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Minutes of the September 25, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Anthony Hill.

Members present: David Caviness, President (arrived at 6:15 p.m.); Anthony Hill, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Manish Sethi; Ranna Raval and Jobby Mathew

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

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

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

- Spotlight on STEAM at the Elementary Schools
- Coppell ISD has a record 49 National Merit Finalist
- School Curriculum and Open Houses
- CISD College, Career and Military Fair on September 14
- I Heart CISD

AWARDS

- Valley Ranch Elementary Volunteer Doris Patrick Receives 2023 Heros for Children Award from the State Board of Education
- Canyon Ranch Elementary and Principal Ashley Minton Recognized as 2023 "Schools Transforming Learning" by National Principals Institute
- Cottonwood Creek Elementary Principal Dr. Andra Penny receives Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Sandi Borden Tribute to Texas Children Award

Trustee Nichole Bentley gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No community members requested to address the Board in Open Forum.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mary Kennington (Director of Accountability, Assessment, & Multi-Tiered Systems Support) provided an update on Accountability and Testing. Angela Brown (Chief

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Communications Officer) provided a Community Based Accountability (CBAS) update with Greg Alexander (Coordinator of Safety and Security) and Chris Trotter (Chief Operations Officer) completing the Superintendent reports with a School Safety & Security update.

CONSENT

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve minutes of the public hearing and regular Board meeting held on August 28, 2023, workshop on September 6, 2023 and Special meetings held on September 12, 2023, and September 21, 2023
2. Approve Budget Amendments for September 2023
3. Approve Financial Report for August 2023
4. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2023
5. Approve adoption of resolution regarding annual review of investment brokers pursuant to Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code of Investment of Public Funds, Section 2256.025
6. Approve 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
7. Approve adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment policies CDA (LOCAL) pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Section 2256.005(e)
8. Approve the annual review of current performance on investments
9. Approve the adoption of a resolution regarding review of policy CCA (LOCAL) Bond Issues and Debt Management
10. Adopt a resolution recommitting Operating Fund Balance
11. Approve the employment of new professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent

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

ACTION

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adopt the 2023-2024 Campus Improvement Plans as presented. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Nichole Bentley to definitely postpone the discussion regarding DC (LOCAL) – Employment Practices to the October 23 regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval. The motion passed 7-0.

BOARD REPORT ITEMS

- Accountability Lawsuit Update – Nichole Bentley
- 2023 Bond Oversight Committee – Jobby Mathew
- Safety and Security Committee meeting and Coppell ISD iLead – David Caviness

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- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB)– Anthony Hill

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:00 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.076- Security Audits and Section 551.074 - Personnel.

OPEN SESSION

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 9:07 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 a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Shelley Lynn to abandon her employment contract with the District. The motion was seconded by Jobby Mathew and passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Leigh Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary