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Minutes of the September 27, 2021 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 27, 2021, 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 Nichole Bentley.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; David Caviness (left 10:20 p.m.), Anthony Hill, Tracy Fisher and Dr. Neena Biswas

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Dennis Womack; Kristin Eichel; Dr. Angie Brooks; Dr. Deana Dynis; Diana Sircar; Amanda Simpson; Angela Brown; Rachael Freeman, Naveen Boppana and James Holloway

At 6:01 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Attorney Consultation

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 6:42 p.m.

Trustee Anthony Hill gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following community members addressed the Board either in person or by virtual comment, which was read by staff member, Amanda Simpson:

Virtual Comments:

Jingxun Wang – Mandatory Mask

Jinmei Liu – Mandate Mask

Claire Hess – EO GA-38

Hui Cao – Mask Mandate

Amanda Davis – Mask Mandate

Sara Ratliff – Masking at School

Karen Murdock – Mask Requirement

Lori Rodriguez – Mask Requirement

Subbu Venkat – Virtual Learning

Tara Tassin – EO GA-38

Preeti Sharma – Mask Mandate

Shelly Akerly – GA-38 & Mask Mandate

Tuo Li – Mask Mandate

Sarah Ye – Mask Mandate

Joseph Hewitt – Closed Session Transparency

Dawei Wang – Mask Mandate

Baomei Shao – Mask Mandate

Mingfang Huang – Extending Mask Mandate

Joanna Xu – EO GA-38

Shuangxi Xie – Mask Mandate

Weilin Lu – Mask Mandate

Abhijit Godbole – Mask Mandate & Remote Learning

Jia Han – Mask Mandate

Noopur Diwekar – Mask Mandate & Virtual

Manisha Kaushik – Mask Mandate & Virtual

Holly Singleton-Visco- EO GA-38

Phillip Reeder – Mask Mandate

Dr. Shilpi Oberoi – Virtual Learning K-6

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Heather Snyder – Mask Requirement
Jun-shen Huang – Mask Mandate
Sally Wiethoff – Mask Mandate
Maria Pokluda – Mask Mandate

Jing Xu – Mask Mandate
Rizwana Hameed – Virtual Learning K-6
Stephen Carrio – No Mask Mandate

In-Person Comments:

Cherie Cao – Mask Mandate
Wesley Atwood – Mask Mandate
Timothy Hess – Mask Mandate
Amelia Anderson – Mask Mandate
Gokal Subramanian – No Mask Mandate
Chris Shortino – No Mask Mandate
John Campbell – No Mask Mandate

Yu Fang Liu – Extend Mask Mandate
Kris Honey – Mask Requirement
Shanthy Venkat – Extend Virtual Learning
Urmi Subramanian – No Mask Mandate
Rauna Dallman – No Mask Mandate
Kellie Fishpaw – No Mask Mandate
Annick Davis – Mask Mandates & Exemptions

A motion was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Nichole Bentley that the Coppell Independent School District approve a continuation of its temporary mask requirement for its students, staff, and visitors, while indoors at District facilities and on District provided transportation, subject to medical, religious, philosophical, or administrative exception, beginning September 28, 2021 until close of business on October 25, 2021, or until there are further requirements as a result of ongoing state and federal litigation - or other applicable legislative action. The motion carried 5-1-1. Opposed - David Caviness Abstained from vote – Neena Biswas

Trustee Sethi motioned to take a 5-minute recess. The motion was seconded by Leigh Walker. President Bentley called the Board into recess at 8:33 p.m.. The Board was called back into open session at 8:38 p.m..

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Dr. Deana Dynis (Executive Director of Teaching & Learning) and Brooke Sims (Director of Professional Learning) presented a Strategic Design update. The annual report on the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Cyberbullying Awareness was given by Stephen McGilvray (Executive Director of Technology) and Rachael Freeman followed with the annual CISD Safety and Security Audit report.

CONSENT

Trustee Tracy Fisher requested that item 9, TEA Waiver on the consent agenda be removed for separate consideration.

Manish Sethi made a motion to approve the consent agenda items removing item 9, TEA Waiver from the consent agenda for separate consideration:

1. Approve minutes of the Public Hearing on Budget and regular Board meeting held on August 23, 2021, Team of 8 Training held on August 25, 2021 and August 26, 2021, and Special meetings held on August 30, 2021 and September 22, 2021
2. Approve Budget Amendments for September 2021

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3. Approve Financial Report for August 2021
4. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2021
5. Consider 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. Consider 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 the annual review of current performance on investments
8. Consider adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment policies CDA (Legal) and CDA (Local) pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Section 2256.005(e)
9. Approve state waiver to TEA regarding the requirement that a homebound teacher serve a student in person at the student's home or hospital bedside in order for the FSP funding to be generated, as required by 3.7.3 GEH Funding Chart or 9/10 Confinement and Earning Eligible Days Present of the handbook, which is adopted annually through 19 TAC §7.056 (e)
10. Approve the employment of new professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent

David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve a waiver to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency to allow for virtual homebound services to be considered for learners as appropriate and exemption from the rule stated in the Student Attendance and Accounting Handbook that states homebound service must be provided in the learner's home environment. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley and carried 7-0.

A motion to approve of the Construction Manager-at-Risk delivery method as prescribed under Texas Education Code Section 44.031 and Texas Government Code Section 2269.251 for the procurement of construction related services was made by David Caviness and seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion passed 7-0.

Anthony Hill made a motion to award and enter a contract with Hellas Construction, Inc. through the Government Procurement Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Contract #17-18DP-03 for the installation of synthetic turf and supporting improvements at the baseball and softball complex for the sum of \$2,214,445. The motion was seconded by Manish Sethi and passed 7-0.

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Tracy Fisher made a motion to revise Board Operating Procedures, page 14 bullet #5, to remove “at superintendent’s discretion”. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The Board agreed to table further revisions until the next regular Board meeting in October at which time it will be added back to the agenda for discussion and consideration.

At 10:07 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 - Attorney Consultation and Section 551.072- Real Property.

President Bentley called the meeting into Open Session at 10:15 p.m.

Manish Sethi made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the sale of school district property in lieu of condemnation and read the resolution out loud in Open Session. The motion was seconded by David Caviness and passed 7-0.

BOARD REPORT ITEMS

- Team of 8 Debrief – Nichole Bentley
- Legislative Update – Tracy Fisher
- Strategic Design Advocacy Committee, District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) and TASA/TASB Convention – Anthony Hill
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) – Manish Sethi

ADJOURNMENT

Tracy Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Secretary