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Minutes of the December 19, 2005 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on December 19, 2005 at 6:39 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; David Apple, Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Board Assistant Secretary; Ralph Seeley; Sid Grant; and Shannon Buerk

Notice of this meeting was posted on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 5:05 p.m..

At 6:40 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas as allowed by Section 551.074, personnel matters, and Section 551.072 (deliberations regarding real property).

At 7:34 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Cindy Warner.

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board during Open Forum.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board President Gautille introduced Jan Pruitt, CEO of the North Texas Food Bank. Ms. Pruitt reported on the successful Kids 4 Turkeys drive held by CISD students. This year, approximately 32,000 pounds of turkey were collected, surpassing last year's donation. Tammy Gilstrap from Cottonwood Creek made a presentation on behalf of Coppell ISD students to the North Texas Food Bank. Ms. Gilstrap initiated the Kids 4 Turkeys drive as part of service learning.

President Gautille reminded Board members about the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) session with Phil Boyle to be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 in Irving. This will serve as Team of Eight training.

Scott Orr gave a report on the Community Bond committee which met on December 6, 2005. There are 27 members on this committee. Site visits are planned and the committee will develop a list of projects. Another meeting is scheduled to take place in January.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Janis Branum gave an annual update on the Bilingual/ESL program (attached).

Sid Grant reported that TASB has a new retail electric provider. Effective January 1, 2006 through April 30, 2006, the new fixed commodity cost per kilowatt hour will be 10.695 cents.

Dr. Turner reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held by the City of Dallas on Thursday, December 15, 2005. President Kathie Gaultille represented the school district, and Doug Stover spoke on behalf of the City of Coppell. The Commission voted 11-1 to pass the recommendation to rezone the North Lake (Cypress Waters) property, and this matter will now go before the Dallas City Council on January 11, 2006. The Superintendent, legal counsels, and Lucy Billingsley will meet on January 5, 2006 to discuss possible resolutions to this issue.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve Financial Report for November 2005
2. Approve 2005-2006 Budget Amendments
3. Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2005; November 16, 2005; and December 12, 2005 meetings (amended)

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0

ACTION

Cindy Warner made a motion to proceed to a public hearing with adjustments made for one day to be added to the 2006-2007 school calendar as presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. An alternate calendar will be developed with the the first day of school starting after Labor Day in the event that the Texas Legislature votes to adopt such a plan.

An annual report on the employment of highly qualified personnel in CISD will be presented to the Board at next month's meeting.

Carl Deaton of Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn, & Seay, Certified Public Accountants, presented the Coppell ISD Annual Audit Report for the 2004-2005 school year. Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the 2004-2005 Audit Report as presented. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Shannon Buerk, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented proposed changes to the GPA weighting scale to include dual credit courses. These changes would not be

effective until the summer of 2006. Dual credit courses would be excluded from GPA weighting for seniors of 2006-07, and weighted at the Pre-AP range for juniors of 2006-07. Mike Arthur made a motion to adopt the changes to the grade point average weighting scale as presented. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Kathie Gaultie, Board President

Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary