

Minutes of the August 3, 2020 - Board Workshop Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met for a Board Workshop on August 3, 2020 at 5:00 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; David Caviness, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; and Trustee Leigh Walker

Members attending remotely via Teams: Trustees Manish Sethi; Anthony Hill; and Tracy Fisher.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on July 30 at 4:55 p.m.

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

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

Staff attending remotely via Teams: Adam Bennett, Naveen Boppana

OPEN SESSION

Opportunity to speak in person or remotely during Open Forum was provided to the community. The following community members remotely addressed the Board in Open Forum:

- Rachel Kaiser – Face to face and single & dual working parents
- Kristen Gunaca – Need for face to face for students with learning disabilities
- Audrey Kteily – Concerns about returning to school
- Jack Fishpaw – Student’s perspective of asynchronous learning
- Kellie Fishpaw – Asynchronous vs. synchronous vs. face to face
- Rosie Stevens – Family COVID journey
- Sara Ratliff – Board to honor the choice to go back face to face
- Kari Mitchell – Screen time correlation to children’s health & request face to face
- Radha Sugumaran – Synchronous learning for those who choose virtual learning

WORK SESSION

A COVID-19 Update was provided by Dr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent.

An update on the 2020-2021 proposed budget was given by Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer.

Dr. Angie Applegate, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, addressed TEA’s required plan for Asynchronous Instruction Model of Learning.

ACTION ITEMS

David Caviness made a motion to leave the re-opening plan for the 2020-21 school year in place with first day of school beginning remotely on August 17 for all students with the in-person option beginning on September 8. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. There was discussion but no action was taken.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve publication of the Truth-in-Taxation Notice that stipulates the public meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate hearing will be held virtually instead of in person on August 24, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building located at 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas 75019. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Tracy Fisher to approve the CISD Asynchronous Plan for Instruction in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion to approve entering into the Operation Connectivity Interlocal Acquisition Agreement and authorizing the Superintendent and other appropriate district personnel to take all necessary actions under such agreement was made by Leigh Walker. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve the early voting date modifications on the Election Order for the Board of Trustees Election on November 3, 2020 due to Governor Abbott's Proclamation suspending Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code to expand the early voting period for the November 3, 2020 elections. The motion was seconded by David Caviness and passed 7-0.

At 8:34 p.m., President Hulme declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under Government Code of Texas as allowed by Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

President Hulme declared the Board in Open Session at 9:13 p.m.

Following Closed Session, President Hulme addressed the open motion on the table. Trustee Caviness withdrew his previous motion from a formal vote at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Tracy Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Thom Hulme, Board President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary
Approved on Monday, August 24, 2020