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Minutes of the November 14, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on November 14, 2022, 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; Anthony Hill, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Manish Sethi; Leigh Walker; Dr. Neena Biswas and Jobby Mathew.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on November 11, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Dennis Womack; Dr. Angie Brooks; Diana Sircar; Mary Kemper; Dr. Patricia Dawson; Amanda Simpson; Angela Brown, Naveen Boppana, and James Holloway

Kacy Davis and Richard Lindell with Durham School Services and Bob Templeton with Zonda Education were present.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- CISD Community Tailgate
- CISD Campuses Celebrate Veterans Day
- Celebrating Super Teachers
- Bianca Benitez Chosen as Teacher on the Rise by Market Street and Baird's Bread
- Special Halloween Costumes for Richard J Lee Students
- I Heart CISD

AWARDS

- Schuyler Beecher receives the Council for Learning Disabilities Teacher of the Year Award for 2022
- Cowboys Cross Country Team State Results

Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The following community members and students signed up to speak in Open Forum.

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| Julie Waters – Bond & Pinkerton | Michael Upchurch – Closing any CISD School |
| Ted Emrich – Future of Pinkerton | Benjamin Waters – Bond Proposal |
| David Zamarripa – Bond, School Closure/Repurpose | |
| Travis Bengé – Pinkerton | Sophia Bengé – Pinkerton |
| Jason Moore – Pinkerton/New Bond | Neil Bales – Pinkerton |
| Rebecca Visconti – Bond Proposal Options | Concita Thomas – Pinkerton/Bond Proposal |
| Karishma Hossain – Protect Pinkerton | Andy Vo – Pinkerton |

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| Adelina Kaine – Protect Pinkerton | Milica Marjanovic – Pinkerton |
| Toral Bhakta – 2023 Bond | Vai Patel – 2023 Bond Keep Pinkerton Off |
| Vanessa Zertuche – Potential Bond | Jillian Hill – Pinkerton/Bond 2023 |
| Olivia Bales – Bond/Pinkerton | Jessie Stansberry – Pinkerton-Bond Steering |
| Courtney Rogers – Protect Pinkerton | Steven Hill – 2023 Bond Options |
| Jennifer Mendoza – Bond/Pinkerton | Caroline Bales – Bond/Pinkerton |
| Sandra Guizawi – Pinkerton/Bond | Paul Riley – 100 Yr. Celebration of Pinkerton |
| Natallia Miniuk – Closure of Elementary | Riann Emch – Potential Closure of Pinkerton |
| Aman Parekh – Pinkerton | Eliot S Fletcher – Pinkerton |
| Andrew Sonnichsen – Transparency | Nishan Sivathasan – Bond/Pinkerton |
| Ezequiel Medina – Closing/Rezoning | Kaley Medina – Protect Pinkerton |
| Jigna Vaghela – Pinkerton | |

Nichole Bentley motioned for a 5 minute recess and Manish Sethi seconded. The Board began a recess at 7:21 p.m. President Caviness called the Board back into Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Patricia Dawson, Director of ESL & Bilingual Programs, presented an ESL/Bilingual update for emergent bilingual programs. Bob Templeton, Zonda Education, provided a demographer’s report to the Board. To round out the Superintendent’s reports, a transportation update was provided by Dr. Dennis Womack, Chief Operations Officer, and Casey Davis, Durham School Services Manager.

CONSENT

David Caviness requested to remove the meeting minutes from the consent agenda.

Leigh Walker made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items with the meeting minutes removed:

1. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for November 2022
2. Approve the Financial Report for October 2022
3. Approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the employment of professional personnel

Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-1. Trustee Biswas voted in opposition and Trustee Mathew abstained from the vote.

David Caviness motioned to approve the meeting minutes with an amendment to the spelling of the first name of Open Forum Speaker, Kellie Fishpaw on the October 17, 2022, meeting minutes. Trustee Manish Sethi seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-1-1. Trustee Biswas voted in opposition to the motion and Trustee Mathew abstained from the vote.

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DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) and PTO Presidents' October Meeting – Nichole Bentley
- School Health Advisory Council Meeting – Leigh Walker
- Quarterly TASB Risk Management, North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) and Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Anthony Hill

At 9:30 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 9:34 p.m.

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 Justin Dunaway and Eligio Mares to abandon their employment contract with the District was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion passed 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Neena Biswas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Nichole Bentley , Secretary