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Minutes of the August 25, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

Members present in person: David Caviness, President; Nichole Bentley, Vice President; Jobby Mathew, Secretary; Trustees Leigh Walker; Jonathan Powers, Anthony Hill and Ranna Raval

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Doug Williams, Interim Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Executive Assistant; Sid Grant; Kristen Eichel; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Angela Brown; Amanda Simpson; Mary Kennington; Joyce Alcorn; Samira Khan; Sabrina Khan; Monica Champagne; Naveen Boppana; and Dwight Goodwin

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 22, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Awards and Recognitions

- Cowboy Cultivate Recent Recognitions

At 6:09 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071- Consult with Board Attorney and Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - Personnel.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 6:37 p.m.

No action was taken following Closed Session.

Anthony Hill gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The community was given the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees during Open Forum. The following persons came forward:

- Shane Pope – Programs (declining enrollment/school closure)
- Brittany Lunsford – School Realignment

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

- 2024-2025 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Report – Joyce Alcorn (Coordinator of Health Services) and Rebekah Zonozy (SHAC Parent Chair)
- House Bill 3 Update – Mary Kennington (Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction), Samira Khan (Director of Elementary Math & Science), Sabrina Khan (Director of Elementary Literacy & Social Studies) and Monica Champagne (Director of Advanced Academics and CTE)

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- Multit-Year Balance Budget Plan – Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer), Angela Brown (Chief Communications Officer), Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction), Kristen Eichel (Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services) and Sid Grant (Chief Operations Officer)

CONSENT

Trustee Nichole Bentley motioned to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 28, 2025, and workshop held on August 11, 2025
2. Approve 2024-2025 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2025
4. Approve the Dallas Regional Day School Program for the Deaf (RDSPD) shared service agreement
5. Approve 2025-2026 District Professional Learning Plan
6. Approve CISD School Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)
7. Approve the adoption of the 2025-2026 District Improvement Plan
8. Approve the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) policy update to CH (LOCAL)
9. Approve the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) policy update to CFB (LOCAL)

Ranna Raval seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

A motion to approve the exemption to HB 3372 for Dr. Anita de la Isla, Director of ESL and Bilingual Programs, allowing her to serve as an adjunct professor in the reading and ESL M. Ed. Program at Dallas Baptist University was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Jobby Mathew. The motion passed 7-0.

Nichole Bentley motioned to approve the exemption to HB 3372 for Mr. Dan McCready, Assistant Principal at CHS, to serve as an official in the Texas Wrestling Officials Association. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the exemption to HB 3372 for Mr. Gerry Miller, Director of Fine Arts, to serve as a Fine Arts clinician and Band adjudicator was made by Leigh Walker. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley and passed 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Official Budgets at the fund and function level for the General, Food Service, and Debt Service Funds for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, and ending August 31, 2026, as presented and in accordance with Texas Education Code 44.002-44.006. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Jobby Mathew moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.9819, which is effectively a 7.38% increase in the tax rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Powers and passed 7-0.

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A motion to approve the 2025 Appraisal Roll as certified, in addition to all supplement tax roll changes presented by the Dallas Central Appraisal District/Dallas County Tax Assessor throughout the fiscal year was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Anthony Hill motioned to approve the quote from School Specialty for the furniture and equipment for the Coppell High School fine arts building at a total cost not to exceed \$253,972.12. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval and passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the quote from School Specialty for the furniture additions at Coppell Middle School West at a total cost of \$115,716.75 was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Jobby Mathew. The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

- Superintendent Search Update, Safety & Security Committee, and Facilities Planning Committee Reports – David Caviness
- Legislative Update – Nichole Bentley
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) and Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Anthony Hill

ADJOURNMENT:

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. President Caviness adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Jobby Mathew, Secretary