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Minutes of the September 24, 2007 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 24, 2007 at 6:17 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, Kathie Gautille.

Members present: Kathie Gautille, President; Bennett Ratliff, Vice President; Cindy Warner, Secretary; Anthony Hill; Susie Kemp; David Apple and Scott Orr (arrived at 6:19 p.m.).
A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Kelly Penny; Sid Grant; Judy Denman; Chad Branum; Debra Hart; Curriculum Staff; Campus Principals; Tamerah Ringo and Whitney Neal

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:17 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.082 and 551.0821 (Student Disciplinary Matter), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), and 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

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

The invocation was given by Susie Kemp.

AWARDS

Jane Moore and **Jean Murph** of the Citizens' Advocate newspaper were recognized. They were selected for the Texas Association of School Board's Media Honor Roll for fair, accurate and balanced reporting of educational news.

This year, nine Coppell High School students have been named **National Merit Semifinalists**. They were chosen based on their 2006 Pre-SAT scores. Less than one percent of high school seniors were selected as semifinalists nationwide. The following students were recognized:

Amy Collison
Austin Ford
Anand Jayanti
Tarun Koshy
Michael Kwon
Andrea Lee

Samaiya Mushtaq
Richard Rodriguez
Sharmistha Saha

Three students received Mastery Level on the Kaiser-Permanente Health Care Issue Exam at the 2007 Health Occupations Students of America National Competition. They placed in the top 35 scores in the nation for high school students.

Briana Rodriguez
Radhika Sakalkale
Kate Mozynski
Sponsor Brenda Brinkman

The **CMS-North Honor Winds** were selected for the National Wind Band Honors. This is the first national honors for any middle school band in Coppell history. The following students accepted the honors on behalf of their 64 band mates:

Moncia Blazek
Hailey Greenia
Wynn Cary
Sponsor Joel Ashbrook

The Education Foundation presented \$45,844 among 16 grants across the district. Grant recipients were recognized.

Christine Guy and her team from Valley Ranch received a \$2,500 grant entitled “Growing Great Readers.”

Lisa Timmerman from Lakeside received a \$498 grant entitled “The Writing Café.”

Courtney Jennings and her team from Denton Creek received a \$5,000 grant entitled “Going Green.”

Jeremy Phillips and his Pinkerton team received a \$3,525 grant entitled “D.R.U.M.-Discipline, Respect & Unity through Music.”

Kathy Thedford and her Cottonwood Creek team received a \$787 grant entitled “Ready, Set, Action!”

Irma Kennedy and her teammate at CHS received a \$4,984 grant for “The cutting Edge Showcase.”

Chantel Kastrounis and her Town Center team received a \$2,500 grant for “Navigating Guided Reading With National Geographic Theme Sets.”

Marla Gaffner and her Mockingbird team received a \$2,461 grant for “Write from the Beginning, Right from the Beginning.”

Sarah Blalock from Mockingbird received a \$1,000 grant for “Promoting a Peaceful Classroom Through Literature.”

Gina Peddy from CHS and teachers from CMS-North, West and East received a \$3,825 grant entitled “Building an SAT Vocabulary.”

Connie Evatt and her team from Wilson received a \$5,000 grant entitled “C3-Character, Curriculum & Community.”

Karon Bybee and her team from Lakeside received a \$2,500 grant entitled “Performing Readers.”

Beth Cook and her team from Austin received a \$5,000 grant entitled “Check Out This Math!”

Jennifer Martin from CHS received a \$808 grant entitled “Engaging the Grant Ideas in Biology.”

Jen Roe from CHS received a \$998 grant entitled “Elated about Electrophoresis!”

Noreen Newcomb and her librarian team from CHS, East, North and West received a \$4,455 grant entitled “One Book, One School.”

Tamerah Ringo, Director of Communications and Public Relations, was honored for several awards her department received. This past year the CISD communications department received eight (8) awards at the state and national level for publications and campaigns that they produced. The **Texas School Public Relations Association** awarded “**Best of Category**” and “**Gold Star**” for the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures. They received another “**Gold Star**” for the Recruitment Brochure. They received two “**Silver Stars**” for the convocation video and the Principal Vacancy brochure. The **National School Public Relations Association** awarded a “Golden Achievement” for their work on educating the public about the 2006 Accountability Ratings. They also received three (3) “**Awards of Excellence**” for the Profile of a Graduate, the Recruitment Brochure and the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees regarding redistricting: Shade O’Quinn, Nikkia Redmond-Maxwell and Davis Allston.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing to provide input to the Board of Trustees regarding grants being submitted the the Coppell Education Development Corporation was not held, and Action Item B (I and II) was pulled from the agenda.

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 2005-2006. No citizen expressed interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS

BOARD PRESIDENT – Kathie Gautille passed on giving a report on the NTAASB.

BOARD MEMBERS

Cindy Warner: The Coppell Education Foundation will hold a Casino Party on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The Red & Black Attack is coming soon.

There will a workday on Saturday, September 29, at 8:30 a.m. at the Coppell Nature Park.

Anthony Hill – Red Ribbon Week will be October 22-26, 2007. The kickoff breakfast will be held on October 10, 2007.

Susie Kemp – Mrs. Kemp spoke at a meeting of the Assistance League during the past week to give an update of the school board. As the Board's liaison, she will meet with the PTO Presidents at their monthly meetings. Their first meeting was held on September 7th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

North Lake – The district's "right to take" hearing was held August 29, and there may be a ruling this week. The two parties took part in mediation today (September 24), resulting in little progress toward a resolution. A trial is set for the second week in November, and the price per square foot of property will be set at that time.

SAT/ACT SCORE REPORTS – Todd Kettler gave a presentation .

CONSENT

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve Minutes of August 20, 2007 (Special and Regular) Meetings
2. Approve budget amendments for 2007-2008
3. Approve Financial Report for August 2007

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

ACTION

Item B (approval of grants to the Coppell Education Development Corporation - Pre-K through 12th Grade English as a Second Language and the Coppell Spanish Program) was pulled from the agenda and will be considered at a later time.

Anthony Hill made a motion to adopt the CISD Campus Improvement Plans as submitted. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple made a motion to adopt the CISD District Improvement Plan as submitted. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt an ordinance setting the 2007 maintenance and operations tax rate at \$1.04 per \$100 of valuation. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to adopt an ordinance setting the 2007 debt service tax rate at \$0.229 per \$100 of valuation. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in Texas TERM/Texas DAILY local government investment pool. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to hire Harner & Associates as the demographic consultant for Coppell ISD for the purposes of redistricting, provided the District can obtain and use the data. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.082 and 551.0821 (Student Disciplinary Matter).

At 10:48 p.m., President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to uphold the Administrative Level II decision. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (Susie Kemp voted in opposition.)

The meeting adjourned 10:48 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Cindy Warner, Secretary