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Minutes of the June 24, 2024 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on June 24, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Coppell Middle School West – LGI Room, 2701 Ranch Trail, Dallas, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Jobby Mathew, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Anthony Hill (7:54 p.m. arrived); and Ranna Raval.

Trustees Nichole Bentley and Manish Sethi were not in attendance.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on June 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Executive Assistant; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Angela Brown; Kristen Eichel; Nancy Garvey; Amanda Simpson and Naveen Boppana

Attorney Chad Timmons, with Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd & Hullett, P.C. was present.

At 6:00 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 (Private Consultation with Board’s Attorney) and Section 551.074 (Personnel).

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 6:43 p.m.

There was no action following Closed Session, however, Kristen Eichel, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, introduced Greg Axelson as the new principal for Coppell High School Ninth Grade Campus.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Hunt provided the following District Highlights in Coppell ISD:

- Early Childhood and Pre-K Fair
- CISD Summer School and Principal Institute
- CHS Alumna Chiaka Ogbogu to Return to Olympics for Team USA at Paris Games
- CISD Summer Internship Program

Leigh Walker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The public was provided the opportunity to address the board in Open Forum; no community members came forward to speak.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

A Quality Instruction and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) update was provided by Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction) and Nancy Garvey (Director of Professional Learning). Angela Brown (Chief Communications Officer) presented a Community Based Accountability Systems (CBAS) and Strategic Design Plan update. A discussion regarding the 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Budget was presented by Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer).

CONSENT

Leigh Walker made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 20, 2024; and Board workshops held on May 13, 2024, and June 10, 2024
2. Approve monthly June 2024 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for May 2024
4. Approve Investment Report for period ending May 31, 2024
5. Approve the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and sign an updated Agreement with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department for the placement of sheriff's deputies at Coppell Middle School West, Canyon Ranch Elementary, Lee Elementary and Valley Ranch Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year
6. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Dallas College
7. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (DCJJAEP)

Ranna Raval seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

ACTION

Jobby Mathew made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval and passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Anthony Hill to approve the recommended compensation increases as presented. (This is 3% raise of control point for 187-day employees including teachers and nurses who will receive a \$ 2,050 cost of living increase. Librarians on a 197-day contract will receive a pro-rated increase. The beginning teacher pay for 187 contracts will be \$62,700 for 2024-2025. All other employees will receive a 3% cost-of-living increase on midpoint. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion that the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the hiring of One Source Building Services for the repair and additions of irrigation systems at nine of our elementary schools at a total cost not to exceed \$130,000 was made by Anthony Hill.

Jobby Mathew seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Anthony Hill motioned to approve the hiring of Terracon Consultants, Inc. as a professional consultant and engineer for construction materials observation, engineering, and testing services for the Coppell High School Fine Arts building, Coppell High School

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tennis center additions, and the Valley Ranch Elementary additions at a total cost not to exceed \$250,000. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval and approved 5-0.

Jobby Mathew motioned to approve the proposal from Nitor for the installation of camera surveillance and door access at 5 Elementary Campuses: Valley Ranch, Mockingbird, Lee, Wilson, and Canyon Ranch for a total cost not to exceed \$2,000,000. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker to approve the proposal from Red River for the purchase and installation of network switching equipment not to exceed \$350,000. Ranna Raval seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as offered by TASB Policy Service for consideration and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 123 as recommended was made by Anthony Hill affecting (LOCAL) policies:

- I. BBD (LOCAL) – Board Members: Training and Orientation – Replace Policy
- II. BBFA (LOCAL) – Ethics: Conflict of Interest Disclosures – Replace Policy
- III. CKC (LOCAL) – Safety Program/Risk Management: Emergency Plans – Replace Policy
- IV. CKE (LOCAL) – Safety Program/Risk Management: Security Personnel – Add Policy
- V. CKEC (LOCAL) – Security Personnel: School Resource Officers – Delete Policy
- VI. CQC (LOCAL) – Technology Resources: Equipment – Add Policy
- VII. DCE (LOCAL) – Employment Practices: Other Types of Contracts – Replace Policy
- VIII. DGBA (LOCAL) – Personnel-Management Relations: Employee Complaints/Grievances – Replace Policy
- IX. EEH (LOCAL) – Instructional Arrangements: Homebound Instruction – Replace Policy
- X. EF (LOCAL) – Instructional Resources – Delete Policy
- XI. EFA (LOCAL) – Instructional Resources: Instructional Materials – Add Policy
- XII. EFB (LOCAL) – Instructional Resources: Library Materials – Add Policy
- XIII. FNG (LOCAL) – Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student and Parent Complaints/Grievances – Replace Policy
- XIV. GF (LOCAL) – Public Complaints – Replace Policy

The motion was seconded by Jobby Mathew and passed 5-0.

A motion to approve (LOCAL) Board Policy Revisions to EIA (LOCAL) and CQ (LOCAL) as recommended was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Jobby Mathew. The motion passed 5-0.

Anthony Hill nominated Nichole Bentley to serve as an official voting delegate to the 2024-2025 TASB Delegate Assembly and Jobby Mathew to serve as the alternate delegate to the 2024-2025 TASB Delegate Assembly. Leigh Walker seconded the nominations. The Board voted 5-0 in favor of the nominations.

The board discussed and decided to take no action to nominate a candidate for the Region 10, Position A, seat on the TASB Board.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- TASB Summer Leadership Institute – David Caviness
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) and Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Anthony Hill

ADJOURNMENT

David Caviness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

David Caviness , Board President

Jobby Mathew , Secretary