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Minutes of the February 28, 2022 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nichole Bentley.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; Anthony Hill; Tracy Fisher; Dr. Neena Biswas (6:05 p.m.) and David Caviness.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on February 23, 2022, at 4:40 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Dennis Womack; Kristen Eichel; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Amanda Simpson; Robyn Webb; Angela Brown; Brooke Sims; Nancy Garvey; and Naveen Bopanna.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Dr. Hunt shared the following district highlights:

- February is National Black History Month
- High School Athletes Participate in National Signing Day February 2, 2022
- CISD Job Fair April 9, 2022
- I Heart CISD

AWARDS

- TSPRA Professional Achievement Award
- Teacher of the Year Recognition

A hearing for public discussion of the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held by Robyn Webb, Director of Accountability, Assessment and Federal Programs.

Leigh Walker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following community member came forward to speak in person during the Open Forum portion of the agenda:

- Peter Graham – IEP Control-Teacher Sponsored Cheating

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brad Hunt (Superintendent) provided a COVID update for the district. Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer) gave a brief overview of the 2022-2023 Budget Process while Brooke Sims (Director of Professional Learning) and Nancy Garvey (Director of Digital Learning) gave an update on Professional and Digital Learning. Dr. Dennis Womack

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(Chief Operations Officer) rounded out the reports with a 2022-2023 Student Transportation discussion.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on January 18, 2022
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for February 2022
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2022
4. Approve submission of Class Size Waiver to TEA
5. Approve purchase of student bus fleet replacements
6. Approve Region 10 Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement
7. Approve employment of professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent

Tracy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

A motion to adopt a resolution to delegate authority to accept a contract employee's resignation effective before the end of the school year or submitted before penalty-free resignation date to align with DFE (Local) was made by Tracy Fisher and seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by David Caviness that the Board approve the resolution as presented for a one-time lump sum retention incentive payment funded with ESSER funds. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. A discussion among the Board took place and Tracy Fisher moved to call the question and David Caviness seconded. The Board voted in favor 7-0. The original motion on the floor was then put to a vote and the motion to approve the resolution passed 7-0.

A motion to approve these course offering to allow for a sequence of courses designed to better prepare learners for postsecondary education and career opportunities was made by Tracy Fisher and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion to approve the administration to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the recommended suppliers, renewed annually, not to exceed \$60,000.00 annually, as long as the service continues to meet the needs of the District for an Assessment Suite was made by Tracy Fisher. David Caviness seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Tracy Fisher motioned to approve the administration to negotiate and enter into a four-year lease agreement with the recommended printer/copy supplier in an amount to not exceed \$200,000 annually. Anthony Hill seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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A motion to amend the construction contract between Coppell ISD and Northstar Builders Group, LLC to include the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,870,359 as proposed by Northstar Builders Group, LLC for the Baseball and Softball Complex Dressing Rooms and Other Improvements and to assign \$1,211,859 from the unallocated 2016 bond savings to this project budget was made by David Caviness and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Leadership TASB – Manish Sethi
- Safety and Security Committee Update – Nichole Bentley
- District Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) – Tracy Fisher
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) Grassroots Meeting, TASB Risk Management Fund Quarterly Meeting, and Coppell Chamber Education Committee – Anthony Hill

At 9:27 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters, Section 551.072 – Real Property, and Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney)

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 10:14 p.m.

A motion was made by David Caviness and seconded by Manish Sethi to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Secretary