

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
HELD ON  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CALDWELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 29, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services,  
Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, Bill Broaddus, Director of Transp/Maintenance  
Tracy Brewer, Middle School Asst. Principal

Board Members: Dan Harris, Terri Jurena, Gerald Rodriguez, Mike Thompson

Guests: Connie Suehs, Jo Meta Roberts, Natalie Gray, Ashlynn Roberts, Holly Ashley, Don Cook,  
Charlsa Goodman

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, regarding the district's  
Optional Flexible School Day Program and Pre-Application of 2013-2014 school year.

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, presented information regarding the district's Optional Flexible School  
Day Program for 2013-2014. This is a requirement by TEA as well as an annual submission to complete  
the program.


Dr. Cummings reported that the ACE program has been changed at High School with daytime hours  
of 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 with the evening hours at (Alligator Street location) from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.) There  
have been 33 students graduated from the program as of date and 80 students that are in the process of  
completing credits and very close to graduating. There are 150 credits attempted and 140 completed.


Dr. Cummings introduced Connie Suehs, district employee, who works with the evening ACE program.  
Ms. Suehs expressed a thank you to the Board for allowing the district to have such a wonderful program  
for students. This program has helped so many students pursue their career and future plans.

Two ACE students, Ashlynn Roberts and Natalie Gray, expressed their gratitude to the district for  
allowing them to attend the program and complete their graduation requirements. Both students were  
extremely grateful for this opportunity.

Dr. Cummings stated that she would recommend to the Board on the agenda tonight, to continue the  
Optional Flexible School Day Program for the 2013-2014 school year.

The public hearing concluded at approximately 6:12 p.m.

  
Dan Harris, President

  
Terri Jurena, Secretary

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

August 29, 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, Dr. Tim Cuff,  
Kim McManus, Vicki Ochs, Richard Taylor, Nathan Goodlett, Tracy Brewer,  
Shaunna Savage, Lewis Wynn,

Guests: Holly Ashley; Caldwell I.S.D., Lisa Daehnke, Don Cook, Roy Sanders,  
Charlsa Goodman

President Dan Harris called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Public Hearing: President Dan Harris called to order for the district's 2013-2014 Budget and Tax  
Hearing.

No one wished to address the Board.

The hearing concluded at 6:34 p.m.

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

Student/Staff Recognition: No one at this time.

**Motion No. 3906**

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Carrigan, the Board approved the following:  
the minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Special Meeting, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 Regular Meeting, August 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2013 Board Workshop/Special Meeting, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board Workshop/Special Meeting and  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board Workshop/Special Meeting; approved expenditures, tax reports, monthly  
investment reports for July 2013; and the following budget amendment: 1) Move unused funds for  
Technology Capital Improvements back to Committed Funds for Capital Improvements in the  
amount of \$107,000, as submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services. (See a copy  
of the budget amendment attached and made a part of these minutes.)

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3907**

On motion by member Jurena, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved submitting to  
TEA the pre-application of the Optional Flexible School Day Program for 2013-2014 school year as  
presented by Superintendent Cummings.

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3908**

On motion by member Carrigan, seconded by member Jurena, the Board voted to adopt the 2013-  
2014 budget as presented by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services, in the amount of  
\$15,063,388. (A copy of the approved budget is made available in the district's business office.)

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3909**

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Goodman, the Board voted to adopt an ordinance to set the district's tax rate at \$1.11197/\$100, \$1.04000 for the purpose of Maintenance & Operation and \$0.07197 for the purpose of payment of Principal and Interest on Debts.

Members voting for: Dan Harris, Mark Goodman, Terri Jurena, Gerald Rodriguez, Mike Thompson, Janet Carrigan, Clover Cochran

Members absent: None  
Members voting against: None  
Members Abstaining: None

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3910**

On motion by member Goodman, seconded by member Carrigan, the Board approved amending the 2012-2013 Expenditure Budget to Actual Revenue and Expenditure as of 8/31/2013 as presented by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services. (A copy of the amended 2012-2013 final budget amendments is available in the district's business office.)

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Members of the Board tabled taking any action regarding the district's Fiscal Manual at this time. The manual will be resubmitted at the September meeting along with all the required forms for approval and review by the Board.

**Motion No. 3911**

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Jurena, the Board approved the tax resale deed submitted by Mr. Curtis Doss, Tax Assessor Collector, for property purchased by Marian Chancey in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the following property: Lots 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, Block 7, Section 2, Cade Lake Estates Subdivision, Burleson County, Texas.

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3912**

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Carrigan, the Board approved the district's membership in the Walsh Anderson Retainer Program as submitted by Superintendent Cummings. (This is an annual renewal and the district has been pleased with services provided by Walsh Anderson.)

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

**Motion No. 3913**

On motion by member Cochran, seconded by member Rodriguez, the Board approved the bus use request from Dennis Gaas, Burleson County Fair Association President, to use the CISD buses to provide transportation and parking options during the fair on September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. (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

Members of the Board discussed the Educational Foundation process. Janet Carrigan, Board member, prepared information regarding the procedures/process in organizing the program. There will be an organizational meeting held on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at the CISD

Administration Office for anyone that may be interested. (This is a community project- not a Board project- welcoming district staff and community.)

Dr. Cummings discussed with members of the Board on setting a date for the Team of Eight Training with TASB. Members set the date of Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to have the Team of Eight training.

Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services, submitted pay scales, weights and stipends for the Board to review and approve for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Motion No. 3914**

On motion by member Jurena, seconded by member Harris, the Board approved the pay scales, weights and stipends for 2013-2014 as submitted by Rhonda Homeyer, Director of Business Services.

For 6                      \*Ag. 1                      Ab. 0

\*Member Goodman voted against the motion requesting that this information be submitted earlier next year for consideration.

Mr. Lewis Wynn, Technology Director, gave an update to members of the Board regarding the district's technology. The Technology Department has been very busy this summer getting upgrades completed on computers. The network cabling for the wireless and cameras is in the process of completion. The Elementary/Intermediate has been completed and the other campuses and Administration will be completed in the next two weeks. Mr. Wynn stated that he has been very pleased with the job in running the cabling. Mr. Wynn updated the Board regarding the Fiber Optic project. We are waiting on the status of the agreement from the legal department. Mr. Wynn reminded Board members that Google email accounts are available for each member and requested that they contact him for their passwords.

Superintendent's Reports: \*Attendance Report- Dr. Cummings reported that the current attendance as of today's enrollment is: High School 515, Middle School 388, Intermediate School 384 & Elementary School 479 Total: 1766 (Typically, the enrollment for the first week or two of school is very good and starts to decline in November. The State picture date is the last Friday in October and we are hoping that enrollment will be high on this date!); \*Character Ed- "Stand Your Ground" - Dr. Cummings reported that the Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a "bullying" assembly for the district on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Joel Penton is the speaker and his program is called, "Stand Your Ground." She extended an invitation to the Board to attend. Dr. Cummings also shared information regarding a speaker, Tyson Deaver, who spoke at the High School convocation. His message was inspirational and staff has asked if the district would be able to have him come back in the spring to speak to the students. \*TEA Audit- Dr. Cummings stated that we are in preparation for the TEA audit visit on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cummings shared the process of the audit with members of the Board. The team should be in the district 3-5 days. There will be a conclusion meeting of the team's finding "preliminary" and an official report received at a later date. We are all very busy getting this information ready for their visit!

Members of the Board took a five-minute break at approximately 8:40 p.m. before entering into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item T. Personnel and Student Issues- Closed Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

President Harris read the following: "The Board of Trustees on August 29, 2013, beginning at 8:45 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 10:06 p.m. on August 29, 2013. Regular session reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

**Motion No. 3915**

On motion by member Thompson, seconded by member Cochran, the Board approved amending Jamie Goforth's contract from High School Teacher to High School Teacher/Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

For 7                      Ag. 0                      Ab. 0

Motion No. 3916

Dr. Cummings, Superintendent, made a recommendation for a motion to hire Nicki Drgac as High School Counselor. Voting was accordingly:

For 0

\*Ag. 5

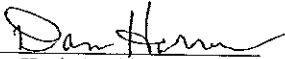
\*Ab. 2

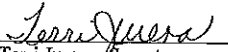
Members voting against the motion: Gerald Rodriguez, Terri Jurena, Janet Carrigan,  
Mike Thompson, Clover Cochran

Members abstaining: Dan Harris & Mark Goodman

Motion fails.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

  
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Dan Harris, President

  
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Terri Jurena, Secretary