

Minutes of the June 25, 2018 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on June 25, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Tracy Fisher.

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

Leigh Walker arrived at 7:09 p.m.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on June 21, 2018 at 6:15 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., President Fisher declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property).

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

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant; Kelly Penny; Diana Sircar; Kristen Streeter, Dr. Angie Applegate; Kelly Mires; Kathy Creek; Todd Sissom; Amanda Simpson; Ron-Marie Johnson and Beth Robb

ACTION

David Caviness made a motion to accept the new hires, as recommended by the Superintendent. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Hunt provided the following District Highlights in Coppell ISD:

- A. Coppell High School Student, Tanya Raghu, named a 2018 “20 Under 20” by the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth
- B. Wilson Elementary named a Great Expectations School
- C. Richard J. Lee Elementary designated as one of the 2018 Schools Transforming Learning by the Principals’ Institute
- D. INCubator @ CHS Final Pitch Night
- E. Coppell High School and New Tech High @ Coppell Graduation Highlights

AWARDS

- A. 30 Year Service Award – Louis Macias, Executive Director of Facilities and Special Projects
- B. 35 Year Service Award – Dr. Linda Cook, Director of Science
- C. 35 Year Service Award – Jolynn Kelly, English and Special Education Teacher – Coppell High School

Nichole Bentley gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward to address the Board of Trustees during the Open Forum portion of the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent, along with Bob Templeton of Templeton Demographics, presented a Spring Demographic Report with information on employment and housing in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and enrollment projections for Coppell ISD.

An update on the Strategic Design was given by Tammy Taylor, Director of Community Engagement, and Blake Godkin with Tekzenit. Other presenters included Arthur James (North Lake College), Mary Kemper (Director of Mathematics in CISD), Katelyn Canizares (student at New Tech High @ Coppell), Marcus Green (educator at Coppell Middle School East), and Maricela Leon (Denton Creek Elementary educator). A summary of the work and the Core CISD Values were explained.

1. Engagement – We value collective engagement that positively impacts the lives of our children and our world.
2. Great Teaching – We value great teaching because we believe it is key to deep learning.
3. Redefining Success – We value each individual’s contribution because success can be different for everyone.
4. Relationships – We value authentic relationships. When we invest in each other, we learn and flourish.

Associate Superintendent, Sid Grant, provided tracking information on 2016 bond projects (sorted by bond sale dates). An update on bond construction projects was given by Louis Macias, Executive Director of Facilities and Special Projects, which included the following: the new Coppell Middle School West, Coppell High School Ninth Grade Campus, the new elementary site in Valley Ranch, Coppell Middle School East building and athletic field renovations, and other bond projects in progress including roof replacement and tile replacements at some CISD campuses.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A legislative update by given by Tracy Fisher. Mrs. Fisher has been reelected to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Legislative Advisory Council and will serve until June of 2020.

Anthony Hill provided the dates and themes for upcoming meetings of the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB).

Due to changes on the Board of Trustees, David Caviness stated that Manish Sethi will serve as the Board's liaison to the Bond Oversight Committee.

CONSENT

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 21, 2018; and special Board meeting held on June 4, 2018
2. Approve monthly 2017-2018 Budget Amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for May 2018
4. Approve Investment Report for period ending May 31, 2018
5. Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding Dallas County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (DCJJAEP)
6. Approve purchase of Istation license
7. Appoint Superintendent Brad Hunt, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a License Agreement with City of Coppell regarding Andrew Brown Park West Trail Connection
8. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Coppell ISD and the Coppell Education Foundation
9. Approve granting utility easements for the new elementary school site in Valley Ranch

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

ACTION

Manish Sethi made a motion to approve the final Values for Coppell ISD so that the District may begin the next steps in the Strategic Design effort: socialization of these Values with all stakeholders (employees being first), and action and implementation planning. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by David Caviness and seconded by Anthony Hill to adopt the Coppell ISD 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct, as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme made a motion that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees delegates contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, Chapter 41, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Education as authorized under TEC, 41.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker and seconded by David Caviness to approve the recommended pay increases as presented. (This is a 3% raise of mid/control point for employees except for teachers, librarians and nurses who will receive a \$1,750 increase. Beginning teacher pay for 187 contract will be \$53,100 for 2018-2019.) The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve McDonald & Associates, Inc. as the firm to complete a closeout construction audit of Northstar Builders Group for the new Coppell Middle School West project at a total cost not to exceed \$58,560. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. After discussion, Leigh Walker made a motion to postpone definitely a decision regarding the topic of a closeout construction audit of the new Coppell Middle School West until the regular Board meeting scheduled for July 23, 2018. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion to approve shifting \$500,000 from bond project code #11, "Surveillance Cameras for Special Education Classrooms," to a new bond project code #65 entitled, "Safety and Security Solutions" was made by Thom Hulme and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve Unified Communications, SHI, and Troxell Communications, Inc. to complete the phone systems upgrade project at a total cost not to exceed \$1,492,511.43. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley nominated Manish Sethi to serve as an official voting delegate to the 2018 TASB Delegate Assembly. The nomination was seconded by David Caviness. The Board voted 7-0 in favor of the nomination.

Manish Sethi nominated Nichole Bentley to serve as alternate delegate to the 2018 TASB Delegate Assembly. Anthony Hill seconded the nomination. The Board voted 7-0 in favor of the nomination.

No action was taken regarding the nomination of a member of the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

Leigh Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Manish Sethi seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Amended minutes approved on August 6, 2018