

Minutes of the July 27, 2020- Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on July 27, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Thom Hulme at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Thom Hulme, President; David Caviness, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary

Members attending remotely through Teams: Manish Sethi; Anthony Hill; Leigh Walker; and Tracy Fisher

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on July 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Greg Axelson; Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Diana Sircar; Stephen McGilvray; Jennifer Villines; Angela Brown; James Holloway and Amanda Simpson

Staff attending remotely through Teams: Adam Bennett; Naveen Boppana; and Kit Pehl

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Hunt provided the following District Highlights in Coppell ISD:

- A. Student Athletes Receive Academic All-State Honors
- B. CISD Student Places 3rd in 2020 DART Student Art Contest
- C. Virtual Summer Professional Learning Conference June 24 and June 25
- D. Human Resources: Summer Hiring and New Employee Orientation

AWARDS

- A. Coppell High School Band Percussion Winner of 2020 Pas International Percussion Ensemble Competition
- B. Students achieve four Career and Technical Education (CTE) certifications
- C. Metrocrest Services, Coppell Cares, and assistance League of Coppell for serving CISD students and meeting the needs of our community

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

Opportunity to speak in person or remotely in Open Forum was provided to the community.

These members of the community spoke in Open Forum remotely:

- Kelly Cole regarding in person school
- Nancy Martin regarding fall semester
- Tenley Colclasure regarding in person school
- Bobby Colclasure regarding returning to school
- Scott Wilson regarding school options in the fall
- Muna Claassen regarding school re-opening
- Erin Naughton regarding face to face learning
- Nathan Schrock regarding his personnel experiences with distance learning
- Sara Ratliff regarding the parent's right to have choices of either in person or distance learning for their child

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent delivered a message to the Board of Trustees and Coppell ISD that in recent days there have been several posts on social media that allege various instances of discrimination and/or harassment, including sexual harassment, related to students and employees at Coppell ISD. He stated that the safety and security of all students and employees at Coppell ISD is paramount. While he cannot provide specific information related to the allegations due to both employee and student privacy laws, he assured the Board and Coppell ISD that immediately upon learning of these allegations the District commenced multiple inquiries and investigations in accordance with District Policy. Dr. Hunt took the opportunity to state that Coppell ISD is committed to dismantling any racism, discrimination, and harassment within the District, and furthermore, employees and/or students will be held accountable for racist, discriminating, or harassing behavior. The District will follow our Board of Trustees' Policies with regard to these allegations, complete their investigations, and take any and all appropriate action permitted by and in accordance with both District Policy and State of Texas law.

A COVID – 19 Update was provided by Dr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent, with assistance from:

- Dr. Angie Applegate – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
- Dr. Greg Axelson – Chief Operations Officer
- Kristen Streeter - Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
- Angela Brown – Executive Director of Communications & Community Engagement

Dr. Stephen McGilvray, Executive Director of Technology, presented a technology update.

CONSENT

Tracy Fisher requested to remove item VIII 4 from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

David Caviness made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as listed except for item 4:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 22, 2020 and Board Workshop held on July 13, 2020
2. Approve monthly 2019-2020 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for June 2020
4. Approve 2020-2021 Appraisal Calendar and Second Appraisers
5. Approve Resolution to affirm the UIL's suspension of pre-participation physicals for the 2020-2021 school year

Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Appraisal Calendar and Second Appraisers as presented. The motion was seconded by David Caviness and passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Tracy Fisher to approve the House Bill 3 Goals and Implementation Plan for Coppell ISD. The motion carried 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to approve the modifications to the 2020-2021 calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to authorize the Board President, Secretary and Superintendent of Coppell ISD to execute all necessary documents to enter into an Agreement to purchase attendance credits to enable the district to reduce its local revenue level to a level not to exceed the level established under TEC, §48.257 for the 2020-2021 school year. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Anthony Hill to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district for the 2020-2021 school year under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve the revised Order calling a School Board Trustee Election on November 3, 2020 be adopted as presented. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

After discussion, the Board of Trustees made no endorsement for a Region 10 candidate for the TASB Board of Directors.

Tracy Fisher made a motion to postpone indefinitely the adoption of modifications made to the Board Operating Procedures Manual as presented. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion failed 3-4. President Hulme; Vice-President Caviness; Trustee Sethi and Trustee Walker voted in opposition.

David Caviness made a motion to approve the revisions to the Board Operating Procedures Manual as presented. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3. Secretary, Nichole Bentley; Trustee, Anthony Hill; and Trustee Tracy Fisher voted in opposition.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A. School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) – Nichole Bentley
- B. Legislative and SB Legislative Subcommittee Update – Tracy Fisher
- C. TASB Risk Management Board Quarterly Meeting- Anthony Hill

At 10:05 p.m., President Hulme declared the Board in Close Session as authorized under Government Code of Texas as allowed by Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 10:29 p.m.

No action was taken following Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Trustee Anthony Hill was not present for the vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Thom Hulme, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary
Approved on Monday, August 24, 2020