.

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, addressed the Board regarding the Campus Improvement Plans/Part II regarding: Attendance Committees, Bully Prevention Committees, Special Programs (i.e., Special Ed/504/BIL/ESL/GT/CTE), High Qualified, Response to Intervention, After School Intervention and Testing/Counseling Services.

**Motion No. 3672**

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved the SHAC "School Health Advisory Council" committee as submitted: Monica Buschmann, chair non-voting, Ginger Braly, Co-Chair, Dr. Kia Parsi, Ted Dusek, Julie Bucek, Sandra Gilland, Kristi Martin, Louis Martinez, Andrea Enrique, Reba Hood and Dr. Janet Cummings, non-voting.

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Mr. Bill Broadus and Reba Hood, Food Service Director, reported to the Board regarding the district's Food Service. Mr. Broadus stated that there is a review on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the School Meal Initiative in December. The district is on the cycle of every three years instead of five years. There is a slight decrease on the free reduced lunch to 25-30 students. Mrs. Hood reported that the district received 3<sup>rd</sup> place by Armark in meal participation increase and will receive \$1,000.

Superintendent's Reports: Board Training Requirements- Dr. Cummings reported that the Board is required to receive training after each session of the Texas Legislature. The training can be viewed by video by each Board member individually or either by a group. Dr. Cummings gave members the option and a purchase order # to use should they choose to register online individually. Members must be sure and print out their certificate upon completion of the training in order to be credited for continuing education hours. First Six Weeks Report- Dr. Cummings reviewed the first six weeks report with the Board. The report indicated the number of students that failed one subject, two subjects and three or more subjects. Students that failed are pulled for the Intervention Program. The report does indicate that by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, many students failed due to not turning their work in for a grade. Dr. Cummings stated that overall failures are down. The second report reviewed by the Board indicating the number of students attending tutorials. The 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade is a hot grade area. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade was hit very hard and probably need time to adjust. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade is also making a transition at the High School. The third report indicated the core areas of failure with #1 in Math and #2 in Science. Dr. Cummings stated that this is typical for the beginning of the school year to be down about 30 students each group. November Calendar of Events- Dr. Cummings shared a calendar of November events with the Board and extended an invitation for them to attend. UIL Reclassification & Realignment Update- Dr. Cummings and Coach Carrigan met and checked the district's UIL reclassification & realignment for the district. Caldwell's submitted 538 enrollment to UIL and will find out on February 2<sup>nd</sup> who will join us this year.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Board President Surovik read the following: "The Board of Trustees on October 24, 2011, beginning at 7:53 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 8:01 p.m. on October 24, 2011. Regular session reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Motion No. 3673

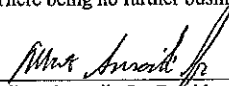
On motion by member Canady, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board accepted the resignation of Edward "Happy" Skrabanek effective October 31, 2011.

For 7

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

  
Albert Surovik, Jr., President

  
Layne Drgac, Secretary