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Minutes of the August 21, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 21, 2006 at 6:37 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, Secretary; Mike Arthur; Susie Kemp; and David Apple. A quorum was present.

Scott Orr arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Ralph Seeley; Sid Grant; Chad Branum; Jimmy Spann; Tracey Wallace and Curriculum Staff

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 17, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

At 6:37 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), and Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

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

The invocation was given by Scott Orr.

AWARDS

The Coppell Middle School North Cougar Band was honored for their tremendous accomplishment as being selected as the Texas Music Educators State Honor Band for 2006-2007. The CMS-North band was selected as the top band out the fourteen state finalists. Band members recognized are as follows:

Grace Choe, Lily Choi, Violet Coker, Aaron Fisher, Avery Griffiths, Priyanka Krishnamurthy, Mitchell McBrayer, Daniel Moomau, Jason Murray, Rachel Nolan, Richard Song, Chris Teel, Vrunda Vithalan, Jenny Wang, and Tyler Williamson.

The CMS-North band is directed by **Joel Ashbrook** and Assistant Band Director **Brandon Slovak**

Spring 2006 Grant Recipients

In the last six years, the CISD Education Foundation has awarded nearly \$340,000 in innovative teaching grants. This past spring, nine grants were awarded totaling nearly \$42,000. These grants reflect innovative ideas in several academic disciplines including: language arts, math, special education, and several covering all academic disciplines. This spring's grants will impact almost 4,000 students in varying grade levels on eight different campuses. The following grant recipients were recognized and described their innovative ideas:

Lillian Macy, Christine Myers, Allison Anderson, Sharon Steele, Donna Bekavac, Amanda Turner, Shawna Mohler, Jan Ridley and Shari Guess received a \$5,000 grant entitled "The Perfect Fit: Just Right Books for Just Right Readers." This grant will impact K-5th grade students at Wilson Elementary.

Cody Bridwell and Donna Casto are creatively providing technology lessons to CMS-North 7th and 8th graders thanks to the \$4,540 grant they received entitled "Innovative Creations through Media Technologies."

Brenda Sterling and Alicia Raney will bring the news to special education students at Pinkerton Elementary with this \$1,110 grant entitled "Pinkerton Press: It's News to Me".

There will be some wiggling readers at Denton Creek when **Robin Freeman, Gwynne Ross, Karyn Cooper, Amy Hardie and Crystal Nerpel**, put their \$4,290 grant to work entitled "Wiggle Works: Guided Reading Edition."

Stacie Nickols, Diana Richards, and Gloria Yates received a \$4,519 grant entitled "Building a Foundation for Writing: Write from the Beginning" that will be used to develop student's writing skills.

Stephanie Hammoms received a grant entitled "Write from the Beginning . . . The 'Write' Way to Start" that will impact K-5th graders at Cottonwood Creek.

Cottonwood Creek students will be going to college with **Roxann Krautkramer's** grant entitled "Getting a Degree is Elementary."

Kimberly Becker, Shannon Edwards, Tarrin Henry, Chantel Kastrounis, and Kim Witt are again finding creative ways to incorporate nature into learning with their \$5,000 grant entitled "Nature Whispers to Us."

Gifted and Talented students at Denton Creek will be challenged by **Carley Cordell** with her grant entitled "A District Full of 4's-Write . . . from the Beginning."

Laura Maunsell, Irene Edwards, Deborah Sblendorio, Janell Thach, Beth Cook, Marcy Kellam, Celeste Craig and Nancy Devenueau are impacting students at Austin Elementary across all disciplines with their \$5,000 grant entitled "Never Too Good To Be True."

OPEN FORUM

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

REPORT ITEMS

Cindy Warner reported that the Education Foundation is off to a great start. The Red & Black Attack will start around the end of September or beginning of October. The fall fundraiser will be held on September 16 at the Texas Indoor Golf facility.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Shannon Buerk reported on the TAKS scores. (Presentation attached.)

CONSENT

Part of Item 3 on the consent agenda was pulled and voted on separately. Bennett Ratliff made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2006 meeting as corrected (page 3 – additional wording added for clarification). Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple made a motion to approve all other consent agenda items as follows:

1. Approve Budget Amendments for 2005-2006
2. Approve Financial Report for July 2006
3. Approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2006; August 7, 2006; August 9, 2006; and August 14, 2006 Meetings
4. Approve Renewal of Membership in Special Education Retainer Program with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulze & Aldridge, P.C.

Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the 2006-2007 General Fund, Debt Service, and Food Service Budgets as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (Scott Orr was opposed.)

Cindy Warner made a motion to endorse Karen Ellis (Richardson ISD) as a candidate for TASB Director Position 10-A. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to accept resignations as per list presented. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Students Rachel Resner and Kate Morynski, under the direction of Stacy Coalson, gave a presentation on the Coppell Nature Park. Following an overview of the park, they expressed a need for mentors, material donations, and volunteers. More information can be found on the website (www.coppellnaturepark.org). There will a mentoring meeting in September.

At 8:57 p.m., President Gautille declared the Board in Executive Session to consult with attorneys in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

President Gautille declared the meeting in Open Session at 10:00 p.m.

No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary