

Minutes of the May 3, 2021 – Board Workshop Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met for a Board workshop on May 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. President Nichole Bentley called the meeting to order.

Members present: Nichole Bentley, President; Leigh Walker, Vice-President; Manish Sethi, Secretary; Anthony Hill; David Caviness; Dr. Neena Biswas; and Tracy Fisher

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; and Angela Brown

OPEN FORUM

The public was given an opportunity to address the Board either in person (IP) or by submitted statement. The following community members requested to have a submitted statement read by a CISD staff member or to appear in person (IP) to address the Board:

Sam Knight (IP) – masks
Coy Polk – mask choice
Patrick Kernan – masks for next year
Beaux Thomson (IP) – mask choice
Jon Allred (IP) – mask choice – educational environment
Pam Takesh (IP) – mask mandate
Naveen Sankar Sukumaran (IP) – COVID protocol relaxation

Tim Snelling – school plans next year and virtual learning
Annink Davis (IP) - mask choice
Kimberly Erb (IP) – mask mandate
Laurel Medina (IP) – mask options
Sarah Polk – mask choice for 2021-2022
Shelly Akerly (IP) – COVID update plan
Jessica Thompson (IP) – mask choice

WORKSESSION

Superintendent Dr. Brad Hunt discussed the 2021-2022 planning and gave a COVID update assisted by Angela Brown, Executive Director of Communications & Community Engagement; Dr. Angie Applegate, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; and Dr. Greg Axelson, Chief Operations Officer.

ACTION ITEM

A motion was made by Tracy Fisher to make mask optional for outside recess or PE effective immediately through the end of the 2020-2021 school. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. Tracy Fisher withdrew her motion following discussion.

David Caviness moved to amend the prior motion to read as follows:

Every student, teacher, staff member, and visitor shall wear a mask or face shield over the nose and mouth when on school district property or at a district event wherever it is not feasible to maintain proper social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this mask requirement does not apply to the following:

Any elementary school student while participating in outdoor PE and recess;
Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a mask;
Any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated in a dining area to eat or drink;
Any person while the person is actively exercising or engaging in physical activity;
Any spectator or participant at an outdoor event or activity;
Any student while actively participating in an activity where it is impractical to wear a mask or face shield;

During the period from June 1, 2021 to August 6, 2021, all CISD facilities would be mask optional provided social distancing requirements are followed.

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

David Caviness made a motion to amend his amendment motion to add an effective date of May 5, 2021. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by David Caviness. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Secretary
Approved on May 25, 2021