

Minutes of the December 15, 2003 Regular School Board Meeting – (Not Approved)

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on December 15, 2003, 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, Deena Reeve.

Members present: Deena Reeve, 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 and Lisa Ganz, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on December 11, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.

At 6:30 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.

Mrs. Miller arrived at 6:33 p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Mike Arthur.

AWARDS

The following young men and women participated in the state UIL cross country meet held in Round Rock, TX last month. The boys completed one of the most successful seasons in the school's history with a fourth place finish and the girls finished in fifth place in the overall team standings. Team members are:

Cristian Allen	Sam Hudson
Rusty Fausak	Dustin Joubert
Faren Frazier	Aubree Pope
Leah Gottlich	Jessica Ratcliffe
Gabe Guevara	Corey Ray
Josh Heimbach	Taylor Ray
Christina Henderson	Jessi Thomas

Christina Henderson (sophomore) and Jessica Ratcliffe (senior) were named to the **Texas Girls Coaches Association 5A All-State Team**. Fifteen students were chosen from the state in class 5A by the committee of coaches based on nominations made by member coaches.

Seniors Cristian Allen, Leah Gottlich, and Jessica Ratcliffe was also named to the **5A Academic All-State Team**: Seventeen were named to this team from throughout class 5A in the State for maintaining a 94 average throughout their high school career.

Coppell ISD is being recognized by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for the early implementation of the GASB Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. The Texas Education Agency wishes to give Coppell ISD a special certificate for their contributions. Mr. Ralph Seeley, Assistant Superintendent for Business, is here to accept this certificate on behalf of Coppell ISD, and we would like to publicly thank him and the staff members of our school district for their efforts in this implementation.

OPEN FORUM

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

1. Betty Carter, President, CEDC
2. Robert Key, Honor and Excellence
3. Robert Kulick, Trimester/Semester
4. Diane Moreau-Randall, Trimester/Semester
5. Bill Smothermon, Trimester/Semester
6. Nancy LeMay, Trimester/Semester
7. Mindy Smothermon, Trimester/Semester
8. Jeffrey Helsley, Trimester/Semester
9. Steve LeMay, Trimester/Semester
10. Jolene Webster, Trimester/Semester
11. Earl Shanks, Trimester/Semester
12. Ray Foster, Trimester/Semester

REPORTS

Board Members

President Reeve presented plaques to Mr. Wilburn O. Echols, Jr. and Mrs. Vonita White. They will be recognized next year when the Coppell Cowboy Stadium field and the Central Administration Building will be renamed in their honor.

Kathie Gautille recognized board member Cindy Warner for her role in Leadership TASB and mentioned that Ms. Warner’s picture appears in the November issue of the Lone Star Magazine – Leadership Report on page 26.

Mrs. Gautille stated that the district will be hosting the Academic Decathlon on January 30 and 31, 2004. The Academic Decathlon is still in need of judges and proctors. Interested parties should contact Kathie Gautille or Tamerah Ringo, Director of Communications and Public Relations at 214-496-6056 or e-mail at tringo@coppellisd.com. As of this date, we are still in need of 72 volunteers.

Superintendent

Dr. Turner commented on the financial situation of the school district saying there will be no new money for CISD from the state for this next budget cycle. During the regular legislative session there was no relief and a special session will take place this spring only if the legislators agree on a solution. Topics that are currently being discussed are:

1. Whether or not there is sufficient money in the system for school districts to operate (two adequacy studies are underway)
2. End Recapture – but only to reduce property taxes...again, no new money to the school district
3. Approval of voucher program

Dr. Turner said “Our only glimmer of hope is the lawsuit and I don’t even anticipate that a successful outcome will bring enough revenue to the school district. There are no short term solutions anymore.” Dr. Turner stated that there were no indications that the state would be able to offer any additional financial assistance because CISD is already above the state average allotment per student. Any new monies would be directed to less wealthy school districts.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve 2003-2004 Budget Amendments
2. Approve Financial Report for November 2003
3. Approve Minutes of the November 17, 2003 and November 18, 2003
4. Approve Region VIII Interlocal Agreement Resolution

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

Mrs. Reeve recessed the meeting at 8:45 p.m. for a short break.

At 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Reeve reconvened the meeting in open session.

ACTION

Kathie Gautille made a motion to adopt the Campus Improvement Plans for CISD as presented. Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to table discussion regarding the semester/trimester plan to a work session to be held in early January 2004 for discussion regarding budgetary issues relating to the semester/trimester plan. Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to employ professional personnel as per attached list, subject to assignment, as recommended by the administration. Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personal as per list presented. Kathie Gautille seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Deena Reeve, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary