

Minutes of the October 26, 2020 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Thom Hulme at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Thom Hulme, President; David Caviness, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Manish Sethi; Anthony Hill; Leigh Walker and Tracy Fisher.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., President Hulme declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

OPEN SESSION

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 7:03 p.m.

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

Manish Sethi made 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 Lisa Dennis to abandon her employment contract with the District. The motion was seconded by David Caviness and passed 7-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- Texas Education Human Resources Day October 14
- October is National Principals Month
- CHS Students Coppell Charitable Investments Group

AWARDS

- CHS Debate Director Dr. Jason Sykes inducted into the Texas Forensic Association Hall of Fame
- CISD Chosen as TAEA 2020 District of Distinction for Visual Arts
- CHS Teacher Ian VanderSchee selected for the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award

Nichole Bentley gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals spoke or submitted a statement to be read during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

Director of Communications, Amanda Simpson read a statement provided by community member Brenda Weinrich regarding the school calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District's state financial accountability rating. Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the school FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for 2019-2020. Coppell ISD received an "A" Superior rating with the maximum points of 100 for their FIRST 2019-2020 results.

No citizen expressed an interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Brad, Superintendent assisted by Dr. Angie Applegate, Dr. Greg Axelson, and Kristen Streeter provided a COVID-19 update.

Dr. Angie Applegate, Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, provided a presentation on Social and Emotional Learning for the district.

CONSENT

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 28, 2020
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for October 2020
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2020
4. Adopt resolution recommitting Operating Fund Balance
5. Approve a resolution to enter into interlocal agreement with Region 16 ESC Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Program
6. Approve a resolution adding the new Accounting Manager as a District Authorized Representative for TexPool Investment Pool
7. Approve adding the new Accounting Manager as a District Authorized Representative for Lone Star Investment Pool
8. Approve the Superintendents recommendations for the employment of professional personnel

David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Leadership TASB and TASA/TASB Conference – Manish Sethi
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and iLead – Anthony Hill
- Legislative Update – Tracy Fisher

President Hulme declared the Board into Closed Session at 9:11 p.m., as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Caviness and seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

David Caviness, Board Vice President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary
Approved on November 16, 2020