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Minutes of the April 25, 2022 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 25, 2022, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Nichole Bentley, Board President.

At 6:00 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker (arrived 6:05 p.m.), Vice President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; Anthony Hill (arrived 6:04 p.m.); Dr. Neena Biswas (left 8:45 p.m.); David Caviness and Tracy Fisher (arrived 6:04 p.m.).

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

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

President Bentley called the Board into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m., as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters.

President Bentley called the Board into Open Session at 6:37 p.m.

David Caviness made a motion to approve Amanda (Mandy) Sweeney as the Principal of Pinkerton Elementary as recommended by the superintendent. The motion was seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion passed 6-0. Trustee Leigh Walker was not present during the vote.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Brad Hunt presented the District Highlights:

- Third Grading Period Super Teachers
- Community and Staff Visioning Feedback Forums
- CISD April 9 Job Fair
- Special Olympics Basketball Skills Competition
- I Heart CISD

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- Spring Great Employees Matter (GEMs)

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Trustee Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

No one requested to speak in Open Forum.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

District updates were provided by the following:

- Community and Staff Feedback Forum Summary – Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction) and Angela Brown (Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement)
- 2022-2023 Budget Process – Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer)
- Community Based Accountability System (CBAS) Update – Dr. Deana Dynis (Executive Director of Teaching & Learning) and Dr. Greg Axelson (Principal – Coppel Middle School North)

CONSENT

David Caviness made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2022;
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for April 2022
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2022
4. Approve Superintendent’s recommendation for employment of new-hire professional personnel

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

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve amendment number two to the Durham School Services, L.P. contract for Transportation Services for a term of 5 (five) years to commence on August 1, 2022 and authorize the superintendent or designee to designate to negotiate and execute the contract documents. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As required by Texas Education Code – Section 11.159 and 19 Texas Administrative Code section 61.1, the Board President presented the Continuing Education Credit Report. Board members, Leigh Walker, Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill, Dr. Neena Biswas, David Caviness, Nichole Bentley, and Tracy Fisher have met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, Evaluating Student

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Academic Performance and Setting Goals, and Identifying and reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children. In addition, each trustee has exceeded the additional Board Development Continuing Education training requirements.

Tracy Fisher shared Legislative Advisory Council Meeting and State Board of Education April meeting recap. Finally, Anthony Hill reported on the TASB RMF Funding Plan Committee meeting, District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) meeting and the North Texas Association of School Boards (NTAASB) April meeting.

At 9:24 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 10:42 p.m.

David Caviness motioned for the Board of Trustees approve the resolution concerning the real property and authorize the Superintendent to undergo the sales process and undertake the necessary steps to implement the proposed sale or exchange. Trustee Caviness also read the resolution. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion to approve probationary, term and non-chapter 21 contracts as recommended by the Superintendent was made by David Caviness and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

David Caviness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

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, Board Secretary