

Minutes of the August 30 , 2021 – Special School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met for an Emergency Meeting on August 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nichole Bentley.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; David Caviness; Anthony Hill; Tracy Fisher and Dr. Neena Biswas. A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 20, 2021, at 4:20 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; and Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant.

The following community members came forward either in person or submitted a virtual comment to be read by staff member, Amanda Simpson in Open Forum:

Benjamin Greenberg – Mask Mandate
Amit Khera – Universal Masking
Yufang Liu – Mask Mandate
Katie Clower – Gov. Order on Mask Mandate
Yun Cherie Cao – Mask Mandate
Denise Burgos – COVID measures- Masking
Chai Lee – Mask Mandate
Junjie Xu – Mandate Mask
Chee-Kwee Ea – Mask Mandate
Jayashree Arunachalam – Mask Mandate
Claire Hess – Mask Requirement in Schools
Sarah King – Mask Mandate
Ann Davis – Exec. Order GA-38
Amanda Davis – Mask Mandate
Sherilyn Fox – Exec. Order GA-38
Amanda Davis – School Safety-Masking
Heather Snyder – mask Mandate
Amy & Ian Mackinnon – Mask Mandate
Parul Singh – Mask Requirements
Kiran Bachhawat – Mask Mandate
Sara Ratliff – Mask Choice
Dwight & Kristen Shaper – Mask Mandate
Aditya Patil – Mask Mandate
Noopur Diwekar – Mask Mandate
Deanna Feaster – Masks
Carrie Sharma – Mask Mandates a

David Greenberg – Mask Mandate
Sally Wiethoff – Universal Mask Mandate
Rauna Dallman – Keeping Mask Optional
Sarah Wingfield – Masking in Schools
Jinmei Lin – Mandate Masks in Schools
Weilin Lu – Mask Mandate
Timothy Hess – Mask Mandate
Tuo Li – Mask Mandate
Yuxiao Sun – Mask Mandate
Gia Gillis – Mask Mandate
Dawei Wang – Mask Mandate
Vivek Prakash – Health/Masking
Sam Udovich – Exec. Order GA-38
Leroy Wilson – School Mask Choice
Jennifer Smith – Masking
Zarin Pathan – Mask Mandate
Abhijit Godbole – Mask Mandate
Armand Steffens – Masks
Tracy Elliott – Mask Mandate
Niresh Sivathanan – Mask Mandate
Maheshika Ratnayake – Mask Mandate
Nishan Sivathanan – Facemask
Rahul Singh – Mask Mandate
Taria Greenberg – Mask Mandate
Jing Xu – Mask Mandate

At 5:55 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Attorney Consultation.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

Manish Sethi moved that the Coppell Independent School District approve a temporary district wide mask requirement for its students, staff, and visitors, while indoors at District facilities and on District provided transportation, subject to medical, religious, philosophical, or administrative exception, beginning September 2nd until close of business on September 27th, or until there are further requirements as a result of ongoing state and federal litigation - or other applicable legislative action. David Caviness seconded the motion. Trustee Fisher made a motion to amend Trustee Sethi's motion to remove religious, philosophical, and administrative exceptions from the motion language. Trustee Fisher's amendment to the motion did not receive a second. A vote was taken on Trustee Sethi's original motion and the motion passed 6-0 . Trustee Neena Biswas abstained from the vote.

Trust Fisher made a motion to amend the approved motion to remove religious, philosophical, and administrative exception from the motion language. The motion did not receive a second.

Trustee Fisher motioned to amend the approved motion to include metrics to the motion language. The motion did not receive a second.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by Tracy Fisher to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Secretary
Approved on Monday, September 27, 2021