

Minutes of the August 24, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 24, 2026, 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 Nichole Bentley.

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

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Executive Assistant; Randy Fite; Cooper Hilton; Dr. Angie Brooks; Dr. Amber Lasseigne; Angela Brown; Amanda Simpson; Samira Khan; Sabrina Khan; Monica Champagne; Naveen Boppana; and Dwight Goodwin

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing was to discuss the school district's budget and tax rate that will be adopted and to provide opportunity for public input.

District Highlights and Updates

- New Hire Breakfast and Expo Sponsored by Linebarger Attorneys at Law
- Convocation on August 6th and Together We Unite
- Successful First Day of School
- Cowboys United Kick-Off Celebration on August 28th

Jonathan Powers 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. No one came forward to speak.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

- House Bill 3 Update – Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction) , Samira Khan (Director of Elementary Math & Science), Sabrina Khan (Director of Elementary Literacy, Social Studies, Health & Physical Education) and Monica Champagne (Director of Advanced Academics and CTE)
- Compensation Plan Manual Preview – Cooper Hilton (Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Administrative Services)
- Review Techonogy Framework – Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction)
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CONSENT

Trustee Leigh Walker requested that item 5, Approve the adoption of the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan, be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Vice President Jobby Mathew motioned to approve the following consent agenda items removing item 5 listed above:

1. Approve minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 27, 2026, and workshop held on August 10, 2026
2. Approve 2025-2026 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2026
4. Approve 2026-2027 District Professional Learning Plan
5. Approve the Coppell ISD Comprehensive Dual Credit Service Agreement with Dallas College
6. Approve the practice gym wood floor replacement at Coppell High School
7. Approve a resolution to hire Northstar Builders Group as Construction Manager at Risk for the renovation to portions of Richard J Lee Elementary
8. Approve House Bill 3372 Exemption Request for Mary Kennington
9. Approve House Bill 3372 Exemption Request for Gerry Miller
10. Approve House Bill 3372 Exemption Request for Dr. Anita de la Isal
11. Approve House Bill 3372 Exemption Request for Dr. Amber Lasseigne
12. Approve House Bill 3372 Exemption Request for Dan McCready

Secretary Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

After Board discussion, Trustee Leigh Walker motioned to approved the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

ACTION

Jonathan Powers 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, 2026, and ending August 31, 2027, as presented and in accordance with Texas Education Code 44.002-44.006. Kevin Chaka seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Jonathan Powers moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.9857, which is effectively a 0.0038% increase in the tax rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Jobby Mathew and passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the 2026 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 Anthony Hill and seconded by Kevin Chaka. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

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Jonathan Powers motioned to accept TASB Update 127 revisions to local policy and add local policy according the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 127 policies: BJCF, CFB, DC, DH, DH (exhibit) DP, DPA, DPB, EHAD, EHBB, and FFF. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the submission of the Certification of Compliance with Certain Laws enacted by Senate Bill 12 was made by Kevin Chaka and seconded by Ranna Raval. The motion passed 7-0.

Trustee Walker requested a point of personal privilege to congratulate Trustee Jonathan Powers on the birth of his twins.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) – Anthony Hill

At 8:46 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 – Personnel and Section 551.076, Security Audits.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

No action was taken following Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jobby Mathew made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. President Bentley adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Anthony Hill, Secretary