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Minutes of the August 28, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 28, 2023, at 6:06 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

Members present in person: David Caviness, President; Anthony Hill, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Trustees Leigh Walker; Manish Sethi, Ranna Raval and Jobby Mathew

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Chris Trotter; Kristen Eichel; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Angela Brown; Amanda Simpson; Mary Kemper; Robyn Webb; Naveen Boppana; and Rory Butkovich

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 25, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Bond Oversight Committee
2. New Hire Breakfast and Expo
3. Back to School Professional Learning
4. CISD 2023 Convocation
5. Richard J. Lee Elementary Road Show
6. First Day of School 2023

AWARDS

1. Lakeside, Richard J. Lee, Valley Ranch and Wilson Elementary Schools are 2023 recipients of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Student Leadership Award.
2. Wilson Elementary Principal Cooper Hilton Appointed President-Elect of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA)TEPSA 2023-2024 Executive Committee

David Caviness gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The community was given the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees during Open Forum. No one came forward to speak.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:

Summer School and ESSER Updates - Mary Kemper (Executive Director of Educational Leadership) and Robyn Webb (Director of Federal & State Programs)

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CONSENT

Trustee Manish Sethi motioned to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 24, 2023 and workshop held on August 7, 2023
2. Approve 2022-2023 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2023
4. Approve Purchasing Cooperative Fees paid by Coppell ISD
5. Approve RFP for Ready to Serve Pizza
6. Approve the General Services RFP to be used on an as needed basis
7. Approve participation agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. through Program established by the City of Fort Worth for Purchasing Card Services
8. Approve interlocal agreement with the City of Coppell for School Resource Officers
9. Approve the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate, finalize, and sign an updated Agreement with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department for the placement of two sheriff's deputies at Coppell Middle School West, Canyon Ranch Elementary, Lee Elementary and Valley Ranch Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year
10. Approve D&L Entertainment Services, Inc. for campus armed security officer services during the 2023-24 school year
11. As allowed by Texas Education Code 44.031(h), declare an emergency due to the unprecedented heat wave and approve the use of unapproved HVAC repair vendors to assist in the repairs of campus HVAC systems.
12. As allowed by Texas Education Code 44.031(h), declare an emergency due to the unprecedented heat wave and approve the use of unapproved refrigeration equipment repair vendors to assist in the repairs of campus kitchen coolers and freezers
13. Approve application to TEA for Foreign Exchange Student Waiver
14. Approve the employment of new professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent

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

ACTION

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Official Budgets at the fund and function level for the General, Food Service, and Debt Service Funds for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2024, as presented and in accordance with Texas Education Code 44.002-44.006. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Manish Sethi made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding 2023-2024 tax rates as presented by the Board of Trustees. Ranna Raval seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

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A motion to approve the resolution of the 2023 Certified Tax Roll as required by the Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.01 was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Jobby Mathew motioned that for the 2023-2024 school year, the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). The motion was seconded by Leigh Walker and passed 7-0.

In order to be in compliance with HB 3033, Manish Sethi motioned to approve the Public Information Calendars for the years 2023 and 2024 designating the following dates as nonbusiness days for 2023: October 9, November 20-22, December 19-21, December 27-29 and designating March 14-15, April 12, October 14, November 25-27, December 27, and December 30-31 as nonbusiness days for 2024. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley. The Board passed the motion by 7-0.

A motion to approve the Resolution for a Good Cause Exception to House Bill 3 as presented was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to nominate Manish Sethi to apply for a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Advocacy Institute stipend. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Jobby Mathew made a motion to nominate Nichole Bentley as an alternate to apply for a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Advocacy Institute stipend. Ranna Raval seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion to endorse Kevin Carbo for TASB Board of Directors Region 10 Seat D was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

- TASB Risk Management Fund Quarterly meeting and North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) Report – Anthony Hill

At 7:48 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 - Personnel.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

Nichole Bentley motioned to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with

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a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Christina Hunter to abandon her employment contract with the District. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

A motion to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Edith Flores to abandon her employment contract with the District was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Jobby Mathew. The motion passed 7-0.

Jobby Mathew motioned to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Elizabeth Cavender to abandon her employment contract with the District. Ranna Raval seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Manish Sethi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. President Caviness adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary