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### **Minutes of the March 27, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Anthony Hill, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Manish Sethi; Dr. Neena Biswas and Jobby Mathew.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on March 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Dennis Womack; Kristen Eichel; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Angela Brown; Stephen McGilvray; Anne Lehew; Amanda Simpson; Carolyn Daniel; Naveen Boppana and Rory Butkovich

#### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Superintendent Hunt spoke about the following district highlights:

- CTE Student Organizations Competition Success
  - DECA
  - HOSA
  - TSA
  - TAFE
- Spring Open Houses at Elementary and Middle Schools
- CISD Job Fair April 1
- Student Enrollment Marketing
- District Celebrates Cultural Celebrations
  - Lunar New Year at Cottonwood Creek Elementary and Lakeside Elementary
  - Ramadan
- I Heart CISD

#### **AWARDS**

- Fine Arts and State – Choir, Band/Instrumentalist and Visual Arts
- Athletics and State – Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Swim

Trustee Jobby Mathew gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

The following community members addressed the Board in Open Forum:  
Sherilyn Fox – Coppell High School Theatre Conditions  
Jonathon Powers – Safety Glass

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### **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT**

A presentation on Organization Improvement and Action Planning/Technology was given by Stephen McGilvray (Executive Director of Technology). A Counseling Support Update was provided by Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Anne Lehew (Coordinator of Counseling and Social Emotional Learning)

### **CONSENT**

Manish Sethi made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on February 13, 2023, Board Training and Special meeting held on February 22, 2023, Board Workshop on March 6, 2023, Team of 8 Training on March 20, 2023 and Special meeting held on March 23, 2023
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for March 2023
3. Approve Financial Report for February 2023
4. Approve the Investment Report for period ending February 28, 2023

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

### **ACTION**

A motion as required by Board Policy FMG (LOCAL), to approve the New Tech High @ Coppell LOTE trip to Madrid and Barcelona, Spain from March 9, 2024 through March 17, 2024 was made by Nichole Bentley. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of forced-entry resistant film through the Interlocal Purchasing System contract number 22101 from NGS Films and Graphics and fund the purchase with the School Safety Standards Formula Grant. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Manish Sethi that the Board of Trustees accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates; adopt the order canceling the May 6, 2023, trustee special election, and declare the unopposed candidate elected. By law, effective December 2, 2021, if a proper certification of unopposed status is presented by the filing authority to the governing body, the governing body must cancel the election. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley. A discussion by the Board was held, and Manish Sethi motioned to call the question and the motion to call the question was seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion passed 6-1 therefore ending the discussion with Trustee Biswas voting in opposition. The original motion on the floor was put to a vote and passed 6-1 with Trustee Biswas voting in opposition.

### **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- Team of 8 Training Debrief and Safety and Security Design Committee Meeting – David Caviness

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- Legislative Update and District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) – Nichole Bentley
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB), Coppell Chamber Education Committee, and Quarterly TASB Risk Management Fund Board Meeting – Anthony Hill
- Board Operating Procedures Annual Review – David Caviness

At 9:00 p.m., President Caviness called the Board into Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by 551.074 - Personnel Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

Nichole Bentley motioned to approve the administrative contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

A motion to extend the Superintendent’s contract to December 31, 2027 was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 6-0-1. Trustee Biswas abstained from the vote.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Anthony Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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David Caviness, Board President

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Nichole Bentley, Secretary