

Board Briefs

June 2018

This document has been created by the superintendent to help communicate with the staff and community what is happening at Caldwell ISD.

The board met twice in June.

June 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

1. The entire board met and approved issuing maintenance tax notes in the amount of \$3,705,000 to cover the cost of the High School HVAC and lighting renovations. The low bid on the notes was 3.0% from Amegy Bank.
2. The Board reorganized their officers. Tripp Warren is now president, Kristen Orostieta is vice president, and Terri Jurena remains secretary.
3. William Foster volunteered to be Caldwell's representative on the TASB Delegate Assembly.
4. The Optional Flexible School Day program was reviewed and it was approved to seek this funding for the 18-19 school year. This is how the district is paid for attendance in the ACE program.
5. A resolution to allow former students to receive a diploma without passing all of the TAAS or TAKS tests (freshmen, pre-2011-2012 school year was passed. Mrs. Ochs, principal will be contacting eligible seniors.
6. The board approved ordering three new buses and reviewed a ten year bus replacement plan.
7. The board reviewed STAAR and EOC scores. A further analysis will take place at a later meeting.
8. Mr. Peters reported on the hail damage and facility upgrades and presented a survey for the board to do a self-evaluation.
9. The board met in executive session to contemplate contracting with an Gravely & Pearson, LLP to evaluate the possibilities of litigation arising from potential construction defects performed at Caldwell Elementary and Intermediate.
10. The board reflected on their learning at the recent TASB SLI conference.
11. The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

June 26, 2018 Special Called Meeting

1. The board met with and approved a contract with Mike Perry of Armko, LLC, a firm that will help evaluate the hail damage and then provide design and engineering services to repair/replace the roofs under the insurance coverage. Their fees will be paid for by the insurance.
2. Robert Gadbois, OBR, updated the board on the Community Task Force meetings. The next one is July 10. He also told the board that E3 is on schedule with the HVAC project.
3. The board then reviewed the 18-19 proposed budget. While taxes are going up, state funding is going down, so we net very little additional funds. Mr. Peters pointed out that every department is doing what they can to cut staffing without impacting instruction. The budget will continue to be revised this summer and approved in August.
4. Director of Finance, Heather Escalante, presented a \$500 increase to the teacher hiring schedule and the board approved 7 -0.

5. Small adjustments to the District's compensation plan were approved making sure no employee earns less than \$10 per hour. The paraprofessional, clerical, and auxiliary staff will get a 2% to midpoint pay increase.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:02.