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Minutes of the January 23, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on January 23, 2006 at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room of the Coppell Independent School District Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Kathie Gautille.

Members present: Kathie Gautille, President; Cindy Warner, Vice-President; Bennett Ratliff, Secretary; Mike Arthur, and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

David Apple arrived at 6:34 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Shannon Buerk, Assistant; Judy Denman; Ralph Seeley; Sid Grant; Chad Branum; Tabitha Branum; Janis Branum; Kayla Caraway; Jean Boyd; Michelle King; Linda Cook; Todd Kettler; Tamerah Ringo; Bria Michael; and Jimmy Spann

Notice of this meeting was posted on January 18, 2006 at 3:15 p.m..

At 6:32 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters (Section 551.074, and deliberations regarding real property (Section 551.092).

Board Member Susie Kemp arrived at 7:06 p.m.

At 7:31 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Dr. Mike Arthur.

AWARDS

The following CHS choir students were honored for earning a spot in the Texas All-State Choir:

- Priscilla Barnes, Rank #1 - Alto 2
- Sterling Shanks, Rank #2 - Bass 1 (3rd year All-State)
- Erin Alcorn, Rank #5 - Soprano 1
- Dane Erickson, Rank #7 - Tenor 1
- Stephanie Kogler, Rank #10 - Alto 1
- Brandon Perry, Rank #9 - Bass 2 (Alternate)
- Sarah Crombar, Rank #11 - Soprano 2 (Alternate)
- Autumn Dillon, Rank #12 - Soprano 2 (Alternate)
- Jason Zheng, Senior, Violinist - Texas All State Orchestra

This is a great honor since only 4% of students from across the state make it to this level. Choir Director Jolene Webster and the parents of these students were also recognized.

Rhoda Jamadar, a senior this year, was recognized for being named to Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State Team. She is coached by Sherri Hankins.

Andrew Ewbank, a senior football player, made second team THSCA Academic All-State this year. Andrew is coached by Mike Fuller.

For the second year in a row, Raul Shekhar, now a second grader at Denton Creek, was recognized. Raul attended the 2005 National K-12/Collegiate Chess Championship and placed 5th out of 117 participants.

Tessa Paden, a 5th grader from Pinkerton Elementary, drew the district's holiday greeting card this year. Tessa's design featured six boxes of winter themes and was chosen out of art submitted by students district wide. Mrs. Jennifer Kile is her art teacher.

The CISD Education Foundation fall grant recipients were honored. The Foundation awarded \$44,973.72 this fall in innovative teaching grants. Fourteen grants were awarded across six elementary campuses, two middle schools and at Coppell High School. Their innovative ideas will provide educational enrichment opportunities for students across the district in Language Arts, Math, Special Education, Art, Science, Music, and Social Studies.

Micah Hamner, Wendy Levell and Shalone Willms from CHS received \$5,000 for “I-3 Improving Instruction with InterWrite.”

Wendy Levell and Chuck Aston from CHS received \$2,542 for “Interactive Inquiry through Mathematical Models.”

Monica Winters from CHS received \$942 for “Character Totems: Pillars of CISD.”

Bianca Coker and Karen Rambo from CMS-North received \$4,875 for “Student Involvement=Lasting Understanding.”

Deborah McCully from CMS-North received 977 for “Bio DPT Calm.”

The following teachers from CMS-North were recognized:

Deborah McCully
Jennifer Smith
Wylar Bartschi
Wesley Jennings
Susan Weckman
Billie Mckee
Jon O’Connor
Tracy Callahan
Susan Powell
Jennifer Coates

This CMS-North team received \$2,300 for “Soothing Sounds.”

Cathy Douglas and Carson Thompson from CMS-West received \$5,000 for “Bloom Where You Are Planted.”

Terri Waddell from Cottonwood Creek received \$2,112 for “An ‘iOpen’ing Experience.”

Last spring, the Foundation expanded its grant program to include matching funds awards for campuses. All ten elementary campuses chose to combine their resources for reading staff development. Several of the following campuses then applied, and were awarded, grants this fall for many innovative ways to use leveled reading in their classrooms.

Robin Freeman from Denton Creek received \$5,000 for “Learning to Read & Reading to Learn”.

Susan Boyles, Barry Creel, Tim D’Amico and Stacey Chiang from Denton Creek received \$2,723 for “Operation Literacy: Building an Army of Readers.”

Karon Bybee and Cynthia Bergfeld from Lakeside received \$5,000 for “Level Research Library.”

Whitney West from Lee received \$1,000 for “Success is One Beat Away.”

Jennifer Hays and Cindy Bagley from Lee received \$5,000 for “Traveling Through the TEKS.”

Lorie Squalls and Kathryn McMacken from Mockingbird and Linda Mulkey from Valley Ranch received \$2,500 for “Digital Storytelling: Rich Media, Deep Learning.”

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board during Open Forum.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Gautille gave an update of the Continuing Education Hours for School Board Members as required by Texas Association of School Board Policy BBD (LEGAL) and BBD (LOCAL). Under policy BBD, new board members are required to have 10 continuing education hours for their first year of service, and 5 hours in subsequent years. Board member hours are as follows from 1999 to present:

Dr. Mike Arthur	128.75 Hours	Scott Orr	47.25 Hours
Kathie Gautille	233.25 Hours	Bennett Ratliff	102.50 Hours
Susie Kemp	65.75 Hours	Cindy Warner	287.75 Hours

David Apple, elected to the Board of Trustees in November, is accumulating hours.

Mrs. Gautille reminded the Board of the requirement to attend meetings regarding the Open Meetings and Open Records Acts. Region 10 will be offering training on these topics and Board members will receive Board credit.

Also announced were dates for school board candidate workshops.

- During the week of February 13, 2006 at the Vonita White Administration Building
- February 23, 2006 at Region 10 in Richardson, Texas

There are two seats up for re-election, Place 6 and Place 7. The first date to file an application for the School Board is February 11, 2006. The last date to file is March 13, 2006. Early voting will be held May 1-9, and May 13 is election day. The canvass of the election will be held May 16-24.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Warner encouraged everyone to attend the Academic Recognition Banquet on May 2, 2006. The Red & Black Attack campaign has raised \$117,000 from approximately 320 donors.

Mr. Ratliff reported on the Education Foundation fall grants. The grant process was very competitive. There were twenty-six applications, and fourteen grants were awarded. He also talked about the Grade Alignment Committee which has had two meetings to date. There are six sub-committees that will research other campuses in other districts. One group is seeing what can be done for next year, and will present their proposals in March or April of this year.

Mr. Orr stated that the Bond Committee had two meetings in the past two weeks and had conducted site visits at all campuses to assess maintenance and repair needs. There are many areas across the district that warrant attention including carpeting, ceilings, and foundation problems. The committee believes there is a need for bond issuance and plans to develop recommendations for the timing of necessary repairs. Mr. Orr thanked Sid Grant, Ralph Seeley, Louis Macias and Bria Michael for their help.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Shannon Buerk presented the AEIS Report (attached).

Dr. Turner presented two options regarding the addition of one day to the proposed 2006-2007 school calendar. (Note: The calendar proposed in the last Board meeting had 176 days instead of the required 177 days.) One option would be to move a staff development day from February 19, 2007 to January 15, 2007 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). February 19th would be a regular school day. The second option would move a bad weather day from May 25 to February 19th. May 25th would then be a regular school day. The date for the public hearing concerning the waiver for the 2006-2007 school calendar will be held on February 13, 2006. Another calendar will be developed

and presented with a start date after Labor Day in the event the Legislature votes to impose such action on Texas schools.

CONSENT

Scott Orr made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the November 17, 2005; December 19, 2005; and January 16, 2006 meetings
2. Approve 2005-2006 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for December 2005

Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Ralph Seeley presented information on delinquent tax collection (attached). Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the Resolution to impose the additional collection penalty in April for business personal property taxes that become delinquent on February 1st according to the Texas Property Tax Code Section 33.11. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Todd Kettler, Director of Advanced Academics, presented the Proposed Plan for Expanding Service Options for Gifted Students in Grades 6-12. Mike Arthur made a motion to approve the GT/Dual Credit Program as presented. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personal as per list presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to renew and extend the superintendent's contract by one year (for a total of three years). Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

At 10:19 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 10:55 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in open session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary