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Minutes of the November 13, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on November 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

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

Trustee Manish Sethi was not present.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on November 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Chris Trotter; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Kristen Eichel; Angela Brown; Amanda Simpson; Anne Lehew; Naveen Boppana; and Taylor Bristow

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- CISD Community Tailgate
- Special Education Community Engagement and Emerging Bilingual Learners Engagement
- Super Teachers for First Grading Period
- Athletics Signing Day on November 8
- UIL Academics
- CISD Campuses Celebrate Veterans Day on November 10
- I Heart CISD

AWARDS

- Cross Country Runners Henry Henze and Maya Easterwood qualify for the State
 Meet
- Richard J. Lee Elementary 5th grader, Ahiri Neeli, has claimed the top spot in her grade level and is the grand prize winner of the Trinity River Authority's 2023 Art Contest
- Coppell Varsity Band places 8th at State UIL Competition
- Coppell Chess Wins State for Sophomore and Junior Teams and Senior Sharvesh Deviprasath is Senior State Champion

Jobby Mathew gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

There were no community members signed up to speak in Open Forum.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Angie Brooks, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructions, presented a Guidance/Mental Health Wellness update while Chris Trotter, Chief Operations Officer, shared the 2023 Bond Updates. The Superintendent reports were completed by Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer, with a discussion on the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget process.

CONSENT

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

- 1. Approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 23, 2023, and Team of 8 meeting held on November 4, 2023
- 2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for November 2023
- 3. Approve the Financial Report for October 2023
- 4. Approve the award to RFPs FoodSvc-001-24 for Food Services and AthEqpSVC-002-24 for Athletics Equipment and Services
- 5. Adopt the resolution for Coppell ISD to cast its vote for the Fifth Member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Central Appraisal District

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Antony Hill to adopt the recommended revisions to Board Policy CH (LOCAL) as presented. The motion was seconded Jobby Mathew and passed 6-0.

Anthony Hill motioned to approve the hiring of Glenn Engineering for all 2023 bond projects requiring the use and services of a civil or structural engineer. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Team of 8 Debrief and Next Steps David Caviness
- Legislative and TEA Lawsuit Update and Superintendent Business Advisory Committee (SBAC) Nichole Bentley
- Community Based Accountability System (CBAS) Advisory Update Leigh Walker
- District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) Update Ranna Raval

At 8:11 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Private Consultation with Board Attorneys, Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters and Section 551.076 - Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 8:57 p.m.

There was no action following Closed Session.

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Nichole Bentley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jobby Mathew seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary