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Minutes of the February 25, 2021 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 25, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nichole Bentley.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice President; Anthony Hill; Tracy Fisher; and David Caviness.

Trustee Manish Sethi was present virtually.

Trustee Neena Biswas was absent

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on February 22, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Greg Axelson; Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Diana Sircar; Amanda Simpson; Susie Williams; Debbie Gauntt and Dr. Deana Dynis.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Dr. Hunt shared the following district highlights:

- CISD Celebrates Black History Month
- CISD 'Goes Red' for American Heart
- Wilson Principal Cooper Hilton Region 10 "TEPSAN" of the Year

AWARDS

- Great Employees Matter (GEM) Awards
- TMEA All State Choir Students
- 2021 Coppell ISD Spelling Bee Winners

OPEN FORUM

No community members came forward to speak in person or have statements read by a CISD staff member during the Open Forum portion of the agenda.

Anthony Hill gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

A hearing for public discussion of the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held by Susie Williams, Coordinator of Accountability and Assessment.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Susie Williams (Coordinator of Assessment) presented the 2020 December STARR EOC results. Stephanie Flores (Director of Intervention Services) and Debbie Gauntt (Director of Intervention Services and Special Education) provided an Intervention Services and 504 updates. Superintendent Hunt shared a COVID-19 update. Dr. Greg Axelson, (Chief Operations Officer) provided an update on Bond Projects and Facilities. And finally, Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer) discussed the Budget.

CONSENT

David Caviness made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on January 11, 2021, Workshop on January 25, 2021, and Team of 8 Training on February 1, 2021
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for 2020-2021
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2021
4. Consider the approval of the TEA Class Size Waiver
5. Approve employment of professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the TEA Missed School Day Waivers for February 15 – February 19, 2021, which is 5 school days, as recommended by CISD Administration. Manish Sethi seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

A motion to approve the Resolution as presented to declare a public purpose for the expenditure of district funds for the pay period of February 13, 2021 and February 19, 2021 was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion to approve the changes to the 2021-2022 calendar as presented was made by Tracy Fisher and seconded by David Caviness. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion to approve the TEA Learning Hybrid Waivers for STAAR Testing during District testing days was made by Tracy Fisher. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Anthony Hill motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the superintendent, or his designee to contract for the replacement, construction, and/or repair of school equipment and facilities necessary for the health and safety of district students and staff

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due to the February 2021 winter storm. Tracy Fisher seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

George Williford with Hilltop Securities presented information on Bond Refunding to the Board.

A motion to adopt the Order authorizing the issuance of "Coppell Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2021", establishing parameters for the sale and issuance of such bonds and delegating certain matters to authorized officials of the District was made by David Caviness and seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Team of 8 Training and Budget Workshop Recap - Nichole Bentley
- Legislative Update – Tracy Fisher
- Education Foundation and Irving Chamber – Leigh Walker
- TASB Quarterly Risk Management Fund Board Meeting, Coppell Chamber Education Committee, and District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) – Anthony Hill
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) – Anthony Hill on behalf of Dr. Neena Biswas
- Board Operating Procedures – David Caviness

At 10:14 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney and Section 551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 11:25 p.m.

A motion to indefinitely postpone the discussion regarding the resolution authorizing the sale of Real Property consisting of 3.2534 acres, more or less, to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) was made by David Caviness. The motion was seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Tracy Fisher to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Secretary