

Minutes of the January 12, 2004 Regular School Board Meeting

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The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on January 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Coppell Independent School District Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President, Deena Reeve.

Members present: Deena Reeve, President; Dianne Miller, Vice-President; Kathie Gautille, Assistant Secretary; Bruce Jensen; Mike Arthur; Cindy Warner; and Bennett Ratliff. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent and Lisa Ganz, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on January 9, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

At 7:00 p.m. President Reeve 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 Reeve declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Dianne Miller.

AWARDS

Edward Song has been named as an All-State Philharmonic Orchestra Cellist. Edward is a freshman at Coppell High School and also a member of the CHS Choir. Edward qualified for TMEA All State based on auditions involving thousands of string players from across the state. At Regionals, Edward was the first chair cellist and also participated on the Region X High School Honor Orchestra. Jolene Webster is Secondary Choral Music Director.

Jonathan Chin is a first grader from Denton Creek and has won first place in the National Chess Championship held in Chicago, Illinois on December 12, 2003. Courtney Chin, a 3rd grader and Jonathan's sister, also won 5th place in her grade division at the Texas Chess Championship. Sharon Isbell is their Principal.

Coppell High School senior Whitney Jacob was recently named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-State volley team. Whitney was also named the District 7-5A MVP and helped lead the Cowgirls to the area round of the Class 5A playoffs in volleyball. Sherri Hankins is her coach.

The following teachers have received a fall grant from the CISD Education Foundation:

From Lakeside Elementary

Janice Tully & Colleen Green – "Circle of Friends" - \$1210.00

From Pinkerton Elementary

Jennifer Jobe – "Super Speech" - \$1,000.00

From Town Center Elementary

Nancy Cracknell & Michael Cooke – “Image & Substance” - \$1276.10

From Valley Ranch Elementary

D’Ann Green, Diane Moore and Debbie Youngs– “Meals on Wheels-Food for the Brain” - \$2,500.00

From Wilson Elementary

Jan Ridley – “Fact Packs” - \$3,500.00

Sasha Moreland – “Interactive Technology in the Classroom” - \$2,500.00

From Coppell Middle School East

Chip Bloecher – “The Coffee Ain’t as Tasty, but the Wireless is Just as Good!” - \$5,000.00

From Coppell Middle School West

Jennifer Dermody – “The Power of Touch” - \$4,098.00

The following teachers have been named **Teacher of the Year** by their respective schools. They will go on to compete for the District’s elementary and secondary Teacher of the Year to be recognized at the CISD Education Foundation’s annual Student/Teacher Academic Recognition Banquet. These individuals will then represent our school district in the statewide competition.

Linda Jones (Literacy Teacher) - Austin Elementary

Deana Harrell (3rd Grade Teacher) - Cottonwood Creek Elementary

Regan Elmore (Music Teacher) - Denton Creek Elementary

Gloria Yates (4th Grade Teacher) – Lakeside Elementary

Melissa Warren (5th Grade Teacher) – Lee Elementary

Jennifer Braafladt (4th Grade Teacher) – Mockingbird Elementary

Robbie Callahan (MTA Teacher) – Pinkerton Elementary

Shannon Edwards (3rd Grade Teacher) – Town Center Elementary

Christine Guy (1st Grade Teacher) – Valley Ranch Elementary

Sharon Steele (2nd Grade Teacher) - Wilson Elementary

Linda Cook (8th Grade Science Teacher) – CMS East

Brandi Guerry (7th Grade GT/LA Teacher) – CMS North

Cathy Douglas (7th Grade Science Teacher) – CMS West

Zara Westbrook (High School English) – CHS

OPEN FORUM

The following citizens addressed the Board of Trustees in Open Forum:

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Meg Kimberland – Core courses at Coppell High School
Carol Sheer – Academic performance problems at Coppell High School
Nancy Wang – Trimester/Semester at Coppell High School
Ron Hinds – Trimester/Semester at Coppell High School

REPORTS

Board Members

Mrs. Reeve stated that the election date this year has been changed to May 15, 2004.

Mrs. Warner reported that the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) distributes their annual report every year and our School Board was well represented with pictures of Robert Key, former Board Member, Kathie Gautille for her role in Leadership TASB, and Bennett Ratliff as our newest board member.

Kathie Gautille commented that with the election being conducted at a later date this year, the dates for the Summer Leadership Institute will be a full week earlier this year June 10-12, 2004.

Superintendent

Dr. Turner stated that the district will be conducting an informational “State of the District” address to the school community from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of CMS-East on Thursday, January 15th, CMS-North, Tuesday, January 20th, and CMS-West, Thursday, January 22nd. The topics will include school finance, litigation update, and budgeting for the 2004-2005 school year. Dr. Turner also mentioned that notices will be going home with all students and well as information being posted on our website.

Curriculum Report

Chad Branum and Tabitha Branum reported on Matching Technology Funds Initiative.

Sherrye Dotson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum presented information regarding campus report cards. Mrs. Dotson stated that a letter will be going home with all the students at the end of the semester instructing parents how to access their campus report card via the TEA website. Mrs. Dotson explained that we do not have accountability ratings and will not have them until March, 2004.

CONSENT

Kathie Gautille made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve 2003-2004 Budget Amendments
2. Approve Minutes of the December 15, 2003 and January 5, 2004 Meetings

Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt Resolution to authorize imposing an additional penalty in the amount of 20% of the delinquent tax, penalty and interest for 2003, and subsequent year delinquent taxes as allowed by State law. Financing: No cost consideration to school district. Kathie Gautille seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Dianne Miller made a motion to adopt Textbook Committee for 2004-2005 as presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion 7-0.

Dianne Miller made a motion to adopt the 2004-2005 school calendars as presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff Crawford as Athletic Director for Coppell ISD. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

At 9:00 p.m. President Reeve declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 10:06 p.m. President Reeve declared the Board in Open Session.

Cindy Warner made a motion to renew and extend, by one (1) year, the Superintendent's contract totaling three (3) years. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Deena Reeve, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary