

Minutes of the April 26, 2021 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 26, 2021, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Nichole Bentley, Board President.

At 5:00 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session.

Member present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; Anthony Hill; Dr. Neena Biswas; David Caviness and Tracy Fisher (6:01 p.m.)

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Brad Hunt presented the District Highlights:

- Coppell Realtor Breakfast
- Spotlight on Student Service
- Fine Arts Performances and Exhibits
- CMS North Finalist in National Recycling Contest

AWARDS

- Coppell Debate State Champions
- CMS East Among Winners of TASB Student Video Contest
- Spring Great Employees Matter (GEMs)
- Community Technology Award for Superintendents

David Caviness gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

Opportunity to speak in Open Forum was provided to the community with an on-line forum card. Below is a list of the community members who spoke in person:

- Janet Green – masks at recess
- Kellie Fishpaw – mask choice
- Annick Davis - masks

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

District updates were provided by the following:

- 2021-2022 Enrollment Projections and Demographer's Report – Kristen Streeter (Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services) and Bob Templeton (Templeton Demographics)
- Strategic Design Update – Angela Brown (Executive Director of Communications and Community Engagement) and Josh Howard (Assistant Principal – CMS West)
- 2021-2022 Budget Planning – Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer)

CONSENT

David Caviness made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 29, 2021; Special meetings on April 1, 2021, April 6, 2021, April 19, 2021, and Board workshop held on April 12, 2020
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for April 2021
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2021
4. Approve Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) request
5. Approve Superintendent's recommendation for employment of new-hire professional personnel

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As required by Texas Education Code – Section 11.159 and 19 Texas Administrative Code section 61.1, the Board President presented the Continuing Education Credit Report. Board members, Leigh Walker, Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill, Dr. Neena Biswas, David Caviness, Nichole Bentley, and Tracy Fisher have met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Setting Goals, and Identifying and reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children. In addition, each trustee has exceeded the additional Board Development Continuing Education training requirements.

President Nichole Bentley provided a Board Workshop Recap from the April 12, 2021 meeting. A School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) update was discussed by Dr. Neena Biswas. Tracy Fisher shared Legislative news. A Bond Oversight Committee update was provided by Leigh Walker. Finally, Anthony Hill reported on the Metrocrest Keyholder Breakfast, Strategic Design Committee, Coppell Chamber Education Committee, TASB Risk Management Fund Board Meetings and the North Texas Association of School Boards (NTAASB).

At 8:44 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 10:02 p.m.

David Caviness motioned to indefinitely table the decision for the Board of Trustees approve the resolution authorizing the sale of Real Property consisting of 3.2534 acres, more or less, to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). The motion was seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion to approve probationary, term and non-chapter 21 contracts as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Tracy Fisher. The motion passed 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Board Secretary
Approved on May 24, 2021