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Minutes of the September 26, 2011 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 26, 2011 at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road. The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Hill.

Members present: Anthony Hill, President; David Apple, Vice President; Susie Kemp, Secretary; Cindy Warner; Bennett Ratliff; Thom Hulme and Amy Dungan

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Brad Hunt and Deana Harrell

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 23, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

At 6:34 p.m., President Hill declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.082 and 551.0821 School Children and Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student; Section 551.072 – Deliberations Regarding Real Property; and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

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

Staff present: Dr. Jeff Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Kelly Penny; Sid Grant; Brad Hunt; Marilyn Denison; Tracey Wallace, Curriculum Staff, Campus Principals and Assistant Principals; Tamerah Ringo; and Chad Branum

The invocation was given by Anthony Hill.

AWARDS

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
Student Gallery Art Exhibitors

OPEN FORUM

No one addressed the Board of Trustees during Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District's state financial accountability rating. Kelly Penny presented information regarding the school FIRST rating for 2009-2010. No citizen expressed an interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS

BOARD PRESIDENT – Anthony Hill reported on the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) and the Education Foundation.

BOARD MEMBERS – A report on the Coppell Gifted Association was given by Thom Hulme.

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Turner provided an update on the North Texas Regional Consortium.

Tracey Wallace, Executive Director of Human Resources, reported on Highly Qualified Teachers and Instructional Aides as required by TEA under the No Child Left Behind federal mandate. For the 2011-2012 school year, 100% of teachers and instructional aides in Coppell ISD are highly qualified.

A presentation on CISD and College Readiness was given by Dr. Mechelle Bryson, Director of School Improvement/State Assessment, and Todd Kettler, Director of Advanced Academics/Local Assessment.

Chad Branum, Executive Director of Technology, provided a Technology Update.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of the Public Hearing on Budget and regular Board Meeting held on August 29, 2011; and special Board meeting held on September 21, 2011
2. Approve budget amendments for 2011-2012
3. Approve Financial Report for August 2011
4. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2011
5. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment brokers pursuant to Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code of Investment of Public Funds, Section 2256.025
6. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of Section 2256.008(a), Texas Government Code, approving independent sources of instruction for district investment officer training
7. Approve the annual review of current performance on investments

Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approve the Texas Education Agency “Request for Maximum Class Size Exception” form as required by the Texas Education Code §25.112 as presented. Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the CISD District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans as presented, subject to changes discussed by the Board during the meeting. Amy Dungan seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the 2011-2012 Maintenance and Operations (\$1.17) and Debt Service (\$.2542) tax rates (setting a total tax rate of \$1.4242) for the Coppell Independent School District as presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Jeff Turner, Kelly Penny and Sid Grant reviewed the litigation regarding school funding. Bennett Ratliff made a motion that the Board of Trustees authorize Dr. Turner and his staff to be involved in the process of developing a coalition and/or legal team to pursue appropriate legal action with regards to school finance and bring it back to the Board for authorization when the time is appropriate. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme made a motion to adopt a Resolution to support the Dallas/Fort Worth Foreign Trade Zone No. 39 application to establish a Foreign Trade Zone located at 850 Freeport Parkway, Coppell, Texas, as presented. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2. (Hill, Hulme, Kemp, Apple and Ratliff voted in favor. Warner and Dungan voted in opposition.)

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing Coppell ISD to enter into a written storm water drainage easement with the City of Dallas for school district land located in the area commonly known as North Lake (Cypress Waters Development), as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing Coppell ISD to enter into a written water drainage easement with the City of Dallas for school district land located in the area commonly known as North Lake (Cypress Waters Development), as presented. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

At 9:58 p.m., President Hill declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.082 and 551.0821 School Children and Personally Identifiable Information about Public School Student; Section 551.072 – Deliberations Regarding Real Property; and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

President Hill declared the Board in open session at 10:37 p.m.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to uphold the Level II grievance decision. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2. (Hill, Ratliff, Warner, Hulme and Apple voted in favor. Kemp and Dungan voted in opposition.)

Amy Dungan made a motion to accept new hires for professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Anthony Hill, Board President

Susie Kemp, Secretary