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## Minutes of the August 30 , 2021 – Special School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met for an Emergency Meeting on August 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nichole Bentley.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; David Caviness; Anthony Hill; Tracy Fisher and Dr. Neena Biswas. A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 20, 2021, at 4:20 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; and Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant.

The following community members came forward either in person or submitted a virtual comment to be read by staff member, Amanda Simpson in Open Forum:

Benjamin Greenberg – Mask Mandate  
Amit Khera – Universal Masking  
Yufang Liu – Mask Mandate  
Katie Clower – Gov. Order on Mask Mandate  
Yun Cherie Cao – Mask Mandate  
Denise Burgos – COVID measures- Masking  
Chai Lee – Mask Mandate  
Junjie Xu – Mandate Mask  
Chee-Kwee Ea – Mask Mandate  
Jayashree Arunachalam – Mask Mandate  
Claire Hess – Mask Requirement in Schools  
Sarah King – Mask Mandate  
Ann Davis – Exec. Order GA-38  
Amanda Davis – Mask Mandate  
Sherilyn Fox – Exec. Order GA-38  
Amanda Davis – School Safety-Masking  
Heather Snyder – mask Mandate  
Amy & Ian Mackinnon – Mask Mandate  
Parul Singh – Mask Requirements  
Kiran Bachhawat – Mask Mandate  
Sara Ratliff – Mask Choice  
Dwight & Kristen Shaper – Mask Mandate  
Aditya Patil – Mask Mandate  
Noopur Diwekar – Mask Mandate  
Deanna Feaster – Masks  
Carrie Sharma – Mask Mandates a

David Greenberg – Mask Mandate  
Sally Wiethoff – Universal Mask Mandate  
Rauna Dallman – Keeping Mask Optional  
Sarah Wingfield – Masking in Schools  
Jinmei Lin – Mandate Masks in Schools  
Weilin Lu – Mask Mandate  
Timothy Hess – Mask Mandate  
Tuo Li – Mask Mandate  
Yuxiao Sun – Mask Mandate  
Gia Gillis – Mask Mandate  
Dawei Wang – Mask Mandate  
Vivek Prakash – Health/Masking  
Sam Udovich – Exec. Order GA-38  
Leroy Wilson – School Mask Choice  
Jennifer Smith – Masking  
Zarin Pathan – Mask Mandate  
Abhijit Godbole – Mask Mandate  
Armand Steffens – Masks  
Tracy Elliott – Mask Mandate  
Niresh Sivathanan – Mask Mandate  
Maheshika Ratnayake – Mask Mandate  
Nishan Sivathanan – Facemask  
Rahul Singh – Mask Mandate  
Taria Greenberg – Mask Mandate  
Jing Xu – Mask Mandate

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At 5:55 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Attorney Consultation.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

Manish Sethi moved that the Coppell Independent School District approve a temporary district wide mask requirement for its students, staff, and visitors, while indoors at District facilities and on District provided transportation, subject to medical, religious, philosophical, or administrative exception, beginning September 2nd until close of business on September 27th, or until there are further requirements as a result of ongoing state and federal litigation - or other applicable legislative action. David Caviness seconded the motion. Trustee Fisher made a motion to amend Trustee Sethi's motion to remove religious, philosophical, and administrative exceptions from the motion language. Trustee Fisher's amendment to the motion did not receive a second. A vote was taken on Trustee Sethi's original motion and the motion passed 6-0 . Trustee Neena Biswas abstained from the vote.

Trust Fisher made a motion to amend the approved motion to remove religious, philosophical, and administrative exception from the motion language. The motion did not receive a second.

Trustee Fisher motioned to amend the approved motion to include metrics to the motion language. The motion did not receive a second.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Tracy Fisher to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Nichole Bentley, Board President

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Manish Sethi, Secretary