

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

August 29, 2012

6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent:

Administrators: Dr. Janet Cummings, Rhonda Homeyer, Bill Broaddus, Dr. Brad Vestal, Vance Skidmore, Karen Turner, Gary Stout, Tracy Anderson, Dr. Tim Cuff, Shaunna Savage, Kim McManus, Nathan Goodlett, Kenneth Gilchrist

Guests: Reba Hood; Caldwell I.S.D., Clover Cochran, Zena Washington, Cody Cavin, Ruth Noack, Heather Caldwell, John Houston

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

Student Presentation on Rachel's Challenge: Jacob Demunyck, High School student, addressed the Board regarding the program, "Rachel's Challenge". He shared his experience with a similar program that has totally changed his life. The focus of the program is to teach each other to love and respect one another, to provide students with a safe environment and provide encouragement for his/her future.

Rachel's Challenge will be held on September 10, 2012 at the High School auditorium for students/staff and on September 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. with an extended invitation for Caldwell's community.

Superintendent's Reports: Opening, Attendance: Dr. Cummings reported that the district's first day of school went very well. Buses arrived on time and were back to the bus barn at 5:15 p.m. There were approximately 75 families that rode the Hornet Express to the Elem/Inter and all went well with students being dropped off by their parents. First day enrollment: High School 509, Middle School 425, Intermediate 381 and Elementary 472 = Total 1787. Dr. Cummings stated that we are about 60 students less than last year but we anticipate more after Labor Day. Character Ed/Rachel's Challenge: Dr. Cummings stated that we are very excited about the programs. The district needs to refocus on more positive things and inviting our community will also create a better relationship for all involved. The First Baptist Church School has agreed to be a part of our program. Our plans are to have break-out sessions (K-2nd grade) at 8:30 a.m. and (3rd-5th grade) at 10:00 a.m. on Monday and Middle School and High School on Tuesday. We will have our community participation at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening. Dr. Cummings also shared that she had received a letter from the trainer for the Character Ed program commending our district staff or their enthusiasm and professionalism during the training.

Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, reported to the Board regarding the district's technology. Mr. Wynn stated that his technology team has done an excellent job working together. We are working on our vision for technology as to where we want to be in two -- five years and how to proceed forward. One of the goals is to change the district's email system to a more efficient email. Mr. Wynn stated that he has also been working with Judge Sutherland, Burleson County Judge, regarding the city-wide fiber optics. They are working on the first phase of this option and plans are to include the hospital, school, county and sheriff's department and possibly local business as well. The district is presently on a very slow internet and we need to work to get this better in the future. Plans are also to redesign our web site with a better look and easier access by being more organized. The department has also been very busy working on work orders and there have been some things that needed to be addressed and corrected. It has been very busy but we are moving forward.

Coach Gilchrist, A.D., shared schedules for cross county, volleyball, tennis and football as well as sporting links that will be available for viewing regarding any athletic events. All sports will use Max Preps to post stats for Varsity competition and under levels will post scores. HUDL program will be used for football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball. This is a valuable tool for our coaches as well as for our athletes. Coach Gilchrist stated that every college coach in the nation has free access to this link and can watch film on any of our athletes. He extended an invitation to members of the Board to attend the Football Team dinner on Thursday night at 4:30 p.m. at the High School commons and Team breakfast at the Cowboy Church at 7:00 a.m. on

Friday. Coach Gilchrist stated that this is an event that they plan to continue as it is a valuable time for fellowship with students, staff and community. He is very pleased with the athletic program and athletes.

President Surovik called the 2012-2013 Budget and Tax Rate Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion No. 3764

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Drgac, the Board voted to conclude the hearing at 7:06 p.m. as no one wished to address the Board regarding the 2012-2013 Budget and Tax Rate.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Public Input: There were several concerned parents and students that addressed the Board regarding the district's dress code. Some of the concerns were regarding the type of shirt allowed meeting the collar requirement and logo as well as being a financial burden for some students and parents. Another parent's concern was expressed regarding the district not providing an after-school program.

Motion No. 3765

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved the following: the minutes of the July 23, 2012 regular meeting, August 2, 2012 public hearing, August 10, 2012 budget workshop (*with the following correction being made to Motion No. 3760, Total Tax Rate= 1.11738*), and August 20, 2012 training workshop, approved expenditures, tax reports, monthly investment reports for July, 2012, submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3766

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Drgac, the Board moved to adopt the 2012-2013 budget as presented by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services, in the amount of \$14,869,780. (A copy of the approved budget is made available in the district's business office.)

*For 6 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

*Member Goodman was absent from the meeting during voting.

Motion No. 3767

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Canady, the Board approved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.11738, which is effectively a 12.62 percent increase in the tax rate.

(Property tax rate of \$1.11738/\$100 valuation; of which, \$1.04000 is for the purpose of maintenance and operations and \$0.07738 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Members voting for: Albert Surovik, Jr., Steven Noack, Layne Drgac, Gerald Rodriguez,
Dan Harris, Chester Canady, & Mark Goodman

Members absent: None
Members voting against: None
Members abstaining: None

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3768

On motion by member Canady, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved amending the 2011-2012 Expenditure Budget to Actual Expenditures as of 8/31/12 as presented by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business. (A copy of the amended 2011-2012 final budget amendments is available in the district's business office.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3769

On motion by member Drgac, seconded by member Noack, the Board approved renewing the district's workers compensation insurance provided by Worker's Compensation Solutions (WCS) of Edwards Risk Management, Inc. for 2012-2013 through 2016-2017, selecting Option 2 in the amount of \$117,018.45. (WCS has agreed to extend the current contract for an additional three years at the current rates.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3770

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved renewing the district's Property & Casualty (Crime & Liability) with (TAPS) Texas Association of Public School and Auto Insurance with (TPS) Texas Political Subdivisions, in the amount of \$109,742 as presented by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3771

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Drgac, the Board approved renewing the Interlocal Agreement with Burleson County Tax Office for the district's tax collection for 2012-2013. (Mr. Doss, Tax Assessor Collector, has indicated that there are no changes from the previous contract approved August 2011 with cost remaining at .48/parcel.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3772

On motion by member Noack, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved renewing the contract for 2012-2013 with Physicians Centre Sports Medicine in the amount of \$10,000. The cost remains the same as the previous school year. (Two bids were received from Brazos Valley Sports Medicine- St Joseph in the amount of \$15,000 and The Physicians Centre Sports Medicine in the amount of \$10,000. A copy of the bids are attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3773

On motion by member Drgac, seconded by member Noack, the Board approved the bus use request from the Burleson County Fair Association, Mr. Dennis Gaas, Fair Board President, to use the CISD buses to provide transportation and parking options during the fair on September 26-29, 2012. The Fair Association will pay for the drivers and reimburse the district for the fuel used. (This approval is contingent upon the Fair Association providing liability insurance coverage.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3774

On motion by member Harris, seconded by member Noack, the Board approved the TASB Risk Management Fund Unemployment Coverage renewal and changes to Interlocal Participation Agreement for the 2012-2013 school year as presented by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services. (See a copy attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3775

On motion by member Drgac, seconded by member Goodman, the Board approved amending the 2011-2012 budget to move \$5,000 from Extraordinary Items to General Fund, Function 51, as presented by Rhonda Homeyer. (This amendment is due to the High School fire on 10/26/11 and cost incurred.)

For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

Motion No. 3776

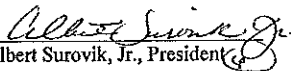
On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Canady, the Board approved applying for Optional Flexible School Day Program with TEA for the 2012-2013 school year.


For 7 Ag. 0 Ab. 0

At-Will Employees: Information Only

Resignation: TaRai McNeely, Middle School Cafeteria

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


Albert Surovik, Jr., President


Layne Drgac, Secretary