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Minutes of the September 26, 2005 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 26, 2004 at 6:34 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, Assistant Secretary; Mike Arthur; Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Ralph Seeley; Judy Denman; Chad Branum; and Curriculum Staff

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 23, 2005 at 2:45 p.m.

At 6:34 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 7:31 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Kathie Gautille.

AWARDS

Emmanuel Moody has been selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American Football Bowl game this January. Emmanuel was selected to play in this national all-star competition because of his athletic talents.

In the last five years, the CISD Education Foundation has awarded nearly \$230,000 in innovative teaching grants. This past spring, seven grants were awarded totaling \$24,595. These grants reflect innovative ideas in several academic disciplines including: language arts, science, art, and several covering all academic disciplines. This spring's grants will impact almost 4,000 students in varying grade levels on six different campuses. The following grant recipients were recognized and described their innovative ideas:

Bess Wilson, Erika Adams, Jennifer Braafladt, Crystal Wheatley, and Kristin Hill received a **\$3,600** grant entitled "Expanding Art for Expanding Minds." This grant will impact K-5th grade art students at Mockingbird Elementary.

Jennifer Dermody, Amber Bailey, Janet Young, Marill Myers, Andrea Perrin, Sara Robinette, Nicole Northcutt's grant entitled "The Power of Touch: A SMARTBoard Interactive

Whiteboard” will impact 6th graders at CMS-West. This **\$4,000** grant will fulfill the CISD vision: “to integrate technology into every facet of the educational experience.”

Tony Quinn is back again with “The League of Extraordinary Scientist Part Duex”. CMS-West will have even more “mad” scientists in the classroom again this year thanks to the **\$1,000** grant Tony received for his 8th grade science students.

Lisa Ricciardelli will unite art and digital photography for all students at Austin Elementary with this **\$2,924** grant entitled “Boundless Possibilities Flourish with Art and Digital Photography.”

Robyn Ford, Alan Pletcher, Chris Stricker, Roxanne Farris, and Linda Causey will develop four inquiry based science kits for 10th and 11th graders with their **\$5,000** grant entitled “Chemistry Concepts Through Kits.”

Beccy Ratliff was awarded a **\$1,995** grant entitled “ACTIVote for ACTIVE Learning.” This response system will keep Denton Creek students in grades 2-5 engaged by allowing every student to answer the teacher’s questions.

Kim Witt, Chantel Kastrounis, Kimberly Becker, Shannon Edwards, and Tarrin Henry received a **\$5,000** grant entitled “Town Center City Works” that will be used to develop a real-world “town” with opportunities for students to apply for jobs, demonstrate good citizenship, set goals and be allowed real-time experience of a functioning town.

OPEN FORUM

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Opportunity was given for the public to provide input to the Board of Trustees regarding grants being submitted to the CEDC for approval. No one came forward to address the Board of Trustees.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS

PRESIDENT

Kathie Gaultille announced that the next Team of Eight training will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2006. Philip Boyle will conduct the training from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Irving. On Thursday, September 29, a community forum will be held to discuss the future campus of North Lake College which will be located in Coppell at the intersection of 121 and Sandy Lake Road. The forum will be in the lecture hall at Coppell High School and begins at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Susie Kemp announced that the Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off Breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. on October 21, 2005, at the Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch. Many activities are planned for the week. The police department will give wristbands to all elementary students.

Bennett Ratliff, Board Secretary, reported on the Education Foundation. The Casino Party was a successful fundraiser, and Red & Black Attack signs have been posted around the community. The grant process starts again next month and more information will be given at a later time.

Scott Orr, Mike Arthur, and Bennett Ratliff discussed their September 15th meeting with Representative Jackson. Dr. Turner was also present at the breakfast meeting. Dialogue continues with Representative Jackson in an effort to keep the lines of communication open.

Cindy Warner reported on Strategic Planning. Thirty committee members made up of CISD staff, community members, and students met September 19-20, 2005, with Dr. Howard Feddema. They started by looking at critical issues such as TAKS scores and accountability, funding, overcrowded classes at the high school, and communication. They also looked at areas where progress has been made. These include service learning, technology, alternative fiscal resources, and aligning curriculum. The committee reviewed CISD's mission statement, objectives, strategies and beliefs. As a result, four action teams will be developed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Education Foundation - The annual report on the Education Foundation was given by President Jeff Fink. He stated that last year's Red & Black Attack raised \$170,000. This year's Casino Party was very successful with over 300 donors. The total in grants given to date is \$230,000. Each campus was given \$1,500 in matching funds last year and the Foundation is looking for more grant requests. The endowment account was at \$33,000 last year, and is currently at \$165,000. The student-teacher recognition banquet was very well received.

Strategic Plan - Dr. Turner stated that the strategic plan reaffirms the direction the district is taking.

Hurricane Evacuees - As a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, there are 84 students in CISD schools. The district continues to get calls and the enrollment of displaced students is expected to increase.

CISD Summit - There are two issues that need to be addressed - the size of Coppell High School and grade alignment, and bonds for maintenance for things such as carpet replacement. Although the outcome of the Northlake Development is still unknown, it is believed that committees should be formed to gather data and formulate a plan to present to the Board. On October 14, the Board will meet with attorney Robert Freilich to discuss the Northlake situation.

The Board and City Council will hold a joint meeting with Dr. Freilich on Sunday, October 16, 2005.

CONSENT

Susie Kemp made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve Minutes of August 22, 2005 and September 12, 2005 Meeting
2. Approve the Hang Out Deli as the Provider of Deli-Style Sandwiches for Coppell High School for the 2005-2006 School Year

Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the Literacy Intervention Support Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation with the amount requested to be consistent throughout the application and that the budget portion be changed to reflect both salaries and benefits. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to adopt the CISD Pre-K through 12th Grade English as a Second Language Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation with changes made to reflect both salaries and benefits in the budget section of the application. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the CISD Elementary Spanish Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to adopt the CHS Spanish Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to amend the CISD Commitment to Share Costs of Northlake Development Plan Consultants with the City of Coppell, and that CISD will continue to pay a thirty percent share of costs until \$100,000 is reached, at which time the Board will reassess the situation. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.50 to be used for maintenance and operations and \$0.229 to be used for debt retirement. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Kathie Gautille, Cindy Warner, Susie Kemp, Bennett Ratliff, Mike Arthur and Scott Orr voted *FOR*. (Allen Mushinski was absent.)

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt an Amended Special Election Order Calling a Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Place 2 for a Two Year Term on November 8, 2005, including Change in Polling Locations. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Ralph Seeley gave a presentation regarding the School FIRST Rating for 2003-2004.
(Presentation attached.)

Public discussion regarding the Rating and Financial Performance of the district was held and no citizen expressed interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district.

Cindy Warner made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Kathie Gauthie, Board President

Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary