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Minutes of the October 26, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 26, 2026, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Nichole Bentley at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Anthony Hill, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Jonathan Powers; Ranna Raval and Kevin Chaka

Vice President Jobby Mathew attended remotely.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 20, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Amber Lasseigne; Randy Fite; Dr. Angie Brooks; Cooper Hilton, Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana; Mark Bradford and Dwight Goodwin

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

- First Grading Period Super Teachers
- Superintendent's Learner Leadership Council
- Superintendent's Business Advisory Council
- Bond Bus Tour
- Community Tailgate

AWARDS

- 7 CISD Students Received Perfect Schore on SAT or ACT
    - Sahana Kumar
    - Nitin Pathapati
    - Vihaan Dhanapalaksha
    - Sriya Gomattam
    - Mahathi Kumar
    - Prajit Sreenivas
    - Vinayak Vipinachandran Subha

Trustee Ranna Raval gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals spoke during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

Yohan Pullagurla – Math Teacher
Chetan Sai Devabhaktuni – Math Teacher
Ksenya Shilakhtsitsava – Aquatic Center
Charlie Wicker – Senate Bill 12
James Behlen – GT classes at CHS9
Kshitij Basu - Math Class
Paul Heeg – Austin/CCE Refresh
Neil Bhatia – Algebra 2 Curriculum @ CHS9
Vardhan Gomatam - Algebra 2 @ CHS9
Muhsin Akkoyun – grading restrictions

Barry Whitewater – GT Program
Lesley Whitewater – CHS9 & Accomodations
Jaclyn Whitewater – CHS9 GT Math
Mokshika Renati – GT Program
Taibin Su - CHS9 Math Teacher
Elver Pardo – Natatorium for CISD
Jon Cleveland – Feasibility of Natatorium
Cheena Sharma – Natatorium
Karthick Sundararajan – Natatorium
Abhinav Agnihotri – Natatorium in 2027 Bond
Vaishali Agnihotri – Financial Implications of Building Natatorium

PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District's state financial accountability rating. Dr. Amber Lasseigne, Chief Financial Officer, and Erica Devould, Director of Accounting, presented information regarding the school FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for 2025-2026. Coppell ISD received an "A" Superior rating with 96 points for the FIRST 2025-2026 (Fiscal Year 2024-2025) results.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

- Program Evaluation of 9-12th Grade Bell Schedule – Cooper Hilton (Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Administrative Services), Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction), Dr. Amber Lasseigne (Chief Financial Officer) and Committee Members
- Quarterly Budget Update – Dr. Amber Lasseigne (Chief Financial Officer)
- 2023 Bond Project Design Proposals for Austin Elementary and Cottonwood Creek Elementary – Randy Fite (Chief Operations Officer)
- Cowboy's United Report and Next Steps for 2026-2027 – Cooper Hilton (Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Administrative Services)

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 28, 2026
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for October 2026
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2026
4. Approve delegating authority to the superintendent to obligate the school district under TEC §11.1511(c)(4) solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC §49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit
5. Approve Region 10 Education Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement for the Purchase of Child Nutrition Foods, Wares and Supplies
6. Approved the submission of a Class Size Waiver to TEA
7. Approve Library Materials by the School Library Advisory Committee (SLAC)
8. Approve Lockstep for installation of Interactive Whiteboards at CMS East, CMS West, CHS9 and CHS

9. Approve the Public Information Act Calendar for the 2027 calendar year, including designating 10 non-business days each calendar year in compliance with HB 3033

Ranna Raval seconded the motion which included that the Board delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006 for the 2026-2027 school year. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). The motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- txEDCON Conference – Nichole Bentley
- TASB Delegate Assembly and School Library Advisory Committee
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB), iLead Session 2 (Curriculum & Instruction), CTE Advisory Board, and Bond Steering Committee – Anthony Hill

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jonathan Powersand seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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Nichole Bentley, Board President

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Anthony Hill, Secretary