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Minutes of the September 14, 2015 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonia White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road. The meeting was called to order by President David Apple.

Members present: David Apple-President, Tracy Fisher-Vice President, Judy Barbo-Secretary, Susie Kemp, Anthony Hill, Thom Hulme, and Amy Dungan

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 11, 2015, at 4:10 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., President Apple declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

President Apple declared the Board in Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Mike Waldrup, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Kelly Penny; Sid Grant; Brad Hunt; Dr. Marilyn Denison; Dr. Sam Farsaii; Kristin Streeter; Tamerah Ringo; Rhonda Carr; and Kathy Creek

Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

A motion was made by Tracy Fisher and seconded by Judy Barbo to employ professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Tracy Fisher to send notice of proposed termination of the identified term contract teacher pursuant to Section 21.211 of the Texas Education Code and Board Policies DFBA (LEGAL) and DFBA (LOCAL). The motion carried 7-0.

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the recommendation to issue a finding in accordance with TEC §21.210(c)(2) and 19 TAC 249.14 (g) that good cause did not exist for a term teacher to abandon his/her employment contract and report the teacher to the State Board for Educator Certification. The motion was seconded by Susie Kemp and carried by a vote of 7-0.

AWARDS

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching – Jessica Caviness
Bonnie Campbell Hill National Teacher Leader Literacy Award – Cynthia Alaniz
Region 10 and State Finalist Teacher of the Year – Lori Vincenzo

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address the Board of Trustees during the Open Forum portion of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT ITEMS

- Report on Highly Qualified Teachers and Instructional Aides – Kristen Streeter
- 2014-2015 STAAR Results – Debbie Youngs
- Evaluation of the Accelerated Instruction Programs – Debbie Youngs
- 2015 State Accountability Results – Debbie Youngs
- Report on School Security Audits (as required by Senate Bill 11 and Texas Education Code 37.108) – Sid Grant

CONSENT

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of the Public Hearing on Budget and regular Board meeting held on August 31, 2015, and Board training meeting held on September 1, 2015
2. Approve Financial Report for August 2015
3. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2015
4. 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
5. 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
6. Approve the annual review of current performance on investments
7. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment policies CDA (Legal) and CDA (Local) pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Section 2256.005(e)
8. Approve request by the City of Coppell for a sidewalk easement on the west border of Lakeside Elementary property

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

ACTION

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve the Texas Education Agency “Request for Maximum Class Size Exception” (ten class section waivers) as required by the Texas Education Code §25.112 as presented. Amy Dungan seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Anthony Hill made the following statement and motions:

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of **\$1.1700** for the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures for the next year.”

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of **\$0.2690** for the amount of taxes needed to service the District’s debt.”

“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of **\$1.4390**, which is effectively a 4.73 percent increase in the tax rate, and that the accompanying Resolution setting the tax rate be passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees.”

“THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR’S TAX RATE.”

Tracy Fisher seconded the motions and statement, and all were approved by a vote of 7-0.

BOARD REPORT ITEMS

Board President, David Apple – Facilities Subcommittee Update

Board Member, Anthony Hill – North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB)

Judy Barbo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

David Apple, Board President

Judy Barbo, Secretary