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Minutes of the May 19, 2025 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on May 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Nichole Bentley, Vice President; Leigh Walker; Anthony Hill; and Ranna Raval

Trustees Manish Sethi and Jobby Mathew were not present. A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on May 16, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

On May 12, 2025, the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees adopted an Order Declaring Results of the Trustee General Election held on May 3, 2025. A Certificate of Election was issued to, Trustee Leigh Walker, Jonathan Powers, and Trustee Anthony Hill on May 12, 2025.

Carol Snowden, Notary Public, administered the Officer's Statement and Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members: Leigh Walker (Place 1); Jonathan Powers (Place 2); and Anthony Hill (Place 3). Newly sworn in Trustee Powers took his place at the dais.

Dr. Hunt provided district highlights and updates on the following topics:

- Thank you to Advisory Councils (SBAC, SLAC, STAC, Parents and More)
- Community Champion Awards
- Kindergarten Round-Up
- Debate Takes Third in Tournament of Champions
- Congratulations Class of 2025 and the Valedictorians and Salutatorians at CHS and New Tech

AWARDS

- Girls Golf State Champions and Individual Champion Alicia Bellendir
- District Teachers of the Year Kara Lindquist and Michael Upchurch
- Danielle "Dani" Todd – 30 years, Lakeside Elementary
- Mary Johnson – 30 years, Mockingbird Elementary
- Estrella "Star" Primera – 30 years, Town Center Elementary
- Alex Zuniga – 35 years, Facilities and Maintenance
- Cyndi Hubbard – 35 years, Mockingbird Elementary
- Laura Springer – 40 years, Coppell High School

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

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OPEN FORUM

The following community members requested to speak during the Open Forum portion of the agenda:

Sheri Hill – New Tech	Muneera Seif – New Tech	Sunny Kalala – New Tech
Keira Schafer – New Tech	Logan Brown – New Tech	Disha Shah – New Tech
Claire Hess – New Tech	Shriya Apshankar – New Tech	Ellie Hill – New Tech
Julie Vrla – New Tech	Austin Anderson – New Tech	Gannon Busby – New Tech
Samkalp Mudaliar – New Tech consolidation		Antonia Kelley – New Tech
Charishma Kasaragadda – New Tech consolidation		Krishna Kelley – New Tech
Dhruv Sujith – New Tech	Elizabeth de Moraes – New Tech	Conall Busby – New Tech
Isabella Argueta – New Tech	Arjun Sharma – New Tech	Samarth Srinivas – New Tech
Ishana Vishwareth – New Tech	Charlie Wicker – New Tech	Sanjay Garg – New Tech
Andrea Agius – Budget, New Tech		Vish Krishnan – New Tech
Samika Jahra Rahman - New Tech		Shobhana Natarijan – New Tech
Christy Runyan – New Tech	Jimin Park – New Tech	Jiwan Park – New Tech
Sarah Foster – New Tech	Lily Hess – New Tech	Sarah Myers - New Tech
Tejas Bhatia – New Tech	Julie Waters – New Tech	Dr. Swaminathan Karthik – NT
Dr. Arathi Karthik – New Tech	Dhruv Karthik – New Tech	Brandi Ragland – New Tech
James Guerra – New Tech	Anthony Fang – New Tech	Sam Foster – New Tech
Blanca De La Rosa – New Tech	Shourik Bhattacharyya – Elections of CISD Board	
Michelle Rinearson-Farris – New Tech		Laura Wortman – New Tech
Stephanie Martin – New Tech	Paula Lewis – New Tech	Rose Cheng – New Tech
Laura Markham – New Tech	Reid Martin – New Tech	Lucas Markham – New Tech
Michelle Richardson – New Tech	Salim Kapadia – New Tech	Dan Koller – New Tech
Kevin Chaka – School Closure Considerations		Harish Iyer – New Tech
Ayaan Haque – New Tech	Amanda Laranja – New Tech	

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

- 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Budget Planning – Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer)
- Athletics and Fine Arts Program Updates – Kit Pehl (Director of Athletics) & Gerry Miller (Director of Fine Arts)
- CISD 2030 Strategic Plan – Angela Brown (Chief Communications Officer) & Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction)
- Reimagined New Tech High @ Coppell Report – Angela Brown (Chief Communications Officer) & Dr. Angie Brooks (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction)

CONSENT

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

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 28, 2025, and special meeting and workshop held on May 12, 2025
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for May 2025
3. Approve Financial Report for April 2025

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

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ACTION

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adopt the school consolidation and boundary realignment timeline as presented with the option of a September 15th or September 22nd Board Workshop based on availability. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval. Trustee Caviness amended the motion to approve the timeline with the option of adding a workshop sometime between the dates of September 15 and September 29, 2025. Nichole seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. Then the original motion on the floor was put up to a vote and passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Legislative Update & Career & Technical Education (CTE) Committee – Nichole Bentley

At 11:00 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consult with Board Attorney and Section 551.074 – Personnel.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 11:43 p.m.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to accept the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Brad Hunt. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

A motion to name Doug Williams as the interim Superintendent of Coppell ISD effective June 1, 2025, was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Nichole Bentley to post the position of the Superintendent of Schools. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motioned carried 6-0.

President Caviness conducted the election of officers for the Board of Trustees.

Leigh Walker nominated to elect Jobby Mathew to the office of Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Jonathan Powers seconded the nomination. Trustee Mathew was elected to the office of Secretary by a vote of 6-0.

Leigh Walker nominated to elect Nichole Bentley to the office of Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Ranna Raval seconded nomination. The vote for Nichole Bentley for Vice President was 6-0. Trustee Bentley was elected to the office of Vice President.

Leigh Walker nominated David Caviness to the office of President of the Board of Trustees. Anthony Hill seconded the nomination. The vote for David Caviness for President was 6-0. President Caviness was re-elected to the office of President.

ADJOURNMENT

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Powers seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 a.m.

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David Caviness, Board President

Jobby Mathew, Secretary