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Minutes of the August 23, 2004 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 24, 2004 at 6:45 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 August 18, 2004 at 3:35 p.m.

At 6:45 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 7:39 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Allen Mushinski.

AWARDS

Abhishek Mallela traveled to Lindsborg, Kansas in July to participate in the 2004 US Junior Open chess championship. He returned home having placed second in the 15 year old and under category. Abhishek is 12 years old and has just started eighth grade at Coppell Middle School North.

This June, **Brian Bloss** represented CHS at the National Forensic Leagues National Speech Tournament in Salt Lake City with his speech on the potential dangers of materialism. Brian is the first CHS competitor to ever qualify for the national speech competition. One of Brian's additional talents includes doing impressions, which he says he does for "kicks". Brian received advice from CHS speech, debate and drama teachers Maleda Kunkle, Jim Moore and Pete Wilson.

Spring 2004 Grant Recipients

Over four years, the CISD Education Foundation has awarded \$170,000 in innovative teaching grants. This past spring, 8 grants were awarded totaling approximately \$25,000. These grants reflect innovative ideas in several academic disciplines including: 1 political science, 1 ESL, 2 Language Arts, 2 Science (an area of emphasis this year), and 2 covering all academic disciplines. This spring's grants will impact over 4,000 students in varying grade levels and on several different campuses. I would now like to introduce the grant recipients and have them describe their innovative ideas.

Julie Bottom, Janet Young, Jennifer Bonham, Kelly Thorn, Sarah Mullins, Kay DeBlance, and Angela Geiger received a **\$3,297** grant entitled "Elephants, Donkeys, and the Rest of the Political Kingdom." This grant will impact 6-8th graders from all three middle schools in the areas of Social Studies, Service Learning and Character education.

Debbie Youngs will assist her 2nd through 4th grade ESL students in producing an instructional DVD packet to ESL parents enrolling their child (ren) in the CISD ESL program. This **\$3,341** grant is entitled "Intensive Care for U!" and will impact more than 200 students.

Amanda Baydna, Kati Castellanos, Amy Cheatham, and Christine Guy's grant entitled "The 'Pond'erings of Life" will impact 1st graders at Valley Ranch Elementary. This **\$4,704** grant will allow the students to create their own water garden.

Deborah McCully was awarded a **\$1,000** grant entitled "Invest in Investigators." The school-wide resource center will be located at CMS-North and be available to more than 800 students.

Holly Hubenak received a **\$4,935** grant for CMS-North students entitled "Planting the Seeds of Character in a Diverse 'Community'".

Janis Branum, Stephanie Hammons, Carley Cordell, Stacie Nickols, and Tabitha Branum were awarded a **\$4,935** grant entitled "Mapping Thinking to Write. . . From the Beginning." This

grant, designed for the Elementary level will be piloted for Kindergarten-5th grade teachers at Cottonwood Creek, Pinkerton and Lakeside Elementary.

Tony Quinn will produce “mad” scientists at CMS-West with his **\$1,000** grant for 8th grade science students entitled “The League of Extraordinary Scientists.”

Jan Brooks, Marilyn Files, Ginger Denton, and Dolly Wadlington’s \$2,053 grant entitled “Can you Hear ME now” will help kindergarten through 3rd graders at Pinkerton Elementary develop reading fluency.

OPEN FORUM

Sol Cohen addressed the Board of Trustees regarding bus transportation to Austin Elementary.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Gautille gave background information regarding the 2004 Delegate Assembly at TASA/TASB’s Convention in Dallas, on Saturday, September 18, 2004.

Mrs. Gautille also reminded the Board about the upcoming NTAASB Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at CMS-North.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Jan Boomer, ESL Coordinator, presented the 2003-2004 English as a Second Language Annual Report - (slide presentation attached).

Tabitha Branum gave an update on the current Pentamation training taking place at the campuses.

Dr. Turner gave a brief report on the School Finance Lawsuit.

CONSENT

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

1. Adoption of a Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives for TexPool Participant Services
2. Approve Budget Amendments for 2003-2004
3. Approve Financial Report for July 2004

4. Approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2004, August 3, 2004, and August 17, 2004 Meetings

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Cindy Warner made a motion to nominate Kathie Gautille and the Voting Delegate to the 2004 TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas, Texas on September 18, 2004. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to nominate Cindy Warner the Voting Delegate to the 2004 TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas, Texas on September 18, 2004. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt the 2004-2005 General Fund, Debt Service, and Food Service Budgets. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the business office to move forward with the TEA prescribed bidding process of selling approximately 9.34 acres of the Coppell ISD owned property located at 9506 Ranchview, Irving, Texas, while reserving the right for the final approval or rejection of the sale once formal and proper bids are received. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the Dallas County Schools Transportation Agreement as presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Allen Mushinski made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as per list. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary