

Minutes of the August 29, 2016 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on August 29, 2016, at 6:30 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 Anthony Hill.

Members present: Anthony Hill, President; Tracy Fisher, Vice President; Judy Barbo, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Amy Dungan; and Thom Hulme (Jill Popelka arrived at 7:59 p.m.)

A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Mike Waldrip, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Sid Grant; Kelly Penny; Dr. Marilyn Denison; Brad Hunt; Dr. Sam Farsaii; Kristen Streeter; Larry Guerra; Mike Jasso; Jon Eric Ziaer; Louis Macias; Mandy McCune; Tamerah Ringo; and Curriculum Staff

Notice of this meeting was posted on August 26, 2016, at 5:10 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., President Hill declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by 551.074.

President Hill declared the Board in Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

Tracy Fisher made a motion to accept new hires for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Leigh Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. (Jill Popelka was not present for the vote.)

Leigh Walker gave the Invocation and led the Pledge.

OPEN FORUM

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

Bennett Ratliff – Budget & Tax Rate

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Dr. Sam Farsaii, Chief Technology Officer, 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 2015-2016.

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

The Alternative Scheduling Model for Coppell High School and Ninth Grade Center was presented by Dr. Marilyn Denison, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Mike Jasso, Principal of Coppell High School.

Brad Hunt, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, gave a report on the Bond Oversight Committee.

CONSENT

Thom Hulme made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve minutes of regular board meeting held on July 25, 2016; training meeting held on July 26, 2016; and special meetings held on August 8, 2016; August 15, 2016; and August 20, 2016
2. Approve 2015-2016 final budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for July 31, 2016
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 2016-2017 school year
5. Approve Special Education Legal Services Retainer with Walsh, Gallegos, Trevino, Russo & Kyle, P.C.
6. Authorize purchase and installation of the Arena wireless system by Presidio, Inc.
7. Adopt resolution regarding annual review of investment policies CDA (LEGAL) and changes to CDA (LOCAL) pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, Section 2256.005(e)
8. Approve Academic Specialties for the elementary school basketball goal replacements

Tracy Fisher seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Amy Dungan made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the Official Budgets at the fund and function level for the General, Food Service, and Debt Service Funds for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2017, as presented and in accordance with Texas Education Code 44.002-44.006. Jill Popelka seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Tracy Fisher made the following statement and motions:

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of **\$1.1700** for the amount of taxes needed to fund maintenance and operation expenditures for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.”

“I move that the Board adopt a tax rate of **\$0.3227** for the amount of taxes needed to service the District’s debt for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.”

“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of **\$1.4927**, which is effectively a 10.67% percent increase in the tax rate, and that the accompanying Resolution setting the tax rate be approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees.”

Judy Barbo seconded the motions and statement, and all were approved by a vote of 7-0.

A motion was made by Judy Barbo and seconded by Leigh Walker that the Board add, revise, or delete LOCAL policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 105. The motion carried 7-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT ITEMS:

Anthony Hill gave a report on the Curriculum & Instruction Subcommittee. He also provided information on the TASB Risk Management Fund Quarterly meeting as well as the North Texas Area Association of School Boards (NTAASB).

A report on the Coppell Gifted Association was given by Tracy Fisher.

ADJOURNMENT:

Amy Dungan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thom Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Anthony Hill, Board President

Judy Barbo, Secretary

Approved on September 26, 2016