

Minutes of the August 28, 2017 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 28, 2017, at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Room located at 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; Judy Barbo, Vice President; Leigh Walker, Secretary; Anthony Hill; and David Caviness

Member absent: Thom Hulme

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Mr. Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant; Kelly Penny; Kristen Streeter; Deana Dynis; Stephen McGilvray; Ron Marie Johnson; Kathy Creek; Larry Guerra; Tamerah Ringo; Dr. Nicole Jund; Cody Koontz; Steffany Batik; and Gema Hall

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 25, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

At 6:32 p.m., President Fisher declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by 551.074.

President Fisher declared the Board in Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

Anthony Hill made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Judy Barbo seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 Employers for Education Excellence Winners
- Lakeside Principal to serve as TEPSA Region 10 President
- Stories features on WFAA
 - Using apps to connect students, parents and teachers
 - “Flexible seating” at schools offers healthier option for learning

Superintendent Hunt stated that the regular Board meetings will now start at 6:00 p.m.

AWARDS

PBS Learning Media’s *Stand Up to Cancer’s* “Emperor Science Award” – Bhoomika Kumar

Leigh Walker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

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

Manju Rikar – Celebration of Diwali
Shoba Reddy – Delays with school buses
Sangeetha Chandrakantan – Bus service
Amit Diggikar – Bus transportation

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Stephen McGilvray, Executive Director of Technology, reviewed the protection measures used by the District in compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Action (CIPA) and Cyberbullying Awareness.

In compliance with House Bill 273, Larry Guerra (Director of Purchasing) provided information on the Purchasing Cooperative Fees paid by Coppell ISD for FY 2016-2017.

Sid Grant, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services, gave an update on bond projects and transportation services.

A curriculum update regarding the Certified Nurse’s Assistant (CNA) course was provided by Deana Dynis, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, and Ron Marie Johnson, Director of CTE/Fine Arts/PE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

A legislative update was given by President Tracy Fisher.

Anthony Hill gave reports on the TASB Risk Management Fund and the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB).

CONSENT

Judy Barbo made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular board meeting held on July 24, 2017; and special meetings held on July 31, 2017; August 7, 2017; and August 18, 2017
2. Approve 2016-2017 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2017
4. Approve Superintendent as Purchasing Agent for the Coppell Independent School District, Authorized Representative for all Federal programs including E-Rate and Child Nutrition, and Designated Custodian for the general fund, building fund, child nutrition fund, bond fund, activity fund, all federal programs including E-Rate, all state programs, and all other programs and activities not listed for the 2017-2018 school year

5. Approve Special Education Legal Services Retainer with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle, P.C.
6. Approve the purchase of load balancers for internet content filters

Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

ACTION

David Caviness made a motion to approve the Resolution approving and adopting the budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; (General, Food Service, and Debt Service Funds) appropriating funds for each department, project, and account; and authorizing other matters related to the subject. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Judy Barbo moved that the Board adopt a tax rate of **\$1.1700** for the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. David Caviness seconded the motion. Mrs. Barbo stated, "This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate." The motion carried 5-0.

Judy Barbo made the following motions:

"I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of **\$0.3077** for the amount of taxes needed to service the District's debt for the 2017-2018 fiscal year."

"I move that the property tax rate be set by the adoption of a tax rate of **\$1.4777** for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and that the accompanying Resolution setting the tax rate be approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees."

The motions were seconded by Anthony Hill and carried by a vote of 5-0.

The Board discussed their considerations regarding the appointment of an individual to fill the Place 2 vacancy. (Jill Popelka moved to Singapore and submitted her resignation in June.) There was a consensus of opinion that someone who had prior experience and would not seek a place on the Board in the May election would be the best choice. A motion was made by Judy Barbo and seconded by Anthony Hill to appoint Susie Kemp to fill the vacancy of the Place 2 Board Member (effective October 23, 2017). The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Judy Barbo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Caviness seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Approved on September 25, 2017