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Minutes of the January 12, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on January 12, 2026, 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; Nichole Bentley, Vice President; Leigh Walker; Jonathan Powers; Anthony Hill; and Ranna Raval

Secretary Jobby Mathew was not present.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on January 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Executive Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Dr. Amber Lasseigne; Dr. Angie Brooks; Angela Brown, Sid Grant; Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana; and Dwight Goodwin

AWARDS

- Each Board Member was recognized for Board Appreciation Month

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Leigh Walker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The following community members came forward to address the Board of Trustees:

- Jaya K – VRE boundary realignment
- Lesli Jenkins – Expanding Open Enrollment – Lakes of Valley Ranch
- Siva Theja Tanjaur – VRE Boundary Realignment – Anthem & Devi apartments
- Shruti Soni – school border line map change
- Kanakeswar Veerasenan – Devi & Anthem realignment
- Achyijkumar Marama Reddy – Students to continue in VRE
- Raghavendra Reddy – change of VRE & Community
- Jagdeesh D – Devi & Anthem boundary realignment
- Preethi Rosario – Realignment proposal for VRE
- Tyler Reich – Cowboys United block walking update
- Sankara Venkidachalam – CISD border realignment
- Gopalakrishnan Lakshamanan - CISD border realignment

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

- Budget Efficiencies Year to Date – Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer
- New Tech @ Coppell Update – Sid Grant, Chief Operations Officer; Angela Brown, Chief Communications Officer; and Dr. Angie Brooks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- Comprehensive Bond Update – Sid Grant, Chief Operation Officer and Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer
- Preview of the Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year – Dr. Angie Brooks, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Trustee Nichole Bentley requested a Point of Privilege to the CFO, Diana Sircar for her years of service to CISD as she begins her retirement at the end of January. Several other Board Members followed with comments of their own regarding Ms. Sircar.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on December 15, 2025
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for January 2026
3. Approve Financial Report for December 2025
4. Approve the purchase of 6 student buses
5. Approve the revision to CV (LOCAL) included in the TASB Policy 126 Update

Jonathan Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

A motion to approve the Early Notice Resignation Payment as recommended was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion passed 6-0.

Jonathan Powers made a motion to approve Boundary Realignment as presented. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley and passed 6-0.

David Caviness moved that the Order calling a School Board Trustee General Election for Places 4 and 5 on May 2, 2026, be adopted as presented. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion to approve committee recommendation regarding the \$1000 TASB Risk Management Scholarship as modified was made by Leigh Walker. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and approved 6-0.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Technology Advisory Committee and Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Anthony Hill

At 9:19 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 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Jobby Mathew, Secretary