

Minutes of the September 24, 2018 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on September 24, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road. The meeting was called to order by President Tracy Fisher.

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

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on September 21, 2018 at 2:30 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.

President Fisher declared the Board in Open Session at 7:06 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Kelly Penny; Sid Grant; Kristin Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Stephen McGilvray; Tracy Cartas; Deana Dynis; Diana Sircar; Patricia Cheatham, Ron-Marie Johnson; Debbie Youngs; Susie Williams; Amanda Simpson and Campus Principals

A motion was made by Thom Hulme and seconded by David Caviness to employ professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Hunt presented the following District Highlights:

- Coppell High School National Merit Semifinalists
- Coppell Student Media National Recognition (Yearbook/Sidekick)
- Suicide Prevention Month – Teen Screen Dates
- Coppell ISD Commemorates First Responders Month
- Coppell High School Homecoming Parade – September 26 / Game – September 28

AWARDS

- Coppell Middle School West Band receives Distinctions from the Foundation for Music Education
 - CMS West Honor Winds selected as National Winner in the Mark of Excellence/National Wind Band Honors Project
 - CMS West Symphonic Band receives National Citation of Excellence
- Coppell High School Volleyball Coach Julie Price wins 500th Career Game

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Manish Sethi 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District's state financial accountability rating. Diana Sircar, Executive Director of Finance, presented information regarding the District's FIRST rating for 2017-2018. No citizen expressed an interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the District.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT ITEMS

A report on the 2017-2018 STAAR results was presented to the Board of Trustees. Susie Williams, Coordinator of Assessment & Accountability, provided information on the spring 2018 STAAR results for Grades 3-8 and EOC/Accelerated Instruction. The state accountability report for the District and each campus was given by Debbie Youngs - Director of Research, Assessment & Accountability.

Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent, gave a report on School Security Audits as required by Senate Bill 11 and Texas Education Code 37.108. The District conducts comprehensive audits on one-third of the campuses each year as required by law. The District has contracted with Region 10 for the last several years to perform the audits. This year, audits were conducted at the Administration Building, Service Center, Brock, Pinkerton Elementary, Wilson Elementary, CMS North, New Tech High @ Coppell and Lakeside Elementary. The overall assessments were good. Findings are reported to the state, as well.

An update on the boundary realignment was provided by Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent. The following timeline for boundary realignment was presented and discussed:

- August – Conducted individual meetings with Board members seeking general input
- September – Enrollment snapshot to demographer; initial planning meeting with demographer
- September 21–October 12 – Electronic questionnaire open for community input and available on District website
- October 16 – First Board workshop to discuss demographic modeling
- October or November Regular Board Meeting – Demographic 2018 fall update
- December 10 – Second Board workshop to review and narrow models
- January 2019 – Present narrowed one or two models to community via forums
- February 2019 – Board considers and adopts final proposal

Kristen Streeter, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, provided information to the Board of Trustees on the naming of the new elementary school currently under construction. The new elementary school is a 2016 bond project and is slated to open for the 2019-20 school

year. It is located at Ranchview and Santa Fe Trail in Irving (Valley Ranch). Currently, four of the ten elementary schools in Coppell ISD are named after people, and the other six are named after geographical areas. All secondary schools are named for geographical areas or specific programs. A questionnaire was open for three weeks (August 24 - September 14) where participants could provide input on the name of the new elementary school. Board policy CW (Local) gives the parameters for naming a District facility.

- Facilities may be named for any living or deceased persons who have served the District or the community, with the caveat that if that person is living, he or she must have been removed from a position in the District for at least one year.
- Facilities may be named for any local, state, or national heroic figure.
- Facilities may be named for any local, state, or national geographic area.
- Facilities may be named for any symbol of the State of Texas.

The top suggested names that met the Board policy were: Vern Edin Elementary (30), Bluebonnet Elementary (30), Ranchview Elementary (26), Santa Fe Elementary (9), Bruce McDonald Elementary (9), and Muhammad Ali Elementary (9). It was recommended that the Board subcommittee work together to look further at the input and make decisions to bring forward to the Board next month for a decision on what to name the new elementary campus. Leigh Walker and David Caviness will continue on the subcommittee, and Anthony Hill was asked to help. Ms. Streeter will serve as the facilitator.

BOARD REPORT ITEMS

- A. Legislative Update and Coppell ISD Education Foundation – Tracy Fisher
- B. Bond Oversight Committee – David Caviness
- C. North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) – Anthony Hill

CONSENT

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of the Public Hearing on Budget and regular Board meeting held on August 27, 2018, special meeting held on September 10, 2018; and training meeting held on September 10, 2018
2. Approve Budget Amendment for September 2018
3. Approve Financial Report for August 2018
4. Approve Investment Report for Period Ending August 31, 2018
5. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment brokers pursuant to Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code of Investment of Public Funds, Section 2256.025
6. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of Section 2256.008(a), Texas Government Code, approving independent sources of instruction for district investment officer training
7. Approve the annual review of current performance on investments
8. Adoption of a resolution regarding annual review of investment policies CDA (Legal) and CDA (Local) pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Section 2256.005(e)
9. Approve additional IMA funds

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

ACTION

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Campus Improvement Plans as presented. The motion was seconded by Thom Hulme and carried 7-0.

Background information on the request for class size waivers was provided by Sid Grant. A total of 60 waivers are needed, with half of these waivers for Richard J. Lee Elementary. Chief Financial Officer Kelly Penny explained the financial implications and stated that 18 teachers would need to be hired to eliminate the need for waivers at a cost of \$1.1 million, which would not be a onetime cost. Additionally, bond funds cannot be used to pay for teachers' salaries. Assistant Superintendent Kristen Streeter discussed staffing and the difficulty finding highly qualified teachers to fill positions as the beginning of the school year approaches. Board Secretary Leigh Walker detailed her concerns regarding setting district policy, research on class size, and voting before looking at other options. Following discussion, a motion to approve the Texas Education Agency "Request for Maximum Class Size Exception" (sixty class section waivers) as required by the Texas Education Code §25.112 was made by Thom Hulme and seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion carried 6-1. (Hulme, Sethi, Caviness, Fisher, Hill and Bentley voted in favor. Walker voted in opposition.)

Nichole Bentley made a motion to approve revisions to policy CDC (LOCAL): Other Revenues – Gifts and Solicitations, as recommended and presented. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to nominate Thom Hulme to serve as the District's official voting delegate and Leigh Walker to serve an alternate to the 2018 TASB Delegate Assembly. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Nichole Bentley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Approved on October 22, 2018