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Minutes of the March 31, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on March 31, 2008 at 7:02 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; Bennett Ratliff, Vice President; Cindy Warner, Secretary; Susie Kemp; Scott Orr; and David Apple. A quorum was present.

Members absent: Anthony Hill (attending NSBA conference)

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Sherrye Dotson; Judy Denman; Kelly Penny; Sid Grant; Chad Branum; Tabitha Branum; Monica Uphoff; Michelle King; Tamerah Ringo; Curriculum Staff; Tracey Wallace; Debra Hart; Keven Whitsett; and Raneta Ansley.

Notice of this meeting was posted on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 4:55 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, the Great Educators Matter (GEM) employees of the quarter were recognized. Selected GEMS of the quarter are as follows: **Erika Adams** (6th grade science teacher, CMS West); **Raneta Ansley** (Webmaster, Technology); **Rhonda Carr** (Assistant Principal, CMS West); **Nelda Casbon** (Business Office); **Sandra Cooper** and **Crystal Perez** (Child Nutrition, CMS West); **Nancy Deveneau** (ESL teacher, Austin Elementary); **Diane deWaal** (Team Leader, CMS West); **Cathy Douglas**, **Anna Melka**, and **Tony Quinn** (science teachers, CMS West); **Misty Fuentes** and **Laila Sanguras** (Student Council sponsors, CMS West); **Tracy Gipson** (Kindergarten, Valley Ranch Elementary); **Karolyn Hancock**, **Kris Rindels**, **Minerva Verdejo** and **Emily James** (fifth grade team, Valley Ranch Elementary); **Trish Henderson** and **Marla McGinnis** (Administration); **Terese Kitts** (art teacher, Mockingbird Elementary); **Marilyn Mohr** (art teacher, Wilson Elementary); **Brenda Palmer** (ESL teacher, Cottonwood Creek Elementary); **Gina Peddy** (Asst. Principal, Coppell High School); **Debra Root** (third grade teacher, Mockingbird Elementary); **Jeannie Sanchez** (second grade teacher, Valley Ranch Elementary); **Jennifer Shackelford** (Kindergarten teacher, Cottonwood Creek Elementary); **April Tate** (fourth grade teacher, Valley Ranch Elementary); **Kathleen Valenski** (nurse, Valley Ranch Elementary)

At 7:02 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).

At 7:38 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Susie Kemp.

AWARDS

The following individuals were recognized for being selected as Teacher of the Year by their campus:

Lisa Ricciardelli – Austin Elementary
Malachi Ewbank – Cottonwood Creek Elementary
Linda Harrell – Denton Creek Elementary
Maureen Salmon – Lakeside Elementary
Kathleen Winfrey – Lee Elementary
Jody Reynolds – Mockingbird Elementary
Jeremy Phillips – Pinkerton Elementary
Kim Witt – Town Center Elementary
Jennifer Torres – Valley Ranch Elementary
Marilyn Shannon – Wilson Elementary
Heather Aston – CMS East
Brittany Reese – CMS North
Diane deWaal – CMS West
Tommy Sills – Coppell High School

There are eight Coppell High School students who were selected as finalists in the 2008 competition for National Merit Scholarships. The following students were honored:

Amy Collison
Austin Ford
Anand Jayanti
Tarun Koshy
Michael Kwon
Andrea Lee
Richard Rodriguez
Sharmi Saha

In February, the Director of Communications and Public Relations, **Tamerah Ringo**, attended the 2008 Texas School Public Relations Association awards ceremony in Houston. The department won ten public relations state awards:

- Three **Silver Awards** for the EXPRESS publication, the new CISD logo, and the Tel-E-Gram.
- Four **Gold Awards** for the District Report Card, Calendar, Crosswalk Safety Public Service Announcement, and the 2007 Recruitment Video.
- They won three **Gold Awards** with **Best in Category** for the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures booklet and for the entire CISD Image and Identity Package.

- **Chad Branum** and **Raneta Ansley** worked with Mrs. Ringo to complete the new **CISD website** which also won a **Gold Award** and a **Best in Category** award in the 10,000 – 30,000 student enrollment level.

The designer of the Youth Art Month flag, **Shelby Tamura**, was recognized. Shelby is a sophomore at Coppell High School and is taught by Tamera Westervelt. Shelby's flag will represent Texas at the National Youth Art Month Ceremony, and her flag will be on display at the Texas Capitol as well as the Nation's Capitol in Washington D.C. later this spring.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address the Board of Trustees during Open Forum.

BOARD REPORTS

President Gautille reported on the following: a fundraiser for paralyzed veterans sponsored by the girl's softball team to be held on April 5, 2008; the Young Masters' Exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art; and the art work of eight CISD students on display at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

Bennett Ratliff stated that the Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the Education Foundation Banquet in May, and the winner of the District Teacher of the Year will be announced.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The first meeting of the New Tech High @ Coppell Advisory Board was held on March 28, 2008. Individuals from various corporations, colleges and community businesses were invited to participate on the board.

RESULTS OF TAKS READING FOR GRADES 3, 5, and 8: Dr. Monica Uphoff presented the preliminary results of the TAKS reading for grades 3, 5, and 8.

CONSENT

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008; March 3, 2008 and March 10, 2008 meetings
2. Approve 2007-2008 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for February 2008
4. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending February 29, 2008
5. Adopt all textbook titles offered by the State of Texas and direct staff to order the specific titles within each subject as recommended by the District Textbook Committee

Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approve the Energy Services Agreement as presented. (This agreement is for electric power by and between Coppell ISD and Amerex Brokers, LLC for a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2008. The Superintendent or his designee is authorized to execute the Agreement.) Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to employ professional personnel, subject to assignment, as recommended by the Superintendent. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

David Apple made a motion to approve the renewal of the CISD term and probationary contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the renewal of CISD administrative contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Cindy Warner, Secretary