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Minutes of the May 23, 2005 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on May 23, 2005 at 6:33 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; Cindy Warner, Vice President; Mike Arthur, Allen Mushinski, Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent and Kay Ryon, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on May 20, 2005, at 2:20 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Kay Ryon, Secretary, administered the Officer's Statement and Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members: Kathie Gautille, Place 4, and Scott Orr, Place 5.

An election of the Board Officers was held.

Cindy Warner made a motion to elect Bennett Ratliff to the office of Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to elect Kathie Gautille to the office of President of the Board of Trustees. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Allen Mushinski made a motion to elect Cindy Warner to the office of Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to elect Kay Ryon to the office of Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

At 6:39 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 7:36 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Susie Kemp.

AWARDS

The CHS Madrigal/Chamber Signers were recognized. Their director, Jolene Webster, was notified that they have been named the Texas Music Educators Association 5A State Honor

Choir. They have also been named the American Choral Directors' SW Division Honor Choir, and the American Classic State Honor Chamber Choir, and have been invited to sing at the TMEA convention in February.

President Gautille congratulated the Class of 2005, the largest class in Coppell High School's history. They secured scholarship awards totaling over \$4,410,257.00. This year's top 10 seniors from among 638 graduates were honored. The following students were recognized as the top 10 seniors:

Amy Brunner-Valedictorian
Victoria Dekany- Salutatorian
Taylor Schilling
Jacklyn Cheng
Jennifer Baron
Melissa Nieves
Scott Collison
Julia Fu
Taylor Hawkins
Kristen Wallin

Amy Brunner was recently selected by the Texas Association of Secondary Principals as a member of the TASSP All-State Academic Excellence Team. Over 200 students across the state were nominated by their high school principal and Amy was one of only twenty chosen for this honor.

This year CISD had 9 seventh graders, the most ever to be honored at the national level, who received "Grand" recognitions in the Duke University's Talent Identification Program. The students recognized are as follows:

Peter Chang-CMS-East
Sara Saastamoinen - CMS-East
Alexander Chiu -CMS-North
John Geller-CMS-North
Lucy Huo -CMS-North
Mary Mason-CMS-North
Patrick Foss-CMS-West
Bryce Heatherly-CMS-West
Weiqi Yang-CMS-West

Seventh graders across the state compete in Duke TIP and recognition is based on SAT and ACT scores. These students scored at or above the 650 level for SAT Math and English.

The two Business Professionals of America national competitors, **Nitin Seemakurty** and **Michael Buckley**, were honored. These two students both placed in the top 10 in the nation in

Java Programming, Nitin 6th and Michael 9th, at the National BPA competition in Anaheim, California last month. Jan McClintock and De Ann Sills are their sponsors.

The students involved in DECA recently competed at the international DECA conference in California. The following students were recognized:

Corey Ray
Matthew Light
Brandon Reid
Brett Parmelee
Zach Wszolek -Finished in the top 20 in the Hospitality Services Event
Chelsea Cason
Matthew Shaughnessy
Kristen Kepner
Samantha Paylim
Sarah Wilson
Katy Hartwick
Kima Light is their sponsor.

Several speech students were honored. The following students competed in the UIL State Speech and Debate Tournament and/or the Texas Forensics Association State Tournament:

Brian Bloss
Bob Wang
Kumar Chilukuri
Brittany Ramos
Pavan Krishnamurthy
Michael Holzheimer
Spenser Samms
Al Juneja

These students are coached by Glenda Ferguson, and Brian Bloss is also coached by Maleda Kunkle.

Also, Pavan and Brittany won the Novice division at the Glenbrooks Tournament in Chicago, which is the largest high school tournament in the country. Brian qualified to compete at the National Speech and Debate tournament in Extemporaneous Speaking.

The following students brought home 21 medals out of 1,400 entries across the state in the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE):

Kimberly Auinbauh
Aubrey Bonneau
Katy Brideau
Melissa Byboth
Hyeon Bin Cho

Caleb Choe
Brian Choi
Haniya Ghazaleh
Young Kwon
Jaclyn Le
Mai Le
Jenni Mares
Taigi Mimuro
Krista Quick
Catherine Schaefer
Katherine Yoon

These students are sponsored by Tamera Westervelt.

The following Texas Computer Education Association state contest winners were recognized:

Jenni Mares-1st place Poster Design
Roberto Fabre-2nd place Poster Design
Austin Beavers-2nd place Desktop Publishing

Various state athletes were recognized.

Rachel Wilhelm finished second at the State Tennis Tournament in Austin. This is the best Coppel has ever accomplished in tennis. Rachel is also ranked #11 in her graduating class.

Also recognized was **Kenny Greaves**. As a freshman, Kenny qualified to compete at the State Track and Field meet in the pole vault and finished fourth with a jump of 15 feet.

The team of varsity soccer players, who reached the state soccer tournament for the second year in a row (state semifinalists,) were recognized:

Estevan Arbaiza
Craig Bartlett
Casey Biggs
Andrew Chapman
Justin Cheshire
John Conner
Kevin Cooksey
Nicky Courtney
Eric Defreitas
Chandler Diggs
Michael Erickson
Aaron Francis
Scott Geppert
Stephen Hedeman
Terrell Hinds

**Brian Lacinski
Brent Lucich
Manuj Mahajan
Colin McDaniel
Elias Mendoza
Jon Ridley
Jeff Ridley
Shaun Robertson
Brian Roscovius
Stephen Sawyer
Craig Schroeder
Steven Schultz
Daniel Speer
Paul Stein
Blake Wilson**

The team is coached by John Lawhon, Mike Ridley and Tommy Sills.

Coach Chip Lowery was recognized as being named Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year by the Texas High School Wrestling Coaches Association. Head wrestling Coach Carl Stralow stated that “he has met very few people that work with student athletes as well as coach Lowery does.”

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board of Trustees.

REPORTS

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Dr. Mike Arthur gave a report on the Education Foundation. Approximately \$25,000 in grant money has been awarded. In addition, matching funds of \$1500 were awarded to each campus. The Foundation’s Academic Recognition was held honoring the top 5% students and the Teachers of the Year. Each of the recognized students had selected his/her most influential teacher to be honored and attend this function.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Brad Hunt introduced the the following candidates to fill principal vacancies:

Melody Paschall – CMS East
Bryan McLain – Denton Creek Elementary
Pamela Mitchell – Mockingbird Elementary

The new Director of Mathematics, Michelle King, was introduced.

A technology report was given by Chad Branum on the matching funds campaign for the 2004-2005 school year. A general overview of the types of items that were purchased along with the costs involved was presented and discussed. The PTO Presidents were introduced and thanked for their assistance.

Tabitha Branum presented the I-Team report, and introduced the members of the team. A short film was shown featuring various lessons utilizing technology to enhance instruction.

The report on the Go Center was presented by Donna Carpenter, outlining the establishment and purpose of the center as a partnership between CHS and an area university to provide a staff of college students to furnish one-to-one mentoring in college and career planning. The Go Center is located in the CHS library and will serve as a supplement in the areas of college application, financial aid, housing, and degree planning. The initial focus of the program will be first generation and special needs college students.

Linda Cook and Michael Holzheimer presented an overview of the Nature Center. The Kiwanis Club of Coppell has initiated a student-run project to develop a nature center in Coppell. Groups of students from each middle school and the high school have met in various subcommittees to investigate sites, features, marketing and finances needed for this project. The students have selected Wagon Wheel Park as the site, which will be named the Coppell Nature Park. It is hoped that the project will promote citizen awareness of the natural environment in the education process.

Phil Gacia, Linda Nichols, Susan Ball, and Kevin Whitsett presented a western bronze, titled "Bronco Buster," to the Board in recognition of Aramark's twenty year relationship with CISD.

CONSENT

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve 2004-2005 Budget Amendments
2. Approve Financial Report for April 2005
3. Approve Investment Reports for the periods ending December 31, 2004 and March 31, 2005.
4. Approve the minutes of the April 18, 2005; May 20, 2005; and May 17, 2005 Board meeting.
5. Approved Shared Services Arrangement Agreement from the Dallas Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for 2005-2006.

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Scott Orr made a motion to nominate Bennett Ratliff as a delegate to the state convention/delegate assembly. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to nominate Mike Arthur as a delegate to the state convention/delegate assembly. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to accept a bid from JP Morgan Chase Bank to be the CISD Bank Depository for the period beginning September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to modify the 2005-2006 calendar by moving the weather day from May 1, 2006, to April 28, 2006 because of AP testing. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to designate August 31, 2005; October 6, 2005; and April 27, 2006 as early release days to be used for professional staff development. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Bennett Ratliff dissenting.

Mike Arthur made a motion to approve a bilingual dual immersion program (as presented before the Board) at the kindergarten level for the 2005-2006 school year. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to employ professional personnel as per attached list, subject to assignment, as recommended by the administration. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m..

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Kay Ryon, Secretary