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Minutes of the April 28, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 28, 2025, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell, Texas. At 6:01 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Board President David Caviness.

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

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 25, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Kristen Eichel; Angela Brown; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Amanda Simpson; Dwight Goodwin; and Naveen Boppana

AWARDS

- Coppell High School Girls Soccer State Championship Title
- Spring 2025 Great Employees Matter (GEMs)

Trustee Bentley requested a point of privilege to read aloud a Proclamation honoring the legacy of W. W. Pinkerton. Principal Amanda Sweeney was then presented with the proclamation.

President Caviness also recognized members from Boy Scout Troop 840 sitting in the audience and thanked them for attending.

Trustee Ranna Raval gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Two community members requested to speak in Open Forum.

Gabor Toth – GT CHS 9

David Toth – GT CHS9

At 6:43 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 Attorney Consult and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

A motion to approve probationary, term and non-chapter 21 contracts as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0. Trustee Ranna Raval was not at the Dias when the vote was taken.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Chief Financial Officer, Diana Sircar provided an update regarding the 2025-2026 Budget Planning. Chief Communications Officer, Angela Brown presented a New Tech High @ Coppell High School Re-imaging update.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 31, 2025, Team of 8 Training on April 7, 2025, and special meeting held on April 16, 2025
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for April 2025
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2025
4. Approve to dissolve the interlocal agreement for the Prospering Pal Purchasing Cooperative effective June 30, 2025
5. Approve purchase of bleachers for the Coppell High School tennis center
6. Approve replacement of the Valley Ranch Elementary walking track

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Leigh Walker motioned to approve the recommended Instruction Materials and Technology Allotment funds as presented and not exceeding the amount of \$1,200,000.00 to support in the area of curriculum and instruction resources for campuses for the 2025-2026 school year. Ranna Raval seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

Anthony Hill motioned to approve the proposal from Nitor for the installation of camera surveillance and door access for the new Coppell High School for a total cost not to exceed \$150,000 and the motion seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 7-0.

Nichole Bentley motioned to approve the resolution as presented for a low attendance waiver. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

A motion to modify the Board Operating Procedures to reflect the recommended revision on page 18 was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 7-0.

Jobby Mathew made a motion to nominate Trustee Nichole Bentley as a candidate for the Region 10, Position A seat on the TASB Board of Directors. The nomination was seconded by Leigh Walker and passed 7-0.

The Board took no action to modify Board Policy DC (LOCAL).

A Proclamation honoring the legacy of W.W. Pinkerton Elementary School was read into record earlier in the meeting. Trustee Leigh Walker made a motion to approve the

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proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by David Caviness and passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following committee reports were provided by Board Members:

- Superintendent Search Process Update - David Caviness
- Legislative Update - Nichole Bentley
- Bond Oversight Committee Meeting – Jobby Mathew
- Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC), and Quarterly TASB Risk Management Fund Board – Anthony Hill
- Leadership TASB Session 4 – Ranna Raval

President Caviness requested a point of privilege to thank Trustee Manish for his many years of service to the Coppell ISD School District. Dr. Hunt and the remaining trustees expressed their great appreciation for Trustee Sethi and wished him well in his retirement from Place 2 on the Board of Trustees.

As required by Texas Education Code – Section 11.159 and 19 Texas Administrative Code section 61.1, the Board President David Caviness presented the Continuing Education Credit Report. Board members, Leigh Walker, Anthony Hill, Ranna Raval, David Caviness, Nichole Bentley, and Jobby Mathew have met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Goal Setting, Student Safety and Cybersecurity Training, and Identifying and reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children and School Safety.

Trustee Manish Sethi has met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Goal Setting, Student Safety and Cybersecurity Training, and Identifying and School Safety. Trustee Sethi has not completed the training for reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children there for is deficient in his CE training.

Additionally, President Caviness reported that each trustee exceeded the additional Board Development Continuing Education training requirements.

At 10:52 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 Attorney Consult and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 12:13 a.m.

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No action was taken following Close Session. President Caviness shared that an update regarding the progress made toward a possible interim Superintendent as well as a possible executive search firm will be shared by the end of May.

Leigh Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 a.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Jobby Mathew, Board Secretary