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Minutes of the February 23, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Jobby Mathew.

Members present: David Caviness, President (arrived at 6:33 PM); Jobby Mathew, Secretary; Leigh Walker; Jonathan Powers; Anthony Hill and Ranna Raval

Vice President Nichole Bentley was not present at the meeting.

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on February 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Staff present: Dr. Leanne Shivers, Superintendent; Carol Snowden, Executive Assistant; Dr. Amber Lasseigne; Dr. Angie Brooks; Amanda Simpson; Mary Kennington; Angela Brown; Annelise Ford; Dwight Goodwin; Sid Grant and Naveen Bopanna.

Robert Lake, auditor with Rutherford & Taylor, CPA, was present.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES

Superintendent Dr. Shivers shared the following district highlights:

- Cowboys United
- Teacher Incentive Allotment
- AP Honor Roll Gold for CHS 9, CHS and NTH@C

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Campus Teacher of the Year Recognition

Trustee Jonathan Powers gave the Invocation and let the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

No community members came forward to speak in person during the Open Forum portion of the agenda.

A hearing for public discussion of the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was held by Mary Kennington, Director of Accountability, Assessment and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support.

DISCUSSION AND REPORT ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

- Dr. Leanne Shivers introduced CISD's new Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Amber Lasseigne and Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Administrative Services, Cooper Hilton.

CONSENT

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

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1. Approve minutes of the regular Board meeting held on January 12, 2026, Team of 8 Training held on January 31, 2026, and Board workshop held on February 2, 2026
2. Approve Monthly Budget Amendments for February 2026
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2026
4. Approve the adoption of the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year
5. Approve TEA Staff Development Waivers for 2026-2027
6. Approve Library Materials by the School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)
7. Approve the purchase of tools and equipment for the Coppell ISD's maintenance and ground departments
8. Approve submission for a Missed School Days Waiver for January 28-29, 2026
9. Approve a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District Hereby Declaring a Public Purpose for the Expenditure of Public Funds
10. Approve a Good Cause Exception for Armed Security Staffing, as required under House Bill 121

Jobby Mathew seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTION

A motion to approve the annual financial audit for the fiscal year ending of August 31, 2025, as presented was made by Jobby Mathew and seconded by Anthony Hill. The motion passed 6-0.

Jonathan Powers motioned that the Board of Trustees accepts the work completed by Core Construction for the additions and renovations of Valley Ranch Elementary so that final payment can be made to Core Construction. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval and passed 6-0.

A motion to approve that the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve Aramark Facility Services to replace twenty-eight (28) HVAC units at New Tech High @ Coppell at a total cost of \$385,116.12. was made by Anthony Hill and seconded by Ranna Raval. The motion passed 6-0.

Anthony Hill motioned that the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the proposal from Aramark Facilities Services for 1,040 concrete trip hazard repairs at sixteen campuses for a total cost of \$278,963.24. . The motion was seconded by Jonathan Powers and passed 6-0.

Jobby Mathew motioned to approve that the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve the hiring of One Source Building Services for miscellaneous ADA compliant sidewalk additions, concrete replacement (interior and exterior), additional safety fencing, irrigation replacement, parking lot striping, plumbing renovations/replacements, and other small miscellaneous bond renovation projects not to exceed \$500,000 in aggregate. The motion was seconded by Leigh Walker and passed 6-0.

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A motion that the Board approve the exemption to HB 3372 for Dr. Amber Lasseigne, Chief Financial Officer, allowing her to continue her teaching commitments at Southern Methodist University was made by Anthony Hill. The motion was seconded by Ranna Raval and passed 6-0.

David Caviness motioned to adopt a resolution requiring providing a period of prayer & reading of religious text required under Senate Bill 11. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Powers. The vote failed 0-6 with all board members voting in opposition and none in favor of the motion.

BOARD REPORTS

- Facilities Planning Committee and Bond Oversight Committee Meeting – Jonathan Powers
- School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting – Leigh Walker
- District Educational Improvement Committee and PTO Presidents Meeting - Ranna Raval
- Coppell Education Foundation Grant Patrol, CISD Technology Committee, Coppell Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and Quarterly TASB Risk Management Fund Board Meeting - Anthony Hill

At 8:10 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 8:36 p.m.

No action was taken following Closed Session.

A motion was made by Jonathan Powers and seconded by Jobby Mathew to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0. Trustee Leigh Walker was not present when the vote took place. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

David Caviness, Board President

Jobby Mathew, Secretary