

Minutes of the October 22, 2018 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of 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; Leigh Walker (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Secretary; Manish Sethi; Anthony Hill; Thom Hulme (arrived at 6:03 p.m.) and Nichole Bentley

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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 551.076 – Deliberation regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

OPEN SESSION

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

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Kristen Streeter; Kelly Mires; Joe McBride; Stephen McGilvray; Louis Macias; Tammy Taylor; Deana Dynis; Amanda Simpson; Steffany Batik and Cody Koontz

David Caviness made a motion to approve new hires for professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Manish Sethi made a motion to authorize Mr. 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 21.105(c)(2) for Sanjeev Gaikwad to abandon his employment contract with the District. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- National Principals Month
- Red Ribbon Week – “Life is Your Journey: Travel Drug Free” (October 22-26)
- Denton Creek Elementary’s 20th Anniversary Celebration – October 26
- November 6th Election

Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals spoke during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

Christina Duron Hamm – Consolidation of DLI program to one school/campus

Wendi McClendon – DLI

Bennett Ratliff – Voter turnout

Dan Koller – Campaign finance reports

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

- Bond Project Update and Hail Damage - Louis Macias (Executive Director of Facilities & Special Projects) gave an update on bond construction projects including the construction progress on the District's 11th elementary school, and renovations at Coppell Middle School East and Coppell Middle School North. He also gave details about the hail damage from the June 2018 storm that affected Mockingbird Elementary, Valley Ranch Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, and Coppell Middle School East. These campuses will need new roofs. In addition, Lee Elementary will need to repair/replace 17 solar panels.
- Athletic Program – Joe McBride (Athletic Director) reported on championships/recognitions/scholarships earned by athletic teams and individual athletes, as well as training, participation numbers, service projects, communication, and information on UIL training and compliance.
- Fall Demographic Update – Kristen Streeter (Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services) and Trent Smith of Templeton Demographics presented information on economic conditions in the DFW area, home sales/housing activity in Coppell ISD, and a ten year forecast of enrollment by grade level and campus.
- Strategic Design Update – Tammy Taylor (Director of Community Engagement) shared an update on Strategic Design – Phase 2. For the 2018-2019 year, CISD will be focused on two key areas: 1) Design and Implement a Culture of Accountability and (2) Design and Implement Solutions to Priority Strategies.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tracy Fisher reported on the 2018 TASA/TASB Convention and gave a Legislative Update.

A report on the CISD Education Foundation was provided by Manish Sethi.

Leigh Walker, David Caviness and Anthony Hill discussed the work of the Facilities Naming Subcommittee. Names proposed for the 11th elementary school include Santa Fe Trail Elementary, Ledbetter Elementary (after the original landowners), and a name including the word “Ranch.” Mr. Vern Edin (former principal of Coppell Middle School West) requested that his name be withdrawn from consideration. The subcommittee plans to meet again soon.

Information on Leadership TASB was given by Leigh Walker.

Anthony Hill reported on the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB) and School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

An update on the District Education Improvement Council (DEIC) meeting was presented by Thom Hulme.

CONSENT

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

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 24, 2018; Board training meeting held on October 9, 2018; and special Board meeting held on October 16, 2018
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for 2018-2019
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2018
4. Adopt resolution recommitting Operating Fund Balance
5. Approve award of vendors to supply pizza at secondary campuses

Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

A motion was made by Thom Hulme and seconded by Nichole Bentley to move Item B (Discuss and consider naming the 11th elementary school) to the November Board meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

Thom Hulme read the Culture of Voting resolution and made a motion that the Board adopt the resolution as presented. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Manish Sethi and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Approved on November 26, 2018