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Minutes of the April 24, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 24, 2023, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Board President David Caviness.

At 6:00 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session.

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

Dr. Neena Biswas was not present.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Kristen Eichel; Angela Brown; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Dr. Dennis Womack; Mary Kemper; Amanda Simpson; Stephen McGilvray; Jennifer Villines; Greg Alexander; Rory Butkovich and Naveen Boppana

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Brad Hunt presented the District Highlights and Updates:

- Upcoming Fentanyl Prevention Presentations
- Launch Early Onboarding of STEAM at All Elementary Schools for Upcoming School Year
- Students Visit McLaren
- Student iLead Update
- CMS West's Brian Choate Receives "Teacher on the Rise" Award
- Thanking CISD Volunteers
- Cowboy Theatre Senior Showcase
- Lariette Spring Show
- Senior vs. Senior Cornhole Tournament
- I Heart CISD

AWARDS

- Spring Great Employees Matter (GEMs)

Trustee Leigh Walker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No community members requested to speak in Open Forum.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

An update regarding the Dallas College Partnership with Coppell ISD was provided by Dallas College Trustee Philip Ritter, Chancellor Justin Lonon, President Dr. Christa Slejko and Vice Provost Dr. Tiffany Kirksey.

CONSENT

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 27, 2023 and workshop held on April 3, 2023
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for April 2023
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2023
4. Approve the extension of current depository contract as allowed by Texas Education Code 45.205(b)
5. Approve RFQ #200-23 for Bond Underwriting Services
6. Approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2023-2024. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2023-2024 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services
7. Approve Superintendent's recommendation for employment of new-hire professional personnel

Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion to approve the Resolution as presented for low attendance waivers due to illness was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

Manish Sethi motioned to add, revise, and delete the following (LOCAL) policies in accordance with the proposed changes resulting from the Policy Review Session conducted on February 21st and 22nd of this year. Policies affected are AE(LOCAL); BBB(LOCAL);BE(LOCAL);BJB(LOCAL);BQ(LOCAL);BQA(LOCAL);BQB(LOCAL); CDC(LOCAL);CE(LOCAL);CFD(LOCAL);CH(LOCAL);CMB(LOCAL);DBA(LOCAL);DCA(LOCAL);DCB(LOCAL);DEAB(LOCAL);DEC(LOCAL);DED(LOCAL);DEE(LOCAL); DK(LOCAL);DNA(LOCAL);DPB(LOCAL);EHAD(LOCAL);EIC(LOCAL);FD(LOCAL);FDA(LOCAL);FDB(LOCAL);FEC(LOCAL);FFA(LOCAL);FL(LOCAL);FM(LOCAL);FMG(LOCAL);FNA(LOCAL);FNAA(LOCAL);FNCE(LOCAL);FNG(LOCAL);FO(LOCAL);GBBA(LOCAL);GKD(LOCAL); and GKDA(LOCAL). The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 6-0.

Jobby Mathew motioned to approve the administration to negotiate a successful contract with recommended companies and approve the purchase of the datacenter infrastructure upgrades for an amount not to exceed \$1,119,218.40. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

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The Board had their annual discussion regarding Board Operating Procedures. A motion was made by Manish Sethi to amend the Board Operating Procedures as discussed. The motion was seconded by Jobby Mathew. The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – 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, Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill, 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 Setting Goals, Identifying and reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children and School Safety.

Dr. Neena Biswas has met the required hours of education listed above however is deficient in meeting the required biennial training at the time of reporting on the following courses:

- Identifying and Reporting Abuse, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children
- School Safety

In addition, each trustee has met or exceeded the additional Board Development Continuing Education training requirements.

Anthony Hill reported on the District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) meeting, Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and the North Texas Association of School Boards (NTAASB) April meeting.

Trustee Sethi provided an update on the Coppell Education Foundation.

At 8:15 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 Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 8:47 p.m.

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

Nichole Bentley motioned to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Tong Lin to abandon her employment contract with the District. The motion was seconded by Manish Sethi and passed 6-0.

A motion to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Stephanie Hinojosa to

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abandon her employment contract with the District was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion to approve probationary, term and non-chapter 21 contracts as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion passed 6-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Board Secretary