

## **Minutes of the December 10, 2018 - Special School Board Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a special session on December 10, 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; Nichole Bentley and Thom Hulme (arrived 6:35 p.m.)

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on December 6, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant, Kristen Streeter; Dr. Angie Applegate; Kelly Penny; Diana Sircar; Kathy Creek; Tracy Cartas; Patricia Cheatham and Amanda Simpson

Richard Lindell with Durham School Services and Fernando Leon representing Templeton Demographics also attended the meeting.

The topic of discussion for the meeting was boundary realignment. The Board reviewed two options for elementary schools (Plans A2 and B), which were presented at the last Board workshop held on November 12, 2018. Based on feedback from that Board workshop, CISD officials presented an updated Middle School Plan - B3. This plan is the same as Middle School Plan B2, except that all of Pinkerton Elementary would attend Coppell Middle School East. The three options for middle schools (Plans B2, B3 and C) and their impact on transportation were discussed. Middle School Plans B2 and B3 would have a net zero change in the number of routes or tiers. Middle School Plan C could potentially require three new routes at a cost of approximately \$180,000 a year, plus the cost of a one-time purchase of additional buses.

CISD Administration recommended Elementary Plan A2 and Middle School Plan B3, citing the following reasons:

Elementary Plan A2:

1. Maintains neighborhood schools as much as possible while minimizing disruption of current attendance zones
2. Achieves better distribution/balance of economically disadvantaged and ethnic diversity
3. Leaves additional space for choice (International Baccalaureate) at Pinkerton Elementary
4. Minimizes bus transportation as much as possible
5. Aligns with the community feedback received from the questionnaire

Middle School Plan B3:

1. Improvement over B2 in that it minimizes the splitting of middle school feeder patterns (e.g., all of Pinkerton Elementary would attend Coppell Middle School East)
2. Leaves ample room for growth at the new middle school
3. Allows both Dual Language Immersion (DLI) elementary campuses to feed to the same middle school allowing efficiencies in staffing and curriculum support
4. Minimizes bus transportation as much as possible
5. Appears to be the best long-term (5+ years) solution of all the plans

Grandfathering and programs were also discussed. It was proposed by staff that current fourth and seventh grade students would be allowed to finish their fifth grade and eighth grade years, if they so choose, at their current school for the 2019-2020 school year. Siblings of these students would also be allowed to remain at that same campus for one year. Staff recommended that parents and guardians of current fourth and seventh graders, who wish to remain at their current campus for the 2019-2020 school year, would need to fill out a transfer application for these students and siblings. Coppell ISD would not provide bus transportation for students who are grandfathered. The transfer application enrollment would open on March 4, 2019, and details regarding the District's transfer process would be released in January of 2019. District administrators shared that they wish to minimize disruption for special education students during boundary realignment. They also discussed keeping both Wilson Elementary and Denton Creek Elementary as Dual Language Immersion schools and Pinkerton Elementary remaining a choice International Baccalaureate school.

A public forum on boundary realignment will be held on January 10, 2019, at CHS9 beginning at 6:30 p.m., and a Facebook Live session will be held on January 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The staff's proposed boundary realignment models/plans will be shared at these forums, and the community will have an opportunity to ask questions at these events. The Board will consider and adopt a final boundary realignment model at the regular meeting to be held on February 25, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Tracy Fisher, Board President

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Leigh Walker, Secretary

*Approved on December 17, 2018*