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Minutes of the April 24, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 24, 2006 at 6:35 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; Susie Kemp; Scott Orr and David Apple. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Shannon Buerk; Judy Denman; Kayla Caraway; Paul Lupia; Jean Mosely; Tamerah Ringo; Todd Kettler; Linda Cook; Tabitha Branum; Janis Branum; Brad Hunt; Jean Boyd and Susan Jamieson.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 19, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:35 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.074 and 551.072.

At 8:07 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Kathie Gautille.

AWARDS

Eighty-eight students across the Coppell school district qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). Only 5% of students in Texas qualify to participate in DUKE TIP, and of that 5% CISD had fifty 7th grade students earn a state recognition-which means they scored in the top 25% on the ACT or SAT.

The seven students who earned a grand recognition –which means they scored in the top 2% - were honored. Their average ACT composite score was 26---2.5 points higher than our high school students taking the ACT last year. Their average SAT reading score was 570 (551 was the high school average), Math 676 (577 was the high school average), and Writing 576 (the new component to the SAT). The following students were recognized:

From CMS-North:

James Cao
Michael Hays
Jenny Wang

From CMS-East:

Mitu Bhattatiry
Srishti Goel
Dmitri Potemkin

From CMS-West:
Caitlin Storz

Reihaneh Haijibeigi and **Tal Kinser** were honored. These two students from CMS-East both qualified for the Exxon-Mobile Texas Science and Engineering Fair. Tal placed 7th out of 30 students in the Earth Science category. Reihaneh placed 5th and competed in the Biochemistry category.

This year CISD had two Destination Imagination teams qualify for the state competition. One team is from Cottonwood Creek and the other team is from Wilson Elementary. DI is a creative problem-solving program that builds creativity, team work and problem solving skills. Both teams competed in the “*How’d THAT Happen*” challenge. The following students were recognized and spoke about how they creatively solved the problems:

Zeb White
Cottonwood Creek students:
Trey Shaw
Lucy Grimmet
Jacob Hunter
Alyssa Ringhausen
Sponsor Devonna Hunter

Team from Wilson:
Amanda Clark
Bailey Ewing
Harrison Holmes
Erin Odom
Maddie Purches
Freddy Purches
Ricy Pool
Sponsor Kathleen Purches

Several groups of high school students were recognized. The first group of students honored competed in the Texas DECA state conference. DECA is an association that helps develop leaders in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. There were twelve state winners from Coppell and four alternates for the International DECA conference that will be held later this spring.

The state winners are as follows:

APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES Management Level
Miranda Heichelheim

FOOD MARKETING Management Level

Tony Yacoub
Nathan Trinh

RETAIL MECHANDISING Associate Level

Justin Vinh

HOSPITALITY SERVICES Management Team Decision Making Event

Brett Parmelee & Mary Rexroat
Nageen Khorrami & Brie Blanchard

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT Marketing Management Team Decision Making Event

Matt Light & Greg Ramirez

E-COMMERCE MANAGEMENT TEAM Decision Making Event

Casey Seale & Kip Reiserer

Alternates:

TRAVEL & TOURISM TEAM Management Team Decision Making Event

Paige Gonzalez & Jennifer Barton

MARKETING MANAGEMENT

Erica Brunner –Erica also took first place in the Free Enterprise Economics Test at State.

VEHICLES & PETROLEUM MARKETING

Richard Shyne

These students will now compete in the national competition.

This was a very successful year for our students who participated in the Visual Arts Scholastic Event state competition. CHS art students brought back 17 medals out of 14,000 entries; three students received scholarships and three Gold Seal recognitions were awarded. The Gold Seal is the highest VASE award and CHS has only had two awarded in the past ten years, and this year three were awarded.

The following students were recognized:

Soyeon Kim

Paul Loeb-Gold Seal award

Caitlin Kennedy

Mai Le

Lan Le

Connor Lipscomb

Kaitlin Scott

Amy Seitz
Steven Smith-Gold Seal award
Andrew Barrett
Jessica Cho
Jennifer Choi
Mackenzie Ervin-Gold Seal award
Susie Jang
Alex Martinez
Kayla Pennington
Lisa Twu
Sponsor – Tamerah Westervelt

Also recognized were the CHS speech students who qualified for the Texas Forensics Association competition:

Brittany Ramos and **Pavan Krishnamurthy**- won the tournament in Policy Debate and will represent North Texas at the National Tournament to be held in Grapevine/Colleyville
Spenser Samms and **Kumar Chilukuri**-Policy Debate
Hunter Edwards and **Elizabeth Chu**-Policy Debate
Al Juneja and **Rahul Talati**- Lincoln Douglas Debate and **Al** advanced to the triple octo outround.
Molly Jaffa-Dramatic Interpretation
Sponsor Glenda Ferguson

OPEN FORUM

Betsy Wilcox was unable to speak during Open Forum but left invitations for the Board members to attend the National Day of Prayer breakfast sponsored by the Coppell Kiwanis Club.

Sherry Fix addressed the Board regarding realistic expectations for Special Education students and bullying at CHS.

Kathryn Frysinger thanked the Board for the Parent Information Network. She expressed her concerns regarding staffing issues and the dress code.

PUBLIC HEARING

Opportunity was given to the community to address the Board regarding the Applications for Grants from the Coppell Education Development Corporation (CEDC). No one addressed the Board regarding this matter.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Gauthille reported on the National School Board Association conference she attended. The conference was held in Chicago and Scott Orr also attended. She will send a memo to the Board with more information.

PIN - On April 5th, a small group of parents met with district staff to set up guidelines for the formation of a standing committee called the Special Education Parent Information Network (PIN). The interim committee determined that the PIN will be comprised of parents, district administrative staff, and a member of the CISD Board of Trustees will begin monthly, formal meetings for the purpose of systematic and constructive communication between parents and the school district starting in September.

The PIN will have an organizing board that will begin meeting in May of this year and will be comprised of a total of nineteen members

- Who represent students across the disability spectrum; each campus will have one representative,
- Along with one representative from the two current special education parents groups,
- And two at-large members who will be named by the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees. Board members can submit names to President Gauthille if they know parents or community members they believe would be an asset to this committee.

There will be many opportunities for all interested parents to be involved in the sub-committee work, training, and a variety of other informational activities once the PIN begins regular meetings.

The community was urged to contact individuals at the administration building or campus principal for more information if anyone is interested in being involved in this parent network.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Scott Orr thanked the district for allowing Board members to attend the NSBA conference. There was a good sharing of ideas and interaction with other board members from across the nation. Drug testing, off campus misconduct, closing the achievement gap and sexual harassment were some of the issues discussed at the conference.

Mr. Orr has met with Senator Shapiro and Representative Harris and feels they are on board with Coppell in our assertion that districts need to have more discretion in the use of monies that would result from lowering property taxes and the levying of other taxes, and that these funds should not be subject to recapture. He also stated that Representative Jackson is optimistic about what the legislature can achieve.

Cindy Warner reported on the City Summit that was held a few weeks ago. The individuals in attendance were supportive of the schools.

Susie Kemp reported on Strategic Planning. At the April 4th meeting the action plans for Communications, Character and Technology were approved. Additional consideration will be given to the evaluation component of the Character plan to be reviewed in the future.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Alan Coulter gave a presentation on Response to Intervention (attached).

Assistant Superintendent Judy Denman presented the Highly Qualified Annual Report on No Child Left Behind (attached).

Judy Denman and Brad Hunt reported the results of the Retention, Recognition and Renewal Committee (attached). Comments from the staff survey will be organized and presented to the Board at a later date.

Donna Carpenter gave a presentation on Career and Technology Education (attached).

President Gautille recessed the meeting at 10:10 p.m. for a short break.

President Gautille reconvened the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

CONSENT

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2006 and April 10, 2006 Meetings
2. Approve 2005-2006 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2006
4. Approve Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2006
5. Approve Sysco, Otis Spunkmeyer, and McKee Foods as the Providers of Grocery and Non-Food Items for the Child Nutrition's Prospering Pals Purchasing Cooperative for the 2006-2007 School Year
6. Repeal of all Previously Adopted Policies and Adoption of (LOCAL) Policies as Prepared by TASB Policy Service
7. Approve the CISD Library Program Grant to the Coppell Education Development Corporation
8. Approve the Coppell ISD Language Lab Updates Grant to the Coppell Education Development Corporation

Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

(Action Item B) Dr. Paul Lupia (Director of Student Services), and Tonya Gelsthorpe (Assistant Principal at CMS West) gave a presentation on the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) recommended program for health curriculum in human sexuality instruction, *Choosing the Best*. (Presentation attached.) This is an abstinence curriculum. The SHAC was directed to look at other programs, research programs used by other districts, and to bring recommendations to the Board.

(Action Item C) Shannon Buerk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, reported on the recommendations from the Strategic Plan Update. The team added a belief statement regarding cultural diversity, an objective for state accountability and a strategy for communication. Three action teams for Technology, Character and the new Communication Strategy will meet at later times to update or create action plans for those strategies. (Action Plans and Strategic Plan Update 2005 are attached.) Scott Orr made a motion to adopt the recommendations from the Strategic Plan Update. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Action Item D) Kayla Caraway presented information on the early release/staff development days planned for the 2006-2007 school year, and invited the Board to attend the Best Practices Showcase that will be held on Friday, April 28, 2006. David Apple made a motion to approve the half-day/staff development days for 2006-2007 (August 30, 2006; October 5, 2006; November 8, 2006; and April 27, 2007) as presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2. (Cindy Warner and Bennett Ratliff voted in opposition.)

(Action Item E) The subject of posting political/campaign signs on school property was discussed. Dr. Turner said the district has no formal policy regarding these signs. The Board reached a consensus that no political/campaign signs may be posted on school district property.

At 11:07 p.m. President Gaultille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.074 and 551.072.

At 12:40 p.m. President Gaultille declared the Board in Open Session.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to employ professional personnel as per attached list, subject to assignment, as recommended by the administration. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur moved that the Level II decision be overturned and that the parent grievance be granted. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Kathie Gauthier, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary