

## **Minutes of the May 20, 2019 - Regular School Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on May 20, 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 (arrived at 6:01 p.m.); Leigh Walker, Secretary; Manish Sethi; Anthony Hill; Thom Hulme and Nichole Bentley. A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on May 17, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On February 25, 2019, the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees adopted an Order of Cancellation of the May 4, 2019 Trustee Election as all candidates were unopposed.

Certificates of Election were issued to the newly elected Board members - Leigh Walker (Place 1), Manish Sethi (Place 2) and Anthony Hill (Place 3). Kay Ryon, Notary Public, then administered the Officer's Statement and Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members.

At 6:08 p.m., President Fisher declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) and Section 551.072 (Deliberations regarding Real Property).

Legal counsel present: Chad Timmons and Charles Crawford of Abernathy, Roeder, Boyd & Hullett, P.C.

President Fisher declared the Board in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant; Diana Sircar; Dr. Angie Applegate; Kristen Streeter; Deana Dynis; Ron Marie Johnson, Patricia Cheatham; Carol Snowden and Amanda Simpson

A motion was made by Thom Hulme and seconded by Anthony Hill to accept the new hires as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried 7-0.

### **DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Superintendent Hunt provided the following District Highlights in Coppell ISD:

- A. Guru Vandana at CMS West and Indian American Festival in Cypress Waters
- B. Incubator Final Pitch Night
- C. Lakeside Elementary earns TEPSA Student Leadership Award

### **AWARDS**

- A. Debate wins State Championship
- B. State Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) Competition
- C. UIL State Track and Field 800 Meter Event
- D. Top 10 Graduating Seniors – Coppell High School/New Tech High @ Coppell

Anthony Hill gave the invocation and led the Pledge.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

- Noel Pattengale – DLI enrollment requirements
- Melinda McCullough – Self-contained classroom model in dual language

### **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT**

Brooke Sims, Coordinator of Professional Learning, gave an update on District Leadership Development, which included information on the District Leadership Academy (DLA), Impact Program and Beginning Administrators' Academy, as well as the North Texas Visioning Consortium. Chief Financial Officer, Diana Sircar, provided the 2019-2020 budget update and discussed the budget process, the proposed budget and legislative update.

### **DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- A. Tracy Fisher – Legislative Report
- B. David Caviness – Bond Oversight Committee
- C. Thom Hulme – District Education Improvement Council (DEIC)
- D. Anthony Hill – TASB Risk Management Fund Quarterly Meeting, TASB Members' Conference in Austin, and TEA Board of Trustees Advisory Council

### **CONSENT**

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

1. Approve the minutes of regular meeting held on April 29, 2019, and special meeting held on May 13, 2019
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for 2018-2019
3. Approve Financial Report for April 2019

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

### **ACTION**

Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent, presented information on three additional campus capital project requests using 2016 bond dollars or interest income from bond sales. After discussion, Nichole Bentley stated, "I call the question." Anthony Hill seconded. A motion was made by David Caviness and seconded by Manish Sethi to approve the Educational Steel Products, LLC as the vendor to supply and install the marching band tower at Coppell High School at a total cost of \$46,100. The motion carried 7-0.

David Caviness made a motion to approve utilizing up to \$300,286 of the 2016 bond dollars for the purchase of marker boards including the removal of chalkboards and the installation of the marker boards. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

A motion to approve utilizing up to \$75,000 of the 2016 bond dollars for the purchase and installation of pull down projection screens was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion carried 7-0.

President Tracy Fisher conducted the election of officers for the Board of Trustees.

Tracy Fisher made a motion to elect Thom Hulme to the office of President of the Board of Trustees. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Nichole Bentley made a motion to re-elect David Caviness to the office of Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Leigh Walker made a motion to elect Nichole Bentley to the office of Secretary of the Board of Trustees. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Tracy Fisher, Board President

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Leigh Walker, Secretary

*Approved on June 24, 2019*