

Minutes of the February 25, 2019 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 25, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. 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 and Nichole Bentley. A quorum was present. Thom Hulme arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on February 22, 2019, at 11:45 a.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 7:01 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant; Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Diana Sircar; Kelly Mires; Amanda Simpson; Debbie Youngs, Susie Williams; Kathy Creek; and Stephen McGilvray

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the administrative contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Leigh Walker 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 21.10(c)(2) for Paige Mills to abandon her employment contract with the District. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Hunt spoke about the following district highlights:

Black History Month
Kindness Week at Coppell ISD
Yearbook Recognitions

AWARDS

The Board of Trustees presented the following awards:

All-State Choir for 2019 - Karvi Bharnaga (CHS), Arezue Shakeri (NTH@C) and Evan Barnes (CHS)

Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award – Janelle Bence, NTH@C

Tracy Fisher gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

A hearing for public discussion of the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held by Debbie Youngs, Director of Accountability and Assessment.

OPEN FORUM

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

- Mya Anderson – Concerns about increased traffic into Valley Ranch neighborhood
- Russell Crawford – Effects of rezoning plans on Pinkerton choice
- Jennifer Lee – Flaws with realignment process and how to be more inclusive of all district members
- Bliss Blodgett Stephan – District decisions
- Zoe Stephan, Mackenzie Fitzgerald, Jazmin Galligan – Leaving friends and moving schools
- Doug Stephan – Unequal representation by CISD Board
- Paresh Patel – Bus service for grandfathered students
- Richard Kelley – Support of Middle School Plan B3, School Board and Administration

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Susie Williams, Coordinator of Assessment, presented the 2018 December STARR Retest results.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A. Board President – Legislative Update
- B. Board Members
 - 1. David Caviness – Bond Oversight Committee
 - 2. Thom Hulme – District Education Improvement Council (DEIC)
 - 3. Anthony Hill – Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund Board meeting, North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB), and Parent University presentation

CONSENT

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on January 14, 2019; and special Board meetings held on January 22, 2019, and February 11, 2019
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for 2018-2019
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2019
4. Approve Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-RATE) for 2019-20. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2019-20 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.
5. Approve utilizing a portion of the Child Nutrition fund balance and 2016 bond dollars for kitchen equipment and cafeteria table replacements at various campuses.

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

ACTION

Secretary Leigh Walker presented a Certification of Unopposed Candidates to Board President Tracy Fisher. David Caviness made a motion to adopt an Order of Cancellation of the May 4, 2019, Trustee Election. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion that the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the final payment of \$146,638.30 to Northstar Builders Group as the final acceptance and payment for the additions and renovations of the new Coppell High School Ninth Grade Campus. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Thom Hulme to approve Boundary Realignment Elementary Plan A3, effective starting with the 2019-20 school year, as presented with allowed grandfathering as follows:

- 2018-19 current fourth grade students are allowed to stay at their current campus to finish their fifth grade year, if they choose, for the 2019-20 school year only;
- Siblings of the current fourth grade students may also remain at the current campus for the 2019-20 school year only;
- All transferring students, including those who transfer as grandfathered students and their siblings, must complete a transfer application;
- No free or pay-to-ride transportation will be provided to any students who choose to transfer to a campus other than their assigned campus, including those who transfer as grandfathered students.

David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by David Caviness to approve Boundary Realignment Middle School Plan B3, effective starting with the 2019-20 school year, as presented with allowed grandfathering as follows:

- 2018-19 current seventh grade students are allowed to stay at their current campus to finish their eighth grade year, if they choose, for the 2019-20 school year only;
- Siblings of the current seventh grade students may also remain at the current campus for the 2019-20 school year only;
- All transferring students, including those who transfer as grandfathered students and their siblings, must complete a transfer application;
- No free or pay-to-ride transportation will be provided to any students who choose to transfer to a campus other than their assigned campus, including those who transfer as grandfathered students.

The motion was seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion carried 6-1. (Hulme, Caviness, Sethi, Walker, Hill and Bentley voted in favor. Fisher voted in opposition.)

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Approved on March 25, 2019