

Minutes of the October 28, 2019 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 28, 2019, 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; and Tracy Fisher.

Trustee Leigh Walker was absent.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:01 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 and Section 551.072-Deliberations regarding Real Property

OPEN SESSION

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Kristen Streeter; Kelly Mires; Dr. Deana Dynis; Amanda Simpson; Dr. Angie Applegate; Angela Brown; Genaro Lopez; Jennifer Villines; and Rachael Freeman

David Caviness made a motion to approve new hires for professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- October Awareness and Recognitions Month
- CISD Human Resources Department Launches Substitute Teacher of the Month Program
- Cottonwood Creek 4th Grade Teacher Krixia Funa and Family on Family Feud

AWARDS

- Redefining Success: CMS West 8th Grade Student Shreeya Jain
- CMS West Honor Winds selected as National Winner in the Mark of Excellence/National Wind Band Honors Project
- Lakeside, Mockingbird and Wilson received Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA) Student Leadership Award

- Coppell Nature Park Video Recognition

Manish Sethi gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals spoke during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

Venky Venkatraman – Regarding court order involving CISD

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 2018-2019. Coppell ISD received an "A" Superior rating with the maximum points of 100 for their FIRST 2018-2019 results. Ms. Sircar also discussed FIRST changes for fiscal year 2019-2020.

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

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

A brief update on the status of the 2016 Bond Project was provided by Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer on behalf of Mr. Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent.

Genaro Lopez, Director of Facilities, provided an update on the October 4th CMS East water leaks.

Mr. Brad, Superintendent, spoke on behalf of Mr. Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent, regarding the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee. The first meeting was held in October and the next meeting will be in December. The committee is made up mainly of community members and parents. The committee with the assistance of an external facilitator is working on a comprehensive long-range facilities plan.

A brief overview and next steps regarding the Community Based Accountability System (CBAS) was provided by Dr. Angie Applegate, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Jennifer Villines, Director of Student and Staff Services, provided the Report on School Security Audits as required by Senate Bill 11 and Texas Education Code 37.108. The law requires every school district to conduct a security audit of district facilities at least once every three years. During the 2018-2019 school year CISD engaged with Region 10 to audit five Coppell ISD facilities. All accommodations and recommendations were addressed with each campus. Coppell ISD also conducts annual audits on all campuses each year with the campus safety team.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 23, 2019 and special Board meeting held on October 7, 2019
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for 2019-2020
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2019
4. Adopt resolution recommitting Operating Fund Balance
5. Approve inter-local agreement for School Resources Officers with the City of Coppell for placement in the Coppell ISD schools for the 2019-2020 school year

Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

A motion was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Nichole Bentley to approve the resolution relating to a Payment in Lieu of Taxes as presented and grant a letter of support for the Foreign Trade Zone designation for Norwex. The motion carried 6-0.

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the resolution to add Financial Wellness Services to the district’s inter-local agreement with Region 10. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- School Health Advisory Council(SHAC) – Nichole Bentley on behalf of Leigh Walker
- Legislative Update and Board Goals – Tracy Fisher
- Engagement Sub-Committee – Nichole Bentley
- Coppell Education Foundation, District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC), and TEA Board of Trustee Advisory Council – Anthony Hill
- iLead Update – Thom Hulme

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Thom Hulme, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary
Approved November 18, 2019