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Minutes of the October 23, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 23, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Coppell Independent School District Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Kathie Gaultille.

Members present: Kathie Gaultille, President; Bennett Ratliff, Assistant Secretary; Mike Arthur; Susie Kemp; and David Apple. A quorum was present. Scott Orr arrived at 6:31 p.m., and Cindy Warner arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Ralph Seeley; Sid Grant; Judy Denman; Lue Bishop; Michelle King; Linda Cook; Shanon Buerk; Tabitha Branum; Curriculum Staff; Chad Branum; Tamerah Ringo; Tracey Wallace; and Bria Michael

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 19, 2006 at 2:45 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. President Gaultille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), and 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 7:40 p.m. President Gaultille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Bennett Ratliff.

AWARDS

Tamera Westervelt was recognized as the National Art Honor Society Sponsor of the Year. Connie Savard was honored as a Hero for Children volunteer.

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board during Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARING

Opportunity was given for the public to provide input to the Board of Trustees regarding grants being submitted to the CEDC for approval. No one came forward to address the Board of Trustees.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS

- **PRESIDENT** – President Gautille reminded the Board that the next NTAASB meeting will be held on Nov. 15 in Denton ISD. The topic will be “Re-structuring Efforts to Align Educational Opportunities from 6th Grade through the University Degree.”

Mrs. Gautille also reported on the TASB/TASA Convention that was held in Houston on October 6-8, 2006. Dr. Turner, Mrs. Gautille, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Apple attended the convention where sessions concerning bullying and cyber bullying as well as curriculum were held. The Superintendent won \$500 for the Education Foundation. Mrs. Gautille and other Board members congratulated the Curriculum Department for their vision which keeps our district in the forefront.

BOARD MEMBERS

Susie Kemp reported that the Red Ribbon Breakfast was held on Friday, October 20th. Selected students from the secondary campuses were in attendance. Linda Green Bennett was the guest speaker. Many activities are planned during Red Ribbon Week.

Bennett Ratliff provided updates on the Parent Information Network and Education Foundation. The PIN held a public forum that was well attended and featured three speakers. The purpose of this organization is to improve communication. More events are planned to take place every couple of months. The Education Foundation has kicked off the Red & Black Attack with signs available for donations to the foundation. The money is used to support district teachers and students.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Michell King and Linda Cook provided an update regarding the state of the four years math/science ruling to be finalized by the SBOE on November 16 and 17. (Presentation attached.)

An update on Energy Management was given by Paul Fuller, Energy Manager. (Presentation attached.)

Shannon Buerk and Tabitha Branum reported on the Cowboy Scholars Institute. Currently, there are 83 students in the program. On October 20th, parents were invited to lunch to share their thoughts and comments. Overall, there has been a very favorable response to the program by parents and their students.

CONSENT

David Apple made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve Minutes of September 25, 2006 and October 16, 2006 Meetings
2. Approve Financial report for August 2006
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2006
4. Approve Budget Amendments for 2006-2007

Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Mike Arthur made a motion to adopt the Coppell Middle Schools Spanish Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board of Trustees was in consensus regarding two administrative directives. The first directive modifies the times for early release of students for staff development (November 8 and April 27), CHS exams (December 20 and May 23), the end of fall semester (December 21), and the last day of school (May 24). (Schedule attached.) The second administrative directive is to implement a district communications audit under the direction of the National School Public Relations Association.

Susie Kemp made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary