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Minutes of the January 23, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Anthony Hill, Vice President; Leigh Walker; Manish Sethi; Dr. Neena Biswas (6:08 p.m.) and Jobby Mathew

Secretary Nichole Bentley was not present.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on January 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Staff present: Bard Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Dr. Dennis Womack; Dr. Angie Brooks; Kristen Eichel; Angela Brown; Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana; Michael Gutt and James Holloway

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

- Girls Basketball Team Ranked No. 1 in the State
- Fine Arts Update
 - Texas Thespian Festival
 - Showcase at the Coppell Arts Center
 - Mama Mia
- Congratulations to Second Grading Period Super Teachers
- January is Board Appreciation Month
- Board Appreciation Video

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Caviness gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The following community members spoke in Open Forum:

Jillian Hill – Bond

Ruha Mohanlal – Bond

Evalyn Medina – Bond

Daniel Waters – Bond

Sahana Parelck – Bond

Karishma Hossain – Bond

Rauna Dallman – CISD Budget Communications

Julie Waters – Bond

Shawn Hester – school closure option

Veyha Mohanlal – Bond

Joshua Waters – Bond

Juliet Waters – Bond

John Schram – Bond

Kamini Mohanka – bond

Kaley Medina – Bond

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Benjamin Waters – Bond	Sarah Schram – Bond
Oksana Kinnunen – Bond	Andrew Sonnichsen – Bond
Alfredo Castillo – Bond, Deficit, Enrollment	
Sierra Ford – Bond Options/Voting	Jason Moore - Pinkerton Elementary
Ron Hansen – Bond	Ashley Wallace - Bond

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Cindy Powell (Cooperative Strategies), Jim Walker (Co-Chair, Bond Steering Committee) and Dilan Patel (Co-Chair, Bond Steering Committee) provided a Bond Committee Report and Recommendations.

CONSENT

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on December 14, 2022 and workshop held on January 19, 2023
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for January 2023
3. Approve Financial Report for December 2022
4. Approve to enter into the Region 10 Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement
5. Approve RFP for Contracted Evaluation and Direct Service Providers
6. Approve the Superintendents recommendation for the hiring of professional personnel

Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the annual financial audit for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022, as presented. (Robert Lake from Rutherford, Taylor & Company presented the audit.) Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Manish Sethi moved that the Order calling a School Board Trustee General Election for Places 4 and 5 on May 6, 2023 be adopted as presented. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Manish Sethi moved that the Order calling a School Board Trustee Special Election for the unexpired term for Place 7 on May 6, 2023 be adopted as presented. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Biswas motion that the Board to reconsider the discussion and consideration of calling a School Board Trustee General Election. The motion did not receive a seconded therefore no further action was taken.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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- Budget Workshop Debrief - David Caviness
- Coppell Chamber Education Committee and Coppell ISD Education Foundation – Anthony Hill

At 8:55 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

Dr. Neena Biswas motioned that staff take a monthly or bi-monthly pulse of district employees to determine what spots may open up so the district can have subs ready. A second was not received therefore the motion did not go any further.

A motion to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Charlotte Alexis Irons to abandon her employment contract with the District was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion passed 5-1. Trustee Biswas voted in opposition to motion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Anthony Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary