

Minutes of the November 17, 2003 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on November 17, 2003, at 6:53 p.m. in the Board Room of the Coppell Independent School District Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President, Deena Reeve.

Members present: Deena Reeve, President; Dianne Miller, Vice-President; Kathie Gautille, Assistant Secretary; Bruce Jensen; Mike Arthur; Cindy Warner; and Bennett Ratliff. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent for Curriculum and Lisa Ganz, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on November 13, 2003 at 3:15 p.m.

At 6:53 p.m. President Reeve declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 7:32 p.m. President Reeve declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Kathie Gautille.

AWARDS

It has been and said that Coppell may be grooming the next John Steinbeck when Sarah Sanders won first place in the statewide Texas Book Festival University-Interscholastic League fiction writing contest for seventh and eighth grade level. The contest theme was "Take What the Road Gives You" and Sarah's story about a mother's death during the Dust Bowl was very moving. Sarah is now a freshman at Coppell High School.

Justin Dawson was named a semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for African-American high school students. The semifinalist status was granted based on the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test within geographic region.

The following Coppell High School seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists for 2003-2004, they represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors. They are:

Stephen Baynham	Katie Frink
Elizabeth Carlson	Robert Hyndman
Jae Chong	Derek Miller

Tamerah Westervelt was name Secondary Art Teacher of 2003 by the Texas Art Education Association on November 7, 2003 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

OPEN FORUM

The following citizens addressed the Board of Trustees in Open Forum:

1. Anthony Quinn – Science “Hands-On”
2. David Bowman – District Policy on Movies
3. Noel Holmes – Resignation of Employee
4. Paula Rhea – Potential New Program: CISD Technology Fair

At 7:52 p.m. President Reeve declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074. (To hear a parent/citizen’s statements related to a former staff member during the Open Forum portion of the meeting.)

At 7:59 p.m. President Reeve declared the Board in Open Session.

REPORTS

Board Members

Mrs. Warner stated that she attended a Leadership TASB Conference in Houston this past weekend. Mrs. Warner thanked the School Board and Mrs. Gautille for allowing and encouraging her to participate in Leadership TASB. Two highlights from this meeting were as follows:

- Update on School Finance – new study by Moak and Casey regarding instructional and non-instructional cost and why school districts need non-instructional costs
- Good news about public education as presented by the Charles A. Dana Center/Austin, Texas.

Superintendent

Dr. Turner stated that he and Mr. Seeley attended a Chapter 41 Meeting last Tuesday evening at Keller ISD regarding school finance. Dr. Turner said that he did not hear any good news! “No one is talking about the real issue of **not having enough money in the state system.**” Dr. Turner stated that he sees no hope in getting any relief from the State level in this upcoming school budget year.

On a lighter note, Dr. Turner stated that we have been working hard since June on the Strategic Plan and in implementing the various components. We will be presenting monthly reports to the Board at each monthly Board Meeting in order to keep you up-to-date on these plans.

Dr. Turner introduced Sherry Dotson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Tabitha Branum, who presented the Strategic Plan Update.

CONSENT

Mike Arthur made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve 2003-2004 Budget Amendments
2. Approve Choice Concrete, Inc. as the Provider for Miscellaneous Concrete patching and Paving Work for One Year Effective upon Board Approval with Two One-Year Extensions if Mutually Agreeable by both Parties
3. Approve Financial Report for October 2003
4. Approve Minutes of the October 27, 2003 and November 11, 2003 Meetings

Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Carl Deaton of Hankins, Powers, Eastup, Deaton & Tonn, Certified Public Accountants presented the 2002-2003 Audit Report.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the 2002-2003 Audit Report as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to elect Dr. Sam Thompson to serve as the Fifth Member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District. Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ralph Seeley, Assistant Superintendent for Business presented the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas Schools FIRST 2001-2002 Indicator Test.

A Public Hearing and opportunity was given to the public for comment regarding the Rating and Financial Performance of the District. No one came forward to speak regarding this issue.

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Dianne Miller made a motion to approve the agreement between CISD and Premier Systems, Inc. whereas Premier Systems, Inc. will reimburse CISD \$9,307.70 in 2001 Property Taxes for the Right to Attempt Recovery of said Taxes and that Ralph Seeley, Assistant Supt. For Business, be authorized to sign all necessary documents related to this agreement. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Campus Improvement Plans will be reviewed and adopted at the December Monthly Board Meeting. No action was taken on November 17, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Deena Reeve, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary