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Minutes of the September 29, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 29, 2008 at 6:32 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 Cindy Warner.

Members present: Cindy Warner, President; Bennett Ratliff, Vice President; Susie Kemp, Secretary; Anthony Hill; David Apple; Scott Orr and Thom Hulme

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Kelly Penny; Sid Grant; Judy Denman; Chad Branum; Debra Hart; Curriculum Staff; Teresa Tate; Melody Paschall; Debra Marshall; Campus Principals; Tamerah Ringo and Jessica McCoy

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 26, 2008 at 4:25 p.m.

At 6:32 p.m. President Warner declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), and 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 7:32 p.m. President Warner declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Anthony Hill.

AWARDS

This year, fourteen Coppell High School students have been named **National Merit Semifinalists**. The following students were recognized:

Ryan Carlile, Anna Casey, Taylor Foltyn, Chan Hwa Hong, Stephen Jaquess, Jeevan Kumar, Philip Lee, Emily Marsh, Clayton Mulvihill, Dennis Ochei, James Pagels, Trent Watson, Audrey White and Han Yu

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees:

Meredith Munro, John Scalley, Sunny Ananth, Sarah Hyden and Lydia Phillips – Changes to the Challenge Program Curriculum

Tracy Fisher – “A Nation Deceived: How Schools Hold Back America’s Brightest Students” (a report by the John Templeton Foundation)

ACTION

(Item F) Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt a resolution extending the date to approve the Settlement Agreement among Coppell ISD, City of Coppell, and Billingsley Development Corporation to on or before October 31, 2008. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item G) Anthony Hill made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve the Settlement Agreement among Coppell ISD, City of Coppell, and Billingsley Development Corporation. Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item H) Scott Orr made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing approval of Contract of Purchase and Sale of 70 acre and of 12 acre tracts of land. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item I) Thom Hulme made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing approval of Contract of Purchase and Sale of 20 acre tract (Northwest Tract). Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item J) Susie Kemp made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing approval of Option Contract for Purchase of 20 acre tract (Southeast Tract). Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to provide input to the Board of Trustees regarding applications for grants being submitted the Coppell Education Development Corporation was held. No one came forward to address the Board regarding this matter.

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District’s state financial accountability rating. Kelly Penny presented information regarding the school FIRST rating for 2006-2007. No citizen expressed interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS

BOARD PRESIDENT – Cindy Warner gave an update on the City of Coppell’s ratings and Oaktoberfest.

BOARD MEMBERS - Anthony Hill gave reports on the NTAASB meeting and the TASB Delegate Assembly.

Dr. Monica Uphoff, Director of Assessment, gave reports and presentations on the following topics: 2008 State Accountability, July Exit Level TAKS results, TAKS-M, and Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment (TELPAS) results. An ESL/Bilingual report was given by Teresa Tate.

Tracey Wallace reported on Highly Qualified Teachers as required by TEA under the No Child Left Behind federal mandate.

A Physics IB report was provided by Linda Cook, Director of Science.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of Board meetings held on August 18, 2008 (Special and Regular); August 27, 2008; and September 16, 2008
2. Approve budget amendments for 2008-2009
3. Approve Financial Report for August 2008
4. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2008
5. Approve Second Appraisers for 2008-2009 PDAS
6. 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)
7. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment brokers pursuant to Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code of investment of public funds, Section 2256.025
8. 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

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

ACTION

(Item B) David Apple made a motion to adopt the following grant applications to the Coppell Education Development Corporation as presented: CISD Pre-K through 12th Grade English as a Second Language, Coppell High School Spanish Program, Literacy Intervention Support Program, and Library. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item C) Susie Kemp made a motion to adopt the CISD Campus Improvement Plans as submitted. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item D) Anthony Hill made a motion to adopt the CISD District Improvement Plan as submitted. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

(Item E) Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the 2008 Maintenance and Operations and Debt Service tax rates for the Coppell Independent School District. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

Cindy Warner, Board President

Susie Kemp, Secretary