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Minutes of the April 27, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on April 27, 2026, in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell, Texas. At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Board President David Caviness.

Members present: David Caviness, President; Nichole Bentley, Vice President; Jobby Mathew, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Jonathan Powers; and Ranna Raval.

Trustees Anthony Hill and Ranna Raval were not present.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on April 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Cooper Hilton; Angela Brown; Dr. Angie Brooks; Dr. Amber Lasseigne; Sid Grant; Amanda Simpson; Dwight Goodwin; and Naveen Boppana

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

Dr. Shivers highlighted several items:

- Academic Achievements: National Merit Program’s Corporate Scholarship and Perfect ACT Score
- Fine Arts: Two students recently received National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and Theatre Nominations
- Athletics: CHS Tennis and Girls Golf

AWARDS

- RISE Distinguished Educator Recognition
- Spring 2026 Great Employees Matter (GEMs)

President David Caviness gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

The following persons requested to speak in Open Forum:

Sean Huang – Impact of unhealthy digital habits

Sophie Huang – AI in Education

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

- Introduction of new Chief Operating Officer – Randy Fite and new Valley Ranch Elementary Principal, Sheryl Dennehy
- House Bill 3 Goals/Data Updates - Mary Kennington (Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction), Monica Champagne (Director of Advanced

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Academics & CTE), Samira Khan (Director of Elementary Math and Science) and Sabrina Khan (Director of Elementary Literacy and Social Studies)

- Senate Bill 568 Update - Stephanie Flores (Executive Director for Intervention Services)

- Preliminary 2027 Bond Discussion — Angela Brown (Chief Communications Officer), Sid Grant (Chief Operations Officer) Aaron Duncan (Property and Facilities Advisory Committee Member) and Dr. Amber Lasseigne (Chief Financial Officer)

CONSENT

Leigh Walker made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 30, 2026, and workshop held on April 13, 2026
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for April 2026
3. Approve Financial Report for March 2026
4. Approve the Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2026-2027. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2026-2027 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services
5. Approve certification of Instructional Materials Allotment Funds
6. Approve Library Materials by the School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

Jobby Mathew seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

ACTION

Nichole Bentley motioned to approve the resolution related to the issuance and sale of the “Coppell Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jobby Mathew and passed 5-0.

A motion to approve the resolution for the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding bonds of the District as presented was made by Jobby Mathew. Nichole Bentley seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Jobby Mathew made a motion to nominate Nichole Bentley as a candidate for the Region 10, Position D seat on the TASB Board of Directors. The nomination was seconded by David Caviness and passed 5-0.

Nichole Bentley requested a point of privilege to thank President David Caviness for his many years of service to the Coppell ISD School District. The remaining trustees also expressed their respect and immense appreciation for President Caviness’ strong leadership through very difficult time.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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As required by Texas Education Code – Section 11.159 and 19 Texas Administrative Code section 61.1, the Board President David Caviness presented the Continuing Education Credit Report.

Board members, Leigh Walker, Jonathan Powers, Anthony Hill, Nichole Bentley, and Jobby Mathew have met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Goal Setting, School Safety, Cybersecurity Training and Artificial Intelligence training, and Identifying and Reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children.

Trustee Ranna Raval has met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, School Safety, Cybersecurity Training and Artificial Intelligence training, and Identifying and Reporting Abuses, Trafficking and other Maltreatment of Children. Trustee Raval has not completed the training for Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Goal Setting and was considered deficient at the time of reporting however, she is scheduled to complete the training this summer.

President David Caviness has met all required hours of education for Local District Orientation, Orientation to the Texas Education Code, Team Building, School Safety, Cybersecurity Training and Artificial Intelligence training, and identifying and reporting Abuses, Trafficking, and other Maltreatment of Children. President Caviness has not completed the training for Evaluating Student Academic Performance and Goal Setting or the Post-Legislative Update to the Texas Education Code. President Caviness was considered deficient for both trainings at the time of reporting.

Additionally, President Caviness reported that all 7 trustees exceeded the additional Board Development Continuing Education training requirements.

The Board decided to table the Board Operating Procedures discussion and action until the May 18, 2026, Regular meeting.

The Board agreed with the recommendation from the committee regarding the TASB Risk Management Scholarship as presented as well as the recommendation to announce the winning recipients at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

At 9:10 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 9:56 p.m.

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A motion to approve probationary and term contracts as recommended by the Superintendent was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Leigh Walker. The motion passed 5-0.

President David Caviness made a final motion to adjourn the meeting. Jobby Mathew seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

, Board President

, Board Secretary