

DRAFT

Minutes of the February 23, 2009 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 23, 2009 in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell. The meeting was called to order by Cindy Warner, Board President.

At 6:11 p.m. President Warner declared the Board in Open Session.

Members present: Cindy Warner, President; Bennett Ratliff, Vice President; Susie Kemp, Secretary; Scott Orr; David Apple; Anthony Hill and Thom Hulme. A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on Friday, February 20, 2009 at 4:05 p.m.

Great Educators Matter (GEM) recognition for the third quarter was held in the foyer of the Administration Building. The following individuals were honored: Joyce Alcorn, Melissa Allen, Randy Ball, Susan Ball, Matthew Beschoner, Cindy Bladl, Julie Carpenter, Monica Champagne, Carrie Chordas, Katy Cooper, Nicky Fryman, Sid Grant, D'Ann Green, Eric Hanson, Trish Henderson, Kathy Hogan, Tom Killen, Jessica Kindberg, Patrick Koele, Debra Marshall, Hilary "Billie" McKee, Darrell Miller, Brandy Osterberger, Kimberly Pope, Jeb Puryear, Sunny Richardson, Jose Rodrigues, and Troy Willhelm.

At 6:48 p.m. President Warner declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

At 7:37 p.m. President Warner declared the Board in Open Session.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Kelly Penny; Judy Denman; Tracey Wallace; Donna Carpenter; Chad and Tabitha Branum; Louis Macias; Kevin Whitsett; Melody Paschall and Curriculum Staff

The invocation was given by David Apple.

AWARDS

The following Teachers of the Year were recognized: Marcy Kellam (Austin Elementary), Kim Spence (Cottonwood Creek Elementary), Cynthia Alaniz (Denton Creek Elementary), Amanda Stone (Lakeside Elementary), Wendy Pray (Mockingbird Elementary), Ginger Denton (Pinkerton Elementary); Micah Janik (Town Center Elementary), Linda Mulkey (Valley Ranch Elementary), Laura Bird (Wilson Elementary), Mandy Goddard (CMS East), Dean Boykin (CMS North),

Paula Hubbard (CMS West), Valerie Garnier (Coppell High School), and Micah Hamner (New Tech High @ Coppell).

Shelby Tamura was recognized for being named to the Texas Sportswriters Association 2008 All State Volleyball Team for 5A.

Also honored were the following students who were selected for the 2009 Texas All State Band: Annie Liu, Kristi Von Handorf, Han Yu, William Smith, Arnold Hechanova, Roy Park, Paul Blazek, Ali McCully, Tommy Wallin, Shawn Izadi, and William McKee. The CHS Marching Band was awarded "The Sudler Shield" by the John Phillip Sousa Foundation. Scott Mason (Band Director) and the drum majors (on behalf of the entire CHS Marching Band) were congratulated by the Board of Trustees for this outstanding recognition.

OPEN FORUM

Frank Bush addressed the Board regarding the CHS School of Engineering EXPO.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

President Warner reported on the continuing education hours for school board members. These hours were earned from March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

All Board members have completed the requirement for Tier I training (Texas Education Code Orientation and local district orientation for first year members, and a Legislative Update for experienced Board members which has not been held since the Texas Legislature is still in session).

The Board and Superintendent will have a Team of Eight meeting on February 25, 2009 which will satisfy the requirement for Tier Two (teamwork).

Tier III training requirements are additional continuing education hours (ten for first year board members, and five for experienced board members).

David Apple has exceeded the required hours.

Anthony Hill has exceeded the required hours.

Thom Hulme has exceeded the required hours.

Susie Kemp has exceeded the required hours.

Scott Orr has exceeded the required hours.

Bennett Ratliff has exceeded the required hours.

Cindy Warner has exceeded the required hours.

President Warner also gave a City update, and reported on the TASB Capitol Conference, with input from Board members Bennett Ratliff and Anthony Hill.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Anthony Hill gave reports on the following: NTAASB meeting held in February, DEIC, YMCA C.A.R.E, and IBMeWeek (Engineers Week).

A report on the NTCOG on Transportation was given by Thom Hulme.

ADVANCED ACADEMICS UPDATE

Todd Kettler, Director of Advanced Academics, provided an update on district performance on several typical indicators of advanced academic programs: Advanced Placement (AP), SAT and ACT testing, Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) graduates, and National Merit Scholars.

ARI/AMI REPORT

Joy Smartt, and Jill Haltom reviewed the 2007-2008 Accelerated Reading Instruction (ARI) and Accelerated Mathematics Instruction (AMI) Report.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve the minutes of the January 19, 2009 and February 16, 2009 meetings
2. Approve budget amendments for 2008-2009
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2009
4. Approve John F. Clark Company as the awarded vendor for Telescopic Seating Replacement RFP #0902 for the CMS West South Gym
5. Approve resolution regarding Texas Public Schools Week
6. Approve Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2009-2010 (authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2009-10 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services)

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

ACTION

Item C (adoption of an Order calling a Bond Election) was considered first. Bennett Ratliff made a motion to have the athletic scoreboard removed from the approved list of bond projects. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion failed. (Ratliff and Apple voted in favor. Warner, Orr, Hill and Kemp were opposed. Hulme abstained.)

Cindy Warner made a motion to add \$300,000 for the start up of a Nature Park. Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to adopt the order calling for a bond election with the following proposition to be placed on the ballot:

Shall the Board of Trustees of said District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,900,000 for the purpose of the construction, renovation, improvement, rehabilitation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District, including the purchase of new school buses, and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings, with said bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme moved that the following proposition be placed on the ballot for the bond election:

Shall the Board of Trustees of said District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$15,000,000, for the purpose of refunding said District's Tax and Revenue Notes, Series 2008 that were issued pursuant to Section 45.108, Texas Education Code, as amended, with said bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds?

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff moved that the Notice and Order calling a School Board Trustee Election be adopted as presented (Item D). Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt Board Policy FN (LOCAL) – Student Rights and Responsibilities (Item B) as presented. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Anthony Hill made a motion to enter into a Joint Election and Election Services Contract with Dallas County and other named entities, subject to review and approval of the final language by the school district's attorneys. Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to canvass the Board of Trustees election returns (for Place 6 and Place 7) and the bond election returns at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2009. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve the renewal of Administrative staff contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Cindy Warner, Board President

Susie Kemp, Secretary