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Minutes of the September 25, 2006 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 25, 2006 at 6:32 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; Cindy Warner, Vice President; Bennett Ratliff, Assistant Secretary; Mike Arthur; Susie Kemp; Scott Orr; and David Apple. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Ralph Seeley; Judy Denman; Chad Branum; Curriculum Staff; Campus Principals; Tamerah Ringo; and Bria Michael

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

At 6:32p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Sections 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property), and 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 7:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Dr. Mike Arthur.

AWARDS

For the second year in a row, eleven Coppell High School students have been named National Merit Semifinalists. They were chosen based on their 2005 Pre-SAT scores. Less than 1% of high school seniors were selected as semifinalists nationwide. The following students were recognized:

**Thomas Carlson
Cristina Coker
Arjun Dhanik
Sarah Gellman
Allison Jordan
Mai Le
Julia Meter
John Salvie
Nitín Seemakurty
Amy Seitz**

Tony Sun

Also recognized was Dr. Juneria Berges, principal at Coppell Middle School North. This summer she was selected at the TASSP Region X Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year. Juneria has served Coppell ISD for 9.5 years.

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board during Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARING

Opportunity was given for the public to provide input to the Board of Trustees regarding grants being submitted to the CEDC for approval. No one came forward to address the Board of Trustees.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS

PRESIDENT – President Gautille commented on the new brochure on the CISD Board of Trustees Operating Procedures which provides information about Board responsibilities, elections, protocol for meetings, how to address concerns, etc.

The first meeting of the NTAASB was in Garland on September 20, 2006. Mrs. Gautille detailed the dates and topics of future NTAASB meetings. Future meetings are as follows:

- Nov. 15 in Denton ISD, topic will be “Re-structuring Efforts to Align Educational Opportunities from 6th Grade through the University Degree”
- Jan. 17 in Richardson ISD, topic will be “Team of Eight” training
- Feb. 21 in Highland Park ISD, topic will be “Presentation by State of Texas Demographer Steve Murdoch”
- April 11 in Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, topic will be “Presentation by Jim Crow on the 80th Texas Legislative Session”

Mrs. Gautille recently asked Scott Orr to serve on the CHS Strategic Planning Initiative Committee. She also mentioned that the district has invited the community to participate in a public forum designed to gather input on the topic of CHS for the Future: Enhancing the High School Experience. There are five areas that the forum will focus on: Communication, Connectivity, Curriculum/Instruction, Scheduling, and Transition. The forum will be at the CHS lecture hall from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26.

BOARD MEMBERS

Susie Kemp reported on the DEIC meeting where Dr. Lue Bishop presented the accountability rating, as well as the District Improvement Plan. The focus will be to review implementation and monitor the progress of the DIP.

A report on the Education Foundation was given by Cindy Warner. The casino party was a huge success and raised approximately \$70,000. One hundred percent of this money goes back to our schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The district is moving ahead with plans to purchase 125 acres of land at the North Lake site. Commissioners set the price for the property to \$1.65 per square foot (\$9,000,000).

CONSENT

Scott Orr made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve Minutes of August 21, 2006 (Special and Regular) and September 18, 2006 Meetings
2. Approve Investment Report for period ending June 30, 2006
3. Approve Region 18 Educational Service Center Cooperative Purchasing Program Resolution for the 2006-07 fiscal year

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

ACTION

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the Literacy Intervention Support Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt the CISD Pre-K through 12th Grade English as a Second Language Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation as presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to adopt the CHS Spanish Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation with changes made to reflect the number of teachers as twelve throughout the document. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the addition of three middle schools teachers, but this will necessitate writing a separate grant. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple made a motion to adopt the Law Education through Mock Trial Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation as presented. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to adopt the CISD District Improvement Plan as submitted. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt the CISD Campus Improvement Plans as submitted. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt an ordinance setting the 2006 maintenance and operations tax rate at \$1.37 per \$100 of valuation. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (Scott Orr was opposed.)

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt an ordinance setting the 2006 debt service tax rate at \$0.229 per \$100 of valuation. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to adopt a Resolution regarding Review and Consideration of Changes to Investment Policies CDA (LEGAL) and CDA (LOCAL). See attached memo for changes to CDA (LOCAL). Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Ralph Seeley gave a presentation regarding the School FIRST Rating for 2004-2005. (Presentation attached.)

Public discussion regarding the Rating and Financial Performance of the district was held and no citizen expressed interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district.

Cindy Warner made a motion that the CISD Board of Trustees add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 78. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to adopt the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school calendars as presented. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1. (Cindy Warner was opposed.)

Cindy Warner made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as per list presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Bennett Ratliff, Secretary