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### **Minutes of the January 22, 2024 - Regular School Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; 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 January 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Bard Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Dr. Angie Brooks; Kristen Eichel; Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana; and Taylor Bristow

At 6:01 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 Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 6:23 p.m.

#### **AWARDS**

- Each Board Member was recognized for Board Appreciation Month

#### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES**

- Board Learning Walks & Board Gives Back Event
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on January 9
- Athletics Accolades
  - Football District Honors
  - Texas Tennis Coaches Association State Integrity Award Recognition – Alyssa Noonan
  - Texas HS Coaches Association Super Elite Athlete Recognitions: Tennis & Cross Country
- Fine Arts Accolades
  - Coppell Band Performs at Prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago
  - Band Students Achieve All State
  - CMS West Student Wins Lions Club Peace Contest
  - 9 to 5 Performances
- I Heart CISD

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## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **OPEN FORUM**

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

## **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT**

Kristen Eichel (Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services) introduced the new Executive Director of Human Resources, Karen Duke. Ms. Eichel followed with a Human Resources update with a focus on recruitment and retention. Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer) continued the Superintendent Reports with a discussion regarding the 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Budget Planning. Finally, an Intervention Services Update was provided by Stephanie Flores (Executive Director for Intervention Services).

## **CONSENT**

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on December 11, 2023
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for January 2024
3. Approve Financial Report for December 2023

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

## **ACTION**

A motion to approve the proposal from Lea Park & Play, Inc. for the playground equipment replacements, including the addition of shade structures, at ten elementary schools at a total cost of \$3,119,118 was made by Jobby Mathew and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion carried 7-0.

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve Spectrum Resource Roofing for the replacement of the flat roof system at Pinkerton Elementary at a total cost of \$1,019,699. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley and passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the proposed calendars for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years as presented was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley motioned that the Board approve the CISD Administration applying for the 2100-minute staff development waiver for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years as presented. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

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Anthony Hill motioned to approve the AE (LOCAL) and EIC (LOCAL) Board policy revisions along with the electioneering, BBBA (LOCAL) and CBAS, AIB (LOCAL) additions to LOCAL Board policy as recommended. The motion was seconded by Jobby Mathew and passed 7-0.

David Caviness read into record a Resolution regarding Chaplains (SB763). Trustee Caviness then motioned to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion was put to a vote. The Board members voting in favor of the Resolution were: Leigh Walker, Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill, Ranna Raval, David Caviness, Nichole Bentley and Jobby Mathew. Board Members voting in opposition were none.

Anthony Hill moved that the Order calling a School Board Trustee General Election for Places 6 and 7 on May 4, 2024, be adopted as presented. Ranna Raval seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- Emergent Bilingual Advisory Council – Manish Sethi
- Bond Oversight Committee – Jobby Mathew
- Legislative Update and Strategic Planning Committee – Nichole Bentley
- Coppell Chamber Education Committee – Anthony Hill

Trustee Leigh Walker requested a point of privilege to express her appreciation for the expressions of gratitude from the campuses and students for Board Appreciation Month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Nichole Bentley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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David Caviness, Board President

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Nichole Bentley, Secretary