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Minutes of the October 24, 2005 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 24, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Coppell Independent School District Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President, Kathie Gautille.

Members present: Kathie Gautille, President; Cindy Warner, Vice-President; Bennett Ratliff, Secretary; Mike Arthur; Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent and Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 19, 2004 at 5:25 p.m.

At 6:31 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 7:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Susie Kemp.

AWARDS

Ruslan Werntz was honored. Last year he was recognized when he competed in the State Science Fair and he is back again with a more impressive feat. Ruslan came to CMS West two years ago and could not speak English. Now, Ruslan has been selected as one of 40 students, among 75,000 fifth through eighth graders across the nation, to present his science fair project in Washington, D.C. at the National Discovery Channel Young Scientists Challenge. At the national competition last week, Ruslan received the TLC Science Production Award where he will have the chance to go to New York and work on the production of the show "What Not to Wear." In addition to his award, MIT has named an asteroid after Coppell Middle School West and Cathy Douglas, Ruslan's teacher, who assisted him with his project last year when he was in the 8th grade.

Zachary Visconti was recognized for being named a United States Achievement Academy Academy Award winner for History and Government. Fewer than ten percent of high school students are given this recognition. Valarie Garnier, a history teacher at CHS, nominated Zachary for this award based on his academic performance, leadership qualities, enthusiasm and many other qualities.

OPEN FORUM

Doris Fisk addressed the Board regarding special education services.

Amy Sosa addressed the Board regarding accountability ratings and the audit of special education services.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gautille thanked Steve Frawley (CHS), Amy Dungan (CMS East), Sharla Myers (Denton Creek), Melissa Smith (Town Center), and Patti Dean (Lee) for organizing the Candidate Forum. This event was sponsored by the PTO/PTSO Presidents.

Board members were reminded that the next NTAASB meeting will be held on November 16, 2005. Bill Ratliff will speak on the Legislative Update. Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD will sponsor the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Cindy Warner asked for volunteers to serve on Strategic Planning action teams focusing on the areas of communications, technology and character. Individuals are also needed to serve on various committees including bonds, grade alignment, and the school calendar. Interested individuals are asked to call Tamerah Ringo.

In an update on the Education Foundation, Mrs. Warner reported that the Red & Black Attack is off to a successful start. A total of \$68,000 has been raised, and the Foundation has \$12,000 in pledges.

Susie Kemp reported that the Red Ribbon Breakfast was held last Friday morning, October 21, at the Brookhaven Country Club. The breakfast was the kick off for Red Ribbon Week and was hosted by the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce. Students from all three middle schools, CHS, and the CISD Annex represented the district. Elliot Bell said the invocation and Peyton Mosley sang the Star Spangled Banner. Both are students at CMS East. Jeff Crilly from Fox 4 News was the master of ceremonies. The keynote speaker was Will Richey, a spoken word artist. There will be many activities at all of the campuses responding to alcohol and drug awareness.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TEA has approved CISD's appeal of the accountability rating. CISD has returned to the Recognized status, CMS East will move to a Recognized campus, CMS North will move to a recognized campus, and CHS will move to an Acceptable campus. These changes better reflect the hard work that our students and staff do each day in the CISD.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve Budget Amendments for 2005-2006
2. Approve Financial Report for September 2005
3. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending September 30, 2005
4. Approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2005 and October 14, 2005 Meetings
5. Approve the Nomination of Jerry Jones as a Candidate for the Dallas Central Appraisal District Board
6. Adopt the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Update 76
7. Award the Print Graphic Design Contract to Reinelt Designs for the 2005-2006 School Year

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Mike Arthur made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to uphold the Level II Hearing Officer's decision. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

At 7:55 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, Section 551.072, deliberations regarding real property.

At 9:44 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary