

Minutes of the August 26, 2019 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room located at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Thom Hulme.

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

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Mr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant; Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Deana Dynis; Stephen McGilvray; Diana Sircar; and Amanda Simpson

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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 551.072 and Section 551.074.

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

A motion was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by David Caviness to authorize Mr. 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 21.105(c)(2) for the Devaki Dave to abandon her employment contract with the District. The motion passed 7-0.

Anthony Hill made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- A. Middle School Students Attend Steam Summer Camp
- B. Summer Professional Development and New Hires
- C. Back to School Engagement Activities
- D. First Day of School Highlights – Enrollment Numbers
- E. Save the Dates: Chamber State of Education, Canyon Ranch Opening, CISD Community Tailgate

AWARDS

- A. CHS Juniors, Het Desai and Shreyas Rajagopal, finished 13th at National Speech & Debate Tournament
- B. Coppell Solar Car Team Places 2nd in the Nation
- C. Samira Khan and Cathy Douglas Named Region 10 Teacher of the Year Finalist

Nichole Bentley gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

Enit Kurian spoke regarding bus transportation for Ridgecrest Estates in Coppell.
Brian Black spoke on the topic of vaping.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Stephen McGilvray, Executive Director of Technology, reviewed the protection measures used by the District in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Action (CIPA) and Cyberbullying Awareness.

Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent, gave an update on bond projects.
Official opening celebration for Canyon Ranch Elementary will be held on September 18, 2019.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of regular board meeting held on July 22, 2019 and special meeting held on August 5, 2019
2. Approve 2018-2019 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2019
4. Approve Superintendent as Purchasing Agent for the Coppell Independent School District, Authorized Representative for all Federal programs including E-Rate and Child Nutrition, and Designated Custodian for the general fund, building fund, child nutrition fund, bond fund, activity fund, all federal programs including E-Rate, all state programs, and all other programs and activities not listed for the 2019-2020 school year
5. Approve Purchasing Cooperative Fees paid by Coppell ISD

Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Official Budgets at the fund and function level for the General, Food Service, and Debt Service Funds for fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020, as presented and in accordance with Texas Education Code 44.002-44.006 Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made the following motions:

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of \$1.3309, and that the accompanying Resolution setting the tax rate be approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees.”

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of \$1.0683 for the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.”

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of \$0.2626 for the amount of taxes needed to service the District’s debt for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.”

The motions were seconded by David Caviness and carried by a vote of 7-0.

A motion to adopt the 2019-2020 District Improvement Plan, as presented, was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to nominate Tracy Fisher to apply for a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Advocacy Institute stipend. The motion was seconded by David Caviness. The motion carried 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to nominate Nichole Bentley as an alternate to apply for a Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Advocacy Institute stipend. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

Anthony Hill provided a North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) update.

A legislative update was given by President Tracy Fisher.

ADJOURNMENT:

David Caviness made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Thom Hulme, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary
Approved on September 23, 2019