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Minutes of the February 27, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 27, 2006 at 6:53 p.m. in the Board Room of the Coppell Independent School District Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President, Kathie Gautille.

Prior to the meeting, the following individuals were recognized as Great Educators Matter (GEM) employees for the quarter:

Kim Graham, Derryl Lee, Kevin Burke, Kit Whitehill, Gioi Nguyen, Melinda Carter, Gail Gary, Laurel Kron, Tracie Smith, Rosemary Tarleton, Kathy White, Debbie Etheridge, Heather Hildebrand, Kristen Ray, Jenifer Sain, Laura Tye, Kimberly Becker, Diane Greckel, Karolyn Hancock, and Jeannie Sanchez

At 6:53 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

Members present: Kathie Gautille, President; Cindy Warner, Vice President; Bennett Ratliff, Secretary; Susie Kemp; Scott Orr; and David Apple. A quorum was present.

Mike Arthur arrived at 6:57 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; and Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 5:10 p.m.

At 6:53 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 (personnel matters) and Section 551.072 (deliberations regarding real property).

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

The invocation was given by Scott Orr.

AWARDS

This year all eleven National Merit Semifinalists moved on to earn the prestigious recognition of National Merit Finalists. The following finalists were recognized: **Brittany Bradford, Michael Buckley, Sarah Casey, Giselle Cheung, Chase Cooley, Mary Hough, Shaiyan Keshvari, Rachna Patel, Shiyu Tao, Jennifer Vitkek and Sam Wang.**

The CHS band students have been preparing all year to earn one of the 250 spots in the Texas All-State Band in which 30,000 high school students competed. The following State winners were honored: **Jaelyn Baker** (junior, clarinet), **Austin Clark** (senior euphonium – 2nd year to be

selected and 2nd chair out of 723), **Cristina Coker** (junior, bassoon – 2nd year to be selected), **Adam Gaultille** (senior, trumpet – 2nd year to be selected and 13th out of 2,022), **Shaiyan Keshvari** (senior, bass trombone – 2nd year to be selected and 1st chair for the second year in a row), **Alex McKee** (senior, alto saxophone), **William McKee** (freshman, trumpet), **Grayson Palmer** (senior, baritone sax – 3rd year to be selected and 1st chair out of 278), **Chris Rea** (senior, baritone sax – 3rd year to be selected and 1st chair out of 2,354), **Brandt Schaars** (senior, clarinet), **William Smith** (freshman, oboe), **Austin Welty** (junior, tuba – 2nd year to be selected and 4th chair out of 714). Scott Mason is the Band Director. This year was the first time freshman have ever made it to All-State from Coppell, and two freshman from CHS made All-State Band. In addition, CHS has more students selected for All-State Band than any other high school in the area.

The Academic Decathlon team was recognized. Members include **Kimber Martin** (3rd place in Music), **Natsuki Sakata** (3rd place in Art), **Matt Berry** (3rd place in Music), **Casey Karnes** (3rd place in Science), **Mary Hough** (3rd place in Music, 4th place overall - \$1,000 scholarship), **Giselle Cheung** (2nd place in Art and 3rd place in Music), **Megan Edwards**, **Kristan Berry**, **Sarah Casey** (3rd place in Music). The team is coached by Donnette Alexander. This year the team ranked sixth at State, the highest a CHS team has ever placed. Overall, they had 33 top-ten finishes and nine medals during the State competition.

March is Youth Art Month, and three high school students will have their art displayed in the lobby of the Texas Education Association's building next month. These students are **Ryan Detten** (teacher – Natasha Chipps), **Stephanie Hagadorn** (teacher - Tamera Westervelt), **John Salvie** (teacher – Tamera Westervelt).

Lauren Rausch was declared a national winner in the Quill and Scroll International Yearbook Excellence Contest for the “2005 index.”

This year Pinkerton Elementary made the Just for the Kids and Texas Business and Education Coalition's statewide honor roll. Pinkerton was honored because of their excellent performance in educating all student groups in all subjects and grade levels over a three-year period of time. Principal **Joy Smartt** and members of the **Pinkerton staff** were recognized for their outstanding efforts.

Boy Scouts from Troop #842 were recognized. They are working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. **Christopher Middleton, Matthew Branz, Philip Branz, Seth Newman, Robert Brown, Brennan McMullen, Nick Seidemann, Jon Butterbaugh, and Zak McMutrey** were in attendance.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during the open forum portion of the meeting regarding issues related to special education:

Rasha Kawar, Laila Kawar, Louise Fulk, Mary Lynne Broomfield, Doris Fisk, Phyllis Malallah, Kathryn Frysinger, Debra Gomez, William Tong, and Amy Sosa

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Gaultille stated that Senate Bill 286 passed by the legislature last year requires open government training for the board, superintendent, and public information coordinator. Region 10 has sent a packet with a DVD created by the Texas Attorney General's office containing material covering the Open Meeting Act (OMA) and the Public Information Act (PIA). Board members can either view the DVD as a group, or individually. An additional DVD is available from the Assistant Secretary, Kay Ryon. The Board members decided to view the DVD individually.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Strategic Plan Timeline: This will come up some time in March for adoption.

Curriculum Report: No report was given.

CONSENT

Scott Orr made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006 - Team of 8 (revised); January 23, 2006; and February 13, 2006 meetings
2. Approve 2005-2006 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2006
4. Approve Investment Report for period ending December 31, 2005
5. Approve SB11 resolution for multi-hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), including exercise and training, and adopting the Incident Command System (ICS) for the Coppell Independent School District
6. Approve a letter of support for the creation of a Foreign Trade Zone to be located at 306 Airline Drive in Coppell, Texas for World Factory, Inc., and authorizing the Board President to sign

David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board took a brief recess from 8:58 p.m. until 9:08 p.m.

ACTION

The Board of Trustees directed questions on the technology section of the bond committee to various curriculum staff. John Martin of Southwest Securities, along with Ralph Seeley, presented material on the proposed bond structure (attached).

Mike Arthur moved that the Order Calling a Bond Election and the Order Calling a Trustee Election (the Orders) be adopted as presented; that Southwest Securities be confirmed as investment banker for the district; that McCall, Parkhurst & Horton be employed as bond attorney for this transaction; that the Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees be instructed to place a copy of said Orders in the Official Minutes of the District; and that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized and instructed to take all necessary action to perfect the Orders and carry out the instructions of the Board of Trustees as expressed by this motion. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the policy recommendations from CISD administrators and Board Members (to include changes made to policies BBG, CKC, FMH, BE, and FEF) resulting from the Policy Review Seminar by TASB (October 2005). Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to adopt the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Update 77. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to approve the renewal of the Administrative staff contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary