

Minutes of the November 12, 2018 - Special School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a special session on September 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. 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; David Caviness, Vice-President; Leigh Walker, Secretary; Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill; Thom Hulme and Nichole Bentley

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on November 8, 2018 at 1:45 p.m.

At 6:30 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 551.072 – Deliberations regarding Real Property.

President Fisher declared the Board in Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant, Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Diana Sircar; Tammy Taylor and Kathy Creek

Richard Lindell with Durham School Services was also in attendance.

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

The topic of discussion for the meeting was boundary realignment, and several options were presented. The Board reviewed two options for elementary schools and three options for middle schools.

Elementary Plan A2 involves the following changes from the current alignment:

- Westhaven Phase 2 and Eastlake from Town Center Elementary to Denton Creek Elementary
- Town Creek multi-family from Austin Elementary to Town Center Elementary
- Northern portion of Valley Ranch and new Cypress Waters single family (Southaven) from Austin Elementary to Mockingbird Elementary
- The Summit (Northern Valley Ranch apartments) from Austin Elementary to Valley Ranch Elementary
- Western Valley Ranch Elementary from Valley Ranch Elementary to New Elementary
- Southern Valley Ranch Elementary from Lee Elementary to New Elementary
- Parkside West from Lee Elementary to New Elementary

- Parkside East from Pinkerton Elementary to New Elementary
- Pre-K is split between Austin, Wilson, and Valley Ranch Elementary campuses

(The only change from the original Elementary Plan A, presented to the Board in October, was the Chateaus and Alexander Court were moved from Pinkerton back to Wilson where they have been zoned. This move aligns with where these subdivisions are currently zoned.)

Elementary Plan B incorporates all of Elementary Plan A2, plus the following changes:

- Move far northwest corner of district from Denton Creek Elementary to Cottonwood Creek Elementary
- Move single family neighborhood (e.g. the most northern portion of Austin Elementary) to Denton Creek Elementary
- Shifts Town Center portion west of Denton Tap single family to Wilson Elementary
- Shifts the Chateaus and Alexander Court from Wilson Elementary to Pinkerton Elementary
- Shifts single family development in southern part of Valley Ranch to New Elementary
- Shifts multi-family development in southern part of Valley Ranch to Valley Ranch Elementary

Middle School Plan A includes the following changes from the current feeder pattern:

- Shifts Cottonwood Creek from CMS West to CMS North
- Shifts Lakeside from CMS North to CMS East
- Splits the eastern most portion of Denton Creek to attend CMS East, instead of CMS North
- Most of Valley Ranch attends CMS West, instead of a portion attending CMS East

Middle School Plan B2 has the following changes from the current feeder pattern:

- Shifts Cottonwood Creek and Wilson from CMS West to CMS North
- Shifts Lakeside from CMS North to CMS East
- Town Center is split where Town Lake apartments attend CMS East instead of CMS North

(Changes made to Plan B since the last Board workshop in October are as follows: no longer splits Denton Creek feeder pattern; Chateaus and Alexander Court attend Wilson and CMS North; and Pinkerton is split with Northlake Woodlands attending CMS East instead of CMS West.)

The third option, Middle School Plan C, includes the following changes from the current feeder pattern:

- Shifts Cottonwood Creek from CMS West to CMS North
- Shifts Wilson and Pinkerton from CMS West to CMS East
- Shifts Lakeside from CMS North to CMS East
- Splits Mockingbird attendance zone south of Beltline to attend CMS West, instead of CMS East

The pros and cons of each plan were discussed. Coppell ISD Administration's recommendation to the Board is Elementary Plan A2 and Middle School Plan B2. The District also shared with the Board that Middle School Plan A would no longer be considered. The Board requested more information on how transportation would be affected by each plan. They also asked for data on Pinkerton enrollment to include the number of students who attend that campus by choice, and current and projected students both east and west of Denton Tap. Information regarding programs will be presented at the Board meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Approved on November 26, 2018