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Minutes of the December 13, 2004 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on December 13, 2004 at 7:30 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, Assistant Secretary; Mike Arthur; Allen Mushinski, Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent and Lisa Ganz, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on Thursday, December 9, 2004.

At 6:34 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 7:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Cindy Warner.

AWARDS

We would like to honor two outstanding string players tonight. Jason and Edward have recently been selected for the prestigious All State Orchestra. In February, they will travel to San Antonio to perform for members of the Texas Music Educators Association. Jason is a violinist and a junior at CHS and Edward is a sophomore and plays the cello.

Christina Henderson has been running hard all year in order to qualify for the State Cross Country meet. Not only did Christina qualify for State, but she finished 11th out of more than 100 runners and placed one spot better than last year. Christina is a junior this year and she is continuing to work hard with Coach Roxanne Farris as she has big hopes to finish in the top 10 at next year's State Cross Country meet. Congratulations Christina for this outstanding accomplishment.

As you can see Coppell has many tremendous athletes and **Cindy Ogor** is another one. As a senior, Cindy has been named to the 5A All State Volleyball team. There are only 25 ladies across the state that have been asked to play on this team. This is a well deserving appointment, since just this year, Cindy has led the CHS volleyball team with the most number of kills and blocks. She was District 6-5A Most Valuable player and a Dallas Morning News player of the week. Cindy also helped lead the Cowgirls to a new school record for the most wins in a season (36) and also to a District and Area Championship title and the Regional Quarter finals this year. Congratulations for all that you have accomplished!

Next, we would like to honor one of our Coaches. **John Lawhon** could you please come up to the front. John Lawhon is the High School Soccer Coach and he was just recently awarded the National Soccer Coaches of America State Coach of the Year for Texas and also Southwest Regional Coach of the Year

for Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Both these titles are outstanding, but even more they make him one of 8 coaches in the nation nominated for National Coach of the Year. John is an outstanding coach who, just last season, led his players to win the State 5A Soccer Championship title. John thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our students and congratulations on a well deserved honor.

OPEN FORUM

Meg Kimberland addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the Trimester/Semester at CHS.
Tangerla Williams addressed the Board of Trustees regarding Curriculum at CISD.
Ron Hinds address the Board of Trustees regarding the Trimester/Semester at CHS.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Warner reported that she attended the first TASB/TASA Joint School Finance Committee meeting on December 2, 2004. Nine school board members and nine superintendents comprise the meeting. David Thompson was in attendance at this meeting. Mr. Thompson is the primary lead counsel for the school finance lawsuit. The purpose of this committee is to help watch the legislature and be there to help in the coalition. Mrs. Warner encouraged the community to watch the InvestinTexasSchools.org website for updates.

Mrs. Warner and Mr. Orr also noted that they both recently attended a meeting with Senator Shapiro. Senator Shapiro will be in Coppell for a Town Hall Meeting on January 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. a Coppell City Hall.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Turner introduced Mr. Jimmy Spann, Principal, Coppell High School who introduced the presenters of the CATE (Career & Technology) Report.

Curriculum Report:

Donna Carpenter presented the CATE Report – complete report attached to minutes.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve Financial Report for November 2004
2. Approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2004, November 18, 2004, and December 7, 2004 Meetings

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

ACTION

Mike Arthur made a motion to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement for Employee Benefits with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) as presented. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, and Seay, Certified Public Accountants, presented the Coppell ISD Annual Audit Report for the 2003-2004 school year.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the 2003-2004 Audit Report as presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to move from the trimester system to the semester system with a 7 period school day at Coppell High School effective in the 2005-2006 school year. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Kathie Gaultille, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary