

Minutes of the April 22, 2024 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 22, 2024, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell, Texas. At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Board President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Anthony Hill, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Manish Sethi; Ranna Raval and Jobby Mathew.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Kristen Eichel; Angela Brown; Dr. Angie Brooks; Kristen Eichel; Diana Sircar; Amanda Simpson; Dwight Goodwin; Evan Whitfield; Maria McCoy; Gerry Miller; Kit Pehl; Dr. Anita de la Isla; Brian Timm; Taylor Bristow and Naveen Boppana

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Brad Hunt presented the District Highlights and Updates:

- April 8 Eclipse
- 50 Years TASB Risk Management
- CISD, Administrators & Staff Recognized for Support of the Military Reserves
- '10 Years of FamiLEE': Richard J. Lee's 10th Birthday Bash on April 18
- Spring 2024 Our Story Magazine
- Kindergarten Popsicle Party
- My Home is CISD Testimonials

AWARDS

- Spring 2024 Great Employees Matter (GEMs)

Trustee Nichole Bentley gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No community members requested to speak in Open Forum.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Core Content Directors Evan Whitfield (Director of Science, PE & Health), Maria McCoy (Director of Social Studies and LOTE), Brian Timm (Director of Mathematics) and Dr. Anita de la Isla (Director of ESL and Bilingual Programs) provided updates on the quality instruction and professional learning communities within each of their core areas of responsibility. Kit Pehl (Athletic Director) and Gerry Miller (Director of Fine Arts) provided an athletics and fine arts program report.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 26, 2024, and workshop held on April 8, 2024
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for April 2024
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2024

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

Manish Sethi motioned to approve the recommended Instruction Materials and Technology Allotment funds as presented and not exceeding the amount of \$1,200,000.00 to support in the area of curriculum and instruction resources for campuses for the 2024-2025 school year. Ranna Raval seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the proposal from Nitor Solutions Inc. for the purchase of equipment, infrastructure, and devices for the entire SPAT project for a total cost not to exceed \$900,000 was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion to approve the Resolution to select the district's current audit provider, Rutherford, Taylor and Company, P.C., to conduct an Efficiency Audit was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Jobby Mathew. The motion passed 7-0.

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 David Caviness presented the Continuing Education Credit Report. Board members, Leigh Walker, Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill, Ranna Raval, David Caviness, Nichole Bentley, and Jobby Mathew 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 Academic Performance and Goal Setting, Cybersecurity Training, and Identifying and reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children and School Safety.

In addition, each trustee has met or exceeded the additional Board Development Continuing Education training requirements.

The following committee reports were provided by Board Members:

- 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 Budget Planning Debrief - David Caviness
- District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC), TASB Risk Management Fund Quarterly Board Meeting & Member Conference, Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) - Anthony Hill
- Coppell ISD Education Foundation Board Meeting - Ranna Raval
- CBAS Advisory Council - Leigh Walker

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- Legislative Advocacy Council (LAC) Update - Nichole Bentley

At 8:47 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 9:28 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

A motion to approve probationary, term and non-chapter 21 contracts as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 7-0.

Manish Sethi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jobby Mathew seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Board Secretary