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Minutes of the April 23, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 23, 2007 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 Kathie Gautille.

Members present: Kathie Gautille, President; Cindy Warner, Vice President; Bennett Ratliff, Secretary; Mike Arthur; Susie Kemp; Scott Orr and David Apple. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Shannon Buerk; Judy Denman; Tracey Wallace; Tabitha Branum; Curriculum Staff and Intervention Services Staff

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 18, 2007 at 5:40 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.04.

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

The invocation was given by Kathie Gautille.

AWARDS

One hundred and five students across the Coppell school district qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). Only 5% of students in Texas qualify to participate in DUKE TIP. Of that 5%, CISD had 51 -7th grade students who earned a state recognition by scoring in the top 25% on the ACT or SAT. Four students earned a Grand Recognition by scoring in the top 2%. Students earning state or grand recognition will be offered special opportunities in CISD through Superintendent Scholars. This group was developed to prepare students to become National Merit Finalists. The following students were recognized: **Ashley Park** (CMS North), **Kathleen Ritter** (CMS East), **Andrew Khor** and **Vern Zhang** (CMS West)

This year, two individuals and one team from CMS-North competed at the MATHCOUNTS state competition. Recognized were **Srishti Goel** (CMS East - coached by Mandy Goddard), **Michael Hays** (9th place at State), **Jenny Wang**, **Vrunda Vithalani**, and **Alex Park** (CMS North - coached by Karen Rambo).

Thirty-six Coppell High School students participated in the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event this year. Twenty-eight out of the 36 students brought back medals. The following students were recognized:

Students taught by Tamera Westervelt - **Mai Le** (Top Scholarship recipient), **Andrew Barrett, Zamir Bhimji, Emily Brideau, Jennifer Choi, Lauren Heckman, Allie Jordan, Soyeon Lim, Nella Saastamoinen, Steven Smith, and Aimee West-Brownlee**

Student taught by Elsa Reynolds - **Rachel Hall, Allison Redner, Jennifer Kim, and Kirstyn Williams**

Student taught by Natasha Chipps - **Mackenzie Ervin**

Students taught by Monica Winters - **Chad Olney and Ernest Hwang**

Two Destination Imagination teams, one from Lakeside Elementary and one from Town Center Elementary, competed in the state. The Lakeside team also won the “Spirit of DI” award at the regional tournament. DI is a creative problem-solving program that builds creativity, team work and problem solving skills. The **Lakeside Team** who competed in CSI: DI - **Madison Hunsucker, A.J. Hauer, Noah Freedman, Purujit Chatterjee, Lesley Wray, and Megan Allen** Sponsored by Jeanne Wray and Cory Anthony (parents)

The **Town Center Team** who competed in Card-DI-ology - **Sukanya Basu, Kenneth Cole, Ryan Cole, Nuala Keany, Joey Mungo, Alana Stoddart** Sponsored by Mary Weiner (parent)

Emma Coppedge, 8th grader at CMS-East, won the Texas School Safety Center’s middle school essay contest and was honored at the Safe and Drug Free Schools Conference.

Justin Chen, a second grade student at Cottonwood Creek, won the regional Taekwondo competition and has qualified for the USA National Junior Olympics which will take place in San Jose in July.

In the second year of the CHS Chess Club, the team placed 9th out of 50 teams at the Texas State Scholastic Chess Championships. **Abhishek Mallela, Norito Taniguchi, Paul Jung, and Chanhwa Hong** were recognized. They are coached by David Phillipps.

Alex Chiu was one of three students in the whole state of Texas to qualify for the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad. **Alex** will be taking the two day USAMO test next weekend.

Debra Marshall, librarian at Wilson Elementary, is this year’s recipient of the Siddie Jo Johnson Award (Librarian of the Year for the State of Texas). Nominees are evaluated on criteria such as innovative programs, leadership, community involvement, and cooperation with parents and other libraries.

Irma Kennedy is the first recipient of the Hispanic Heritage Teacher Award from the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Staples Foundation for Learning for her hard work in the classroom. This honor puts her in the running for the National Hispanic Heritage Teacher award.

OPEN FORUM

Two groups of students from Brandy Thurman's GT Geometry class presented their projects on Cowboy Bridge (to widen the entry on Cowboy Drive) and a CHS Aquatic Center. Creative writing students from Matt Bowdens class discussed The CLAM (Coppell Literary and Arts Magazine) and gave copies of the publication to each board member.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Gauthille reported on the Youth Advisory Council and showed a DVD titled, "Raise Your Hand Texas."

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Bennett Ratliff and Cindy Warner reported on the National School Board Association conference they attended. It was held April 14-17 in San Francisco, California. Many of the innovative ideas presented at the conference have already been implemented in CISD.

Cindy Warner reported on the Education Foundation. The Student Recognition banquet will be held on May 1st at the Marriott DFW.

David Apple gave highlights of the 5th Six Weeks Celebration held at Turning Point AEP. He attended the celebration along with Kathie Gauthille.

Superintendent's Report

Melody Paschall, Executive Director of Intervention Services, gave an update on her department including the results of an ARD survey. Mrs. Paschall and Melanie Eskridge (PIN parent) reported on the collaborative efforts of the Parent Information Network (PIN) and Intervention Services.

CONSENT

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2007 and April 17, 2007 Meetings
2. Approve 2006-2007 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2007
4. Approve Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2007
5. Approve Tropical Fruit and Nut and C.D. Hartnett as suppliers of miscellaneous grocery items to the CISD Child Nutrition Department
6. Approve extending the District's current biennial depository contract with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank pursuant to provisions of the Texas Education Code, Section

45.205, Subchapter G, for the period of September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

David Apple made a motion to approve Rutherford, Taylor & Company to perform the annual audit for fiscal years 2007 through 2011 with the possibility of extending the contract to future years based on satisfaction with the services provided. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approve an increase of \$400,000 (to a maximum of \$1.2 million) in the amount of authorized cost sharing for attorney fees with the City of Coppell for the North Lake property litigation, and directed staff to provide monthly reports of expenditures. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (David Apple was opposed.)

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary