

Minutes of the March 29, 2021 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by President Nichole Bentley.

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

Notice of this meeting was posted on March 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

At 6:01 p.m., President Bentley declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Consultation with Board's Attorney

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Greg Axelson; Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Diana Sircar; Amanda Simpson; Dr. Patricia Dawson; Adam Bennett; James Holloway and Maria McCoy

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent Hunt spoke about the following district highlights:

- High School Debate Success
- Enrollment Season at CISD
- VASE Winners and CHS Visual Arts Exhibit at Coppell Art Center
- Super Teachers

AWARDS

- The Board of Trustees presented the following awards:
- Youth Art Month – State Flag Winner and TAEA State Capitol Exhibit
- KCBY National Emmy Award
- TMEA Band All State

Dr. Neena Biswas gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

The following community member addressed the Board in Open Forum:

- Sara Ratliff – Masks optional for students/parent choice

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Greg Axelson (Chief Operations Officer) provided an update on the ADA/Accessibility Audit. Diana Sircar (Chief Financial Officer) continued discussions regarding the 2021-2022 Budget and Dr. Patricia Dawson (Director of ESL/Bilingual Programs/PreK) and Maria McCoy (Director of Social Studies and LOTE) presented an ESL, Bilingual and LOTE update.

CONSENT

David Caviness made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular Board meeting held on February 25, 2021 and Workshop on March 8, 2021
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for March 2021
3. Approve Financial Report for February 2021
4. Approve the Investment Report for period ending February 28, 2021
5. Approve the extension of current depository contracts as allowed by the Texas Education Code 45.205(b)
6. Approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the employment of professional personnel
7. Approve the TEA Waiver for All Remote Learning at Richard J. Lee Elementary

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

A motion to approve the district administration to negotiate and enter into a contract with the top recommended vendor for custodial services not to exceed \$4,200,000 annually to commence on June 1, 2021 was made by David Caviness and seconded by Manish Sethi. The motion passed 7-0.

Tracy Fisher made a motion that the Board approve the Resolution regarding the ESSER Funds allocated to Coppell ISD. The motion was seconded by Anthony Hill and passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Board Workshop Recap – Nichole Bentley
- Return to School Task Force and Safety Committee- David Caviness
- Legislative Update – Tracy Fisher
- Coppell Education Foundation – Leigh Walker
- The Inclusion Committee – Nichole Bentley
- North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB), Coppell Chamber Education Committee and TASA/TASB Virtual Legislative Day – Anthony Hill

At 10:00 p.m., President Bentley called the Board back into Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Attorney Consultation, 551.074 - Personnel Matters and Section 551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property.

President Bentley declared the Board in Open Session at 10:15 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Nichole Bentley, Board President

Manish Sethi, Secretary
Approved on April 26, 2021