

Minutes of the August 24, 2020 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Thom Hulme.

Members present in person: Thom Hulme, President; David Caviness, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary and Leigh Walker

Members attending remotely: Manish Sethi; Anthony Hill; and Tracy Fisher

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Greg Axelson; Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Dr. Deana Dynis; Stephen McGilvray; Diana Sircar; Angela Brown; Jennifer Villines and Rachael Freeman

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 21, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., President Hulme declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071, Section 551.072, and Section 551.074.

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

A motion to approve a Resolution declaring the following real property surplus and no longer necessary for District operations or educational purposes: two parcels totaling 6.7 acres, more or less, out of 20 acres, more or less, described in deed recorded as Instrument #20080370206, Official Public Records of Dallas County, Texas, and authorizing the Board President or Superintendent to sign a real estate option agreement for said property with the City of Coppell, and to execute all documents necessary to effect the sale to the City if the option(s) is exercised, with the exception of any deed which will be executed by the Board President was made by Leigh Walker. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley and passed 7-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- A. Community and local businesses supporting CISD employees
- B. Welcoming New and Returning Employees and Professional Learning
- C. Return to School Highlights

AWARDS

- A. Lakeside, Richard J. Lee, Valley Ranch and Wilson Elementaries selected for TEPSA Student Leadership Awards
- B. CISD Communications and Community Engagement TSPRA Awards

Thom Hulme gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The community was given the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees either in person or remotely during Open Forum. No one from the community requested to speak in person or remotely.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Dr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent along with several members of his Executive Leadership Team, Dr. Greg Axelson, Dr. Angie Applegate, and Kristen Streeter provided a Back to School Update. Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Deana Dynis provided an update regarding Gifted and Talented and Advanced Academics. Safety and Security Coordinator, Rachael Freeman presented the Region 10 Safety and Security Audit of each CISD campus. Stephen McGilvray, Executive Director of Technology, reviewed the protection measures used by the District in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Action (CIPA) and Cyberbullying Awareness.

CONSENT

David Caviness made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular board meeting held on July 27, 2020 and Board Workshop held on August 3, 2020
2. Approve 2019-2020 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2020
4. Approve Superintendent as Purchasing Agent for the Coppell Independent School District, Authorized Representative for all Federal programs including E-Rate and Child Nutrition, and Designated Custodian for the general fund, building fund, child nutrition fund, bond fund, activity fund, all federal programs including E-Rate, all state programs, and all other programs and activities not listed
5. Approve Purchasing Cooperative Fees paid by Coppell ISD
6. Approve interlocal agreement with the City of Coppell for School Resource Officers
7. Approve TEA Waiver for Dyslexia Kindergarten Screener for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

ACTION

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Official Budgets at the fund and function level for the General, Food Service, and Debt Service Funds for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2021, as presented and in accordance with Texas Education Code 44.002-44.006 David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker to approve the 2020 Appraisal Tax Roll as certified, in addition to all supplement tax roll changes presented by the Dallas County Appraisal District throughout the fiscal year. Tracy Fisher seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

A motion to adopt the 2020-2021 District Improvement Plan, as presented, was made by Anthony Hill, and seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by the TASB Policy Services and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 115. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion to adopt the revisions to Board Policy: DEAB (LOCAL) – Compensation Plan – Wage and Hours Laws was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion passed 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to nominate Tracy Fisher to apply for a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Advocacy Institute stipend. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to nominate Nichole Bentley as an alternate to apply for a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Advocacy Institute stipend. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

David Caviness reported out on the Re-opening Task Force Committee meetings. Tracy Fisher provide a legislative update. Anthony Hill discussed the Safety & Security Design Committee meetings and an update regarding the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB).

At 9:50 p.m., President Hulme declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under Government Code of Texas as allowed by Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 10:33 p.m.

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No action was taken following Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

David Caviness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Thom Hulme, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary