

## **Minutes of the November 16, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Thom Hulme.

Members present: Thom Hulme, President (left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.) ; David Caviness, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Anthony Hill; Tracy Fisher; Manish Sethi and Leigh Walker. A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on November 13, 2020 at 3:00 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 551.074 – Personnel Matters.

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

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

David Caviness 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 Ryan Simpson to abandon his employment contract with the District. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. Trustee Leigh Walker abstained from the vote.

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Superintendent Hunt offered the following District Highlights in Coppell ISD:

- A. Coppell Choir Virtual TMEA All-State Auditions
- B. CISD Education Foundation Teacher Grants
- C. Fall Issue CISD Our Story Magazine

### **AWARDS**

- A. Coppell Band Percussion Wins TMEA

Tracy Fisher gave the invocation and led the pledge.

**OPEN FORUM**

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

- Yogesh Mokashi regarding Diwali greetings
- Emalie Allred regarding the Diwali Committee. A written statement provided by Ms. Allred was read by Communications Director, Amanda Simpson.

President Hulme exercised a personal point of privilege to address the Board and CISD staff regarding his leaving the Board of Trustees after over 12 years of service.

Vice President Caviness called a five-minute recess at 7:37 p.m. and then called the Board back into Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT**

An update on Community Based Accountability Systems (CBAS) was provided by Dr. Angie Applegate, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Deana Dynis, Executive Director for Teaching & Learning and Dr. Greg Axelson, Chief Operations Officer. Information regarding Career & Technical Education (CTE) was given by Dr. Kristin Pertrunin. Superintendent, Dr. Brad Hunt provided an COVID–19 update assisted by Angela Brown, Dr. Angie Applegate, Dr. Greg Axleson, Kristen Streeter and Diana Sircar.

**CONSENT**

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of regular meeting held on October 26, 2020 and the Team of 8 Training meeting on November 2, 2020.
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for 2020-2021
3. Approve the Financial Report for October 2020
4. Approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the employment of professional personnel

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**ACTION**

Vice President Caviness read the results of the November 3, 2020 Trustee General Election (attached).

<u>Place</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>
4	Neena Biswas	10,879
4	Thom Hulme	10,440
TOTAL		21,319

5	David Caviness	20,014
TOTAL		20,014

After canvassing the election results, Vice President Caviness certified the election and declared Neena Biswas winner in Place 4, and David Caviness winner in Place 5.

Tracy Fisher made a motion to approve the Order Declaring Results of the Trustee General Election. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

A Certificate of Election was issued to the newly elected trustees.

**DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- Team of 8 Training – Vice President David Caviness
- The Inclusion Committee – Nichole Bentley
- Legislative Update and District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) – Tracy Fisher
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), TASB Risk Management Fund Board Quarterly Meeting, and Coppel Chamber of Commerce Education Committee – Anthony Hill

Tracy Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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Nichole Bentley, Board President

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Manish Sethi , Secretary  
*Approved on December 14, 2020*