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Minutes of the September 27, 2004 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 27, 2004 at 6:30 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; Mike Arthur; Allen Mushinski, Susie Kemp; and Scott Orr. A quorum was present.

Members absent: Cindy Warner, Vice-President

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent and Lisa Ganz, Secretary

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 24, 2004 at 9:40 a.m.

At 6:30 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 7:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Bennett Ratliff

AWARDS

Anthony Walsh, is a CHS senior and will be in the starting lineup on the Cowboys' Baseball Team for his fourth year. He has been named all-district 3 times and ranks in the top 10% of his senior class. As a great student and player, Anthony had a unique opportunity this summer. With his summer baseball team The Dallas Reds, he traveled to Beijing, China to compete in the Global Baseball Championship Series. In Beijing, he competed against Olympic development teams from Japan, China and Korea. Anthony and his team returned back to the states with the Championship Title and Anthony received the "Best Batter" award.

Erik Eriksen is a devoted school volunteer and parent. In September, Erik was one of the 15 volunteers honored at the State Board of Education Heroes for Children ceremony. Erik was nominated by CMS-W teacher Barry Johnston and CMS-W principal Vern Edin. Barry wrote in the application that Erik "has been the glue that has held my class together." Erik has devoted his time and energy to West's Technology lab which is used for the Careers Investigation Class. Erik repaired 14 of the lab's computers among other things, and he continues to help keep the lab updated, organized and running for students.

OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to address the Board of Trustees.

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Gautille announced the Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off Breakfast to be held on Friday, October 29, 2004 at 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Gautille encouraged other board members to attend if their work schedules allow.

Mrs. Gautille stated that the District hosted the NTAASB meeting that was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at CMS-North. Mrs. Gautille commented that the meeting was attended by over 120 area school board members and superintendents. The guest speakers included Senator Shapiro and Senator Grusendorf. The next NTAASB meeting will be November 17, 2004 in McKinney.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Bennett Ratliff, Board Assistant Secretary, reported on the Education Foundation Casino Party Fund Raiser. Mr. Ratliff expressed special thanks to Tony Altemus for his efforts in coordinating this successful event. Mr. Ratliff also thanked the community for their outpouring of support. The Education Foundation collected over \$25,000!

Scott Orr discussed specific topics that were addressed in sessions that he attended at the TASA/TASB State Convention in Dallas. These topics are as follows:

- Smaller Communities within a Mega-High School Concept
- Process for Public Input Early in the Budget Process

Mr. Orr has requested that these items be placed on a future work session agenda for further discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Curriculum Report

Shannon Buerk, Director of Secondary Curriculum, presented the District Accountability Report (full report attached to minutes).

Dr. Turner discussed the **Law Suit** – Judge Deitz confirmed what we have known for some time in CISD, that the state does not do its share of funding public schools. This is the first “win” for our team after two losses in courts dating back to 2001. While this is a victory, we are still a long way from getting relief in Coppell schools. At this time we are preparing our case for the Supreme Court who then will decide the issue. We feel good about our chances of winning this round as well. Of course, since the court cannot write law, we will again have to rely on our legislators to revamp the Robin Hood system within constitutional parameters.

CONSENT

Mike Arthur made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve Master Systems, Inc. as the Contractor to Complete the Coppell Middle School-West Tennis Court Post-Tension Concrete Overlay and Repairs as Specified in the Request for Proposal for the Sum of \$54,434 to be Paid out of Bond Funds
2. Approve Bids for Athletic Supplies and Equipment
3. Approve the Minutes of the August 23, 2004, September 13, 2004, and September 20, 2004 Meetings

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt Ordinance Setting the 2004 Tax Rate for CISD as presented. Mike Arthur seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to adopt the CISD Elementary Spanish Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Allen Mushinski 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. Scott Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to adopt the CISD Literacy Intervention Support Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation. Allen Mushinski seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Susie Kemp made a motion to adopt the CHS Spanish Program Grant Application to the Coppell Education Development Corporation. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Mike Arthur made a motion to name the Alternative Education Program to CISD Education Annex for the building and overall program, The Compass Academy (DAEP), and Turning Point (Choice High School). Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

At 8:33 p.m. President Gauthille declared the Board in closed session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, personnel matters, as allowed by Section 551.074.

At 10:00 p.m. President Gauthille declared the Board in Open Session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Kathie Gauthille, Board President

Lisa Ganz, Secretary