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Minutes of the February 28, 2005 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 28, 2005 at 6:52 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, Assistant Secretary; Mike Arthur; Allen Mushinski, Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Members absent: Cindy Warner, Vice President

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent and Lisa Ganz, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on Wednesday, February 22, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the submission of a waiver to the Texas Education Agency in order to begin school on August 15, 2005. The community was provided the opportunity to speak regarding the calendar start date. Twenty-four community members attending the meeting approved the adoption of the calendar waiver and 9 community members present opposed the calendar waiver. (A complete list of the speakers is attached to these minutes.)

Mrs. Gautille closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting recessed for a short break at 7:21 p.m.

At 7:39 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Bennett Ratliff:

AWARDS

I would like to start off the night by congratulating the 8 CHS band students who were selected to play in the All-State band this past month.

Amy Brunner
Jennifer Burnett
Cristina Coker
Adam Gautille
Shaiyan Keshvari
Grayson Palmer
Chris Rhea
Austin Welty

Over 150,000 students across the state auditioned for 250 spots on the All-State band, so this is quite an accomplishment. Please join me in congratulating these talented students. Next, I would like to honor two of our cheerleading squads.

JV Captain **Morgan Taylor**

JV Co-captains **Lindsey Hawkins** and **Amber Riney**

JV Coach: Jodi Mashe

Freshman Captain **Jasmine Morgan**

Freshman Co-captains **Lorin Leake** and **Elizabeth Jones**

Freshman Coach: Katie Gala

These ladies are representing their squads tonight. Both squads competed at the National Cheerleader Association Competition in Dallas this December. The JV squad was awarded second place and the Freshman squad placed fourth place in their division.

March is Youth Art Month and we have some artists both young and old that will have their artwork on display in the lobby of the Texas Education Association's building next month.

10th grader Katy Brideau (taught by Tamera Westervelt)

12th grader Mai Le (taught by Deborah Gallatin)

4th grader at Town Center Daniel Koury (taught by Jennifer Pitts)

The Board enjoys celebrating the accomplishments of our students, but we also enjoy honoring our teachers.

Neely Crinkelmeyer teaches 7th grade Language Arts at Coppell Middle School West and has been awarded the Texas Middle School Association's Outstanding Teacher Award for Region X. Among other things, Neely was selected for this award because of her willingness to explore and experiment in the classroom, her focus on children, and her constant collaboration with others.

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board of Trustees during the open forum portion of the meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Gautille reported on the recent Safe & Drug Free Schools Forum. Two forums were held. Mrs. Gautille stated that she was very disappointed in the attendance. Mrs. Gautille mentioned that the PowerPoint presentation is available on the Coppell ISD website.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Scott Orr reported on the Summit held February 10, 2005. Mr. Orr stated that the event was a great success with more than 50 parents and concerned citizens gathering to discuss issues facing our school district. Topics included: size of Coppell High School, curriculum issues at the Middle Schools, possible bond issuance for renovation of district technology, and the Cypress Waters development (TXU property south of North Lake). Mr. Orr expressed his appreciation for CISD staff member's efforts preparing information for the Summit and for the time and effort from community attendees.

Susie Kemp also reported on the Summit and expressed her appreciation to the community for their support and to staff members for providing specific information to discuss. Material from the Summit meeting is posted on the CISD website.

Scott Orr reported on the discussion he and Mike Arthur had on February 4th with Representative Jim Jackson (he was elected to replace Kenny Marchant). Mr. Jackson is a long-time county commissioner and is knowledgeable about our school district. Mr. Jackson spoke with candor and did not "sugar coat" the fact that we will continue to face very difficult challenges in school finance. Mr. Orr said the community should contact our legislators and let our displeasure concerning school finance reform known.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Curriculum Report:

Shannon Buerk and Paul Lupia presented the AEIS Report for 2003-2004 (a complete copy of the report is attached to these minutes).

CONSENT

Allen Mushinski made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. 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.
2. Approve 2004-2005 Budget Amendments.
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2005.
4. Approve Minutes of the January 24, 2005, February 7, 2005, and February 22, 2005 Meetings.

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

ACTION

Mike Arthur made a motion to forgo the school calendar waiver as presented. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 for and 4 against.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to table the calendar waiver until it can be reconsidered next Monday, March 7, 2005 for discussion and decision at that time and asked staff to develop a calendar with a start date on August 22, 2005. Scott Orr seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1 (Arthur opposed).

Mike Arthur made a motion to adopt the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Update 74. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approve the amendment and transfer of up to \$180,000 from the General Fund Balance into General Fund 199, Function 81 (Facilities Acquisition and Construction), Object Code 6636 (Technology over \$5,000) to pay for the DTS Camera Surveillance System. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

No motion was made regarding the approval of a change in attendance zone for students residing in the southern sector of Valley Ranch. The administration was directed to monitor this situation closely.

Scott Orr made a motion to move the attendance zone of the new subdivision at the Samuel & MacArthur intersection from Lakeside Elementary to Lee Elementary and grandfather those houses under contract allowing them to choose either Lakeside Elementary or Lee Elementary. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to approve changes to the method of GPA calculation at CHS, to be implemented with 9th graders in 2005-06 as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

No action took place regarding the waiver for UIL eligibility for advanced courses. The Board will discuss and take action regarding this issue at a future work session.

At 9:52 p.m. President Gaultille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 10:18 p.m. President Gaultille declared the Board in Open Session.

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

Susie Kemp made a motion to approve the renewal of the Administrative staff contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary