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Minutes of the October 23, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on October 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Anthony Hill at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: David Caviness, President (arrived 6:29 p.m.) ; Anthony Hill, Vice President; Nichole Bentley, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Manish Sethi; and Ranna Raval.

Trustee Jobby Mathew was not present.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on October 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Administrative Assistant; Diana Sircar; Kristen Eichel; Chris Trotter; Dr. Angie Brooks; Angela Brown; Dr. Patricia Dawson; Amanda Simpson; Naveen Boppana and Taylor Bristow

Guest present: Bob Templeton, Zonda Education

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

- CHS and New Tech Achieve AP Honor Roll Distinction
- CISD Fine Arts Accolades
- CISD Athletics Accolades
- State of the District Showcase on October 24 at CHS
- Adulthood Day for High School Seniors
- I Heart CISD

AWARDS

- CMS West Theatre Teacher Franci Hazleton is the 2023 recipient of the educator of the Year Award for K-12 from the Texas Educational Theatre Association
- CHS Seniors Anushree De and Vikram Mohan selected for Team Texas Debate Team and Debate Coach SunHee Simon chosen for Team Texas Debate Coach
- Former CMS North 8th Graders Charvi Vohra and Hao Wei 2022-2023 Science Fair Project Among Top in Nation

Trustee Leigh Walker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No individuals spoke during the Open Forum section of the meeting:

PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting was held to discuss the Coppell Independent School District's state financial accountability rating. Diana Sircar, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the school FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for 2022-2023. Coppell ISD received an "A" Superior rating with 94 points for the FIRST 2022-2023 (Fiscal Year 2021-2022) results.

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No citizen expressed an interest in speaking regarding the rating and financial performance of the district .

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

Demographer, Bob Templeton with Zonda Education provided a demographic update to the Board. Dr. Patricia Dawson then presented updates on Emergent Bilingual Support and Engagement with Angela Brown following up a Strategic Plan update.

CONSENT

Anthony Hill made a motion to approve the following consent agenda as presented:

1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 25, 2023, special meeting held on October 4, 2023 and re-approve the corrected minutes for the regular meeting held on August 28, 2023
2. Approve monthly budget amendments for October 2023
3. Approve Financial Report for September 2023
4. Approve Region 10 Education Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement for the Purchase of Child Nutrition Foods, Wares and Supplies
5. Approve the Superintendents recommendations for the employment of professional personnel

Nichole Bentley seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Manish Sethi motioned to approve Ideal Impact to replace the HVAC energy management systems at CHS Ninth Grade Campus, CMS North, CMS East, CMS West, Canyon Ranch Elementary, Richard J. Lee Elementary, and the baseball/softball complex at a total cost of \$988,742 and authorize the Chief Operations Officer to finalize and sign the Agreement. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

A motion to approve the purchase of eight (8) 77-passenger student buses from Longhorn Bus Sales, LLC at a total cost of \$1,114,960.00 was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Ranna Raval. The motion passed 6-0.

Anthony Hill motioned to approve the purchase of two (2) Isuzu NPR-HD crew cab landscaper trucks from Rush Truck Centers of Texas, LP at a total cost of \$159,800.00. The motion was seconded by Manish Sethi and passed 6-0.

The Proclamation regarding the Special Session was read aloud by Manish Sethi. Then Trustee Sethi motioned to adopt the Proclamation regarding the Special Legislative Session as presented. The motion was seconded by Nichole Bentley and passed unanimously 6-0.

Manish Sethi motioned to adopt policy changes to DC (LOCAL)- Employment Practices as presented and Ranna Raval seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- TASA-TASB txED Conference 2023 and TEA Lawsuit – David Caviness
- Strategic Planning Update and Legislative Update – Nichole Bentley
- PTO Presidents’ Meeting – Leigh Walker
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and Emergent Bilingual Advisory Council Updates – Manish Sethi
- Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, iLead and North Texas Area Association of School Board – Anthony Hill

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CLOSED SESSION

At 8:21 p.m., President Caviness declared the Board in Closed Session, as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 – Attorney Consultation and Section 551.074 - Personnel.

OPEN SESSION

President Caviness declared the Board in Open Session at 8:31 p.m.

A motion to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Carolyn Hart to abandon her employment contract with the District was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by Antony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

Nichole Bentley motioned to authorize Dr. Brad Hunt, Coppell ISD Superintendent or his designee, to submit a written complaint to the State Board of Educator Certification with a finding that good cause did not exist pursuant to section 21.210(c)(2) for Luisa Valdez to abandon her employment contract with the District. Anthony Hill seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nichole Bentley and seconded by David Caviness. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

David Caviness, Board Vice President

Nichole Bentley, Secretary