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Minutes of the September 29, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 29, 2025, 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 President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Nichole Bentley, Vice President; Jobby Mathew, Secretary; Jonathan Powers; Anthony Hill and Ranna Raval

Trustee Leigh Walker attended the meeting remotely (left the meeting at 9:29 p.m.).

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Doug Williams, Interim Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Executive Assistant; Kristin Eichel; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Angela Brown; Sid Grant; Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana and Garrett Yin

Students and staff from Coppell Middle School East provided an Innovation Learning Presentation.

Trustee Ranna Raval gave the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The following community members requested to address the Board in Open Forum:

Patti Carpenter – TCE	Megan Blanton – TCE	Gautam Muralidhar – Closure
James Booker – TCE	Jeff Benavidez – TCE	JJ Lyphout – TCE
Ryne Tanner – TCE	Chaofeng Yang – TCE	Jenny Yu – TCE
Brent Billington – TCE	Lauren Benavidez – TCE	Dominic Nevarez – FD Traffic
Paul Heeg – TCE	Meghan Mitchell – TCE	Katy Lambert – TCE
Tiffany Tai – TCE	Karen Cunningham-TCE	Christy Mitchell – TCE
Tyler Reich – TCE	Shayne Jones – TCE	Jaclyn Kincade – TCE
Dale Hruby – TCE	Ted Ford – TCE	Nawal Bendris – TCE
Christopher Bryan – TCE	Ramon Ochoa – TCE	Veronica Costilla – TCE
Lindsay Hinde – TCE	Frank Gasparro – TCE	Shane Pope – TCE
Eddie Lavender – TCE	Blake Lynn – TCE	Poonam Mottan – TCE
Beth Russell – TCE	Amanda Nevels – TCE	Jambi Ysbrand – TCE
Cheryl Engler – TCE	Jennifer Elbert – TCE	Lauren Torti - TCE
Lori Vincenzo – TCE	Laura Wortman – TCE	Cris Garcia – TCE
Rosie Stevens – TCE	Celine Liddell – TCE	Christopher Boyd – TCE
Kevin Chaka – TCE	Kara Goss - TCE	

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CLOSED SESSION

At 7:14 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 - Personnel.

OPEN SESSION

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

Jobby Mathew made a motion to approve the contract and employment of Dr. Leanne Shivers as Superintendent of Schools. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and the motion passed 7-0.

A motion to terminate the contract of interim Superintendent Doug Williams effective October 10, 2025, was made by David Caviness and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Chief Operations Officer, Sid Grant, updated the Board on the 2023 Bond Projects. The Executive Leadership Team discussed the Cowboys United Implementation plan.

CONSENT

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

- I. Approve minutes of the public hearing and regular Board meeting held on August 25, 2025, Special meetings held on August 26, 2025, August 27, 2025, September 2, 2025, September 3, 2025, September 8, 2025, and Workshop on September 22, 2025
- II. Approve monthly Budget Amendments for September 2025
- III. Adopt a Resolution recommitting Operating Fund Balance (GASB 54)
- IV. Approve the annual review of current performance on investments
- V. Approve the adoption of a resolution regarding the annual review of investment policy and strategies set forth in CDA(Local) pursuant to Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code of Investment of Public Funds, Section 2256.05(e)
- VI. 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
- VII. 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
- VIII. Approve the investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2025
- IX. Approve the Financial Report for August 2025
- X. Approval of the 2025-2026 Campus Improvement Plans
- XI. Approve Library Material recommended by the School Library Advisory Council

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XII. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Coppell ISD and Coppell ISD Education Foundation

XIII. Approve the adoption of a resolution regarding the review of Policy CCA (LOCAL) Bond Issues and Debt Management

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

ACTION

A motion was made by Nichole Bentley to adopt a resolution nominating Kevin Carbo for election to the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 6-0.

BOARD REPORTS

A. txEDCON 2025 Conference & Legislative Update – Nichole Bentley

B. School Library Advisory Committee (SLAC) Meeting – Ranna Raval

C. Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, Bond Oversight Committee, and the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) Meeting – Anthony Hill

ADJOURNMENT

Nichole Bentley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jobby Mathew seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Jobby Mathew, Board Secretary