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## **Minutes of the October 27, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 27, 2025, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness at 6:00 p.m.

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

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Sid Grant; Dr. Angie Brooks; Angela Brown; Erica Devould; Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana and Dwight Goodwin

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES**

- All CISD 7<sup>th</sup> Graders participated in Career Inspire Event at Irving Convention Center on October 15
- CISD Little Library Events and Cowboy Pumpkin Playdate engage young families with CISD
- Learning Spotlights and Campus Learning Walks allow future and current families to experience learning in action at campuses
- Tennis and Cross-Country Updates
- Varsity Band upcoming State Competition

President David Caviness gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OPEN FORUM**

The following individuals spoke during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

Thomas Burrows – Spending	Sheri Hill – State of CISD	Kristen Johnson – TCE
Meghan Mitchell – TCE Closure	Zachary Metz – TCE	Jessica Tanner – TCE
Subbu Venkat – TCE	Ted Ford - TCE	John Shearwood – TCE
Kathleen Lambert – TCE	Gita Shaw – TCE	Paul Heeg – TCE
Bob Perryman – TCE	Amanda Kelsey – TCE	Brent Billington – TCE
Gautam Muralidhar – Consolidation		Dan Stuchal – TCE
Cori Reich – Consolidation	Tyler Reich – TCE Closure	Lindsay Hinde – TCE
Dominic Nevarez – TCE	Christina Reed – TCE	Megan Blanton – TCE
Lori Vincenzo – School Closure	Sam Jayavelan – TCE	JJ Lyphout – TCE
Katy McKinney – School Closure	Cheryl Engler – Consolidation	Tiffany Tai – TCE
Jeff Benavidez – TCE Closure	Christopher Bryan – TCE	Nina Lovatt – TCE
Shane Pope – Low Tech	Amanda Nevels – TCE	Tatiana Tafoya – TCE
Tracy Fisher – Consolidation	Christy Mitchell – TCE	Chris Boyd – TCE
Sabrina Billington – School Consolidation		Frank Gasparro – TCE

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Leyria Holmes – Students from Businesses

Todd Lewallen – TCE

Jenny Yu – TCE

Mike Mercado - Closure

Beth Russell – TCE

Chaofeng Yang – TCE

Heather Thurgood – TCE

Bryon Pascoe – TCE

Elise Pruett – Unity

## **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- Technology Advisory Committee Update and Coppell ISD Education Foundation – Jobby Mathew
- CTE Advisory Committee Update – Nichole Bentley
- iLead Session 2 and School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) – Anthony Hill

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District's state financial accountability rating. Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer, and Erica Devould, Director of Accounting, presented information regarding the school FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for 2024-2025. Coppell ISD received an "A" Superior rating with 96 points for the FIRST 2024-2025 (Fiscal Year 2023-2024) results.

## **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT**

- Demographer's Fall Update – Rocky Gardiner (Zonda Education)
- TASB Scholarship Report – David Caviness, Board President
- Budget Planning Overview – Dr. Leanne Shivers (Superintendent) and Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer)

## **CONSENT**

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

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 29, 2025, and workshop held on October 6, 2025
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for October 2025
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2025
4. Approve delegating authority to the superintendent to obligate the school district under TEC §11.1511(c)(4) solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC §49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit
5. Approve Region 10 Education Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement for the Purchase of Child Nutrition Foods, Wares and Supplies
6. Approve the Public Information Act Calendar for the 2026 calendar year, including designating 10 non-business days each calendar year in compliance with HB 3033

Anthony Hill seconded the motion which included that the Board delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner

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of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006 for the 2025-2026 school year. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). The motion carried 7-0.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Leigh Walker motioned to accept the work completed by Core Construction for the interior refreshes at Town Center and Denton Creek Elementary Schools and Phase One work at Coppell Middle School North so that final payment can be made to Core Construction.

Anthony Hill motioned to approve the request to submit class size waivers as presented. Ranna Raval seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-1 with Trustee Leigh Walker voting in opposition.

Chief Communications Officer Angela Brown read aloud a resolution regarding Cowboys United Legacy Student Transfers. A motion to approve to adopt the resolution regarding Cowboys United Legacy Student Transfers as presented was made by Nichole Bentley. The motion was seconded by Leigh Walker and passed 7-0.

Chief Communications Officer Angela Brown read aloud a resolution regarding Cowboys United Grandparent Student Transfers. Leigh Walker motioned to adopt a resolution regarding Cowboys United CISD Resident Grandparent Student Transfers as presented. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval and passed 6-0. Vice President Nichole Bentley abstained from the vote due to her status as a grandparent in the community.

A motion to approve the campus consolidation plan as presented was made by Jobby Mathew. David Caviness seconded the motion and the motion failed 2-5.  
Voting for: David Caviness, Jobby Mathew  
Voting against: Anthony Hill, Leigh Walker, Nichole Bentley, Ranna Raval, Jonathan Powers

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:46 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 – Personnel and Section 551.076 – Security Devices and Security Audits.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 11:11 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

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David Caviness, Board Vice President

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Jobby Mathew, Secretary