

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Commerce ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on January 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. President Kathleen Hooten called the meeting to order, extended a warm welcome and announced that a quorum was present. The meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Board members present were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Dr. Mark Reid, Dr. Ray Green, Mr. Gabe Wittkopf, Ms. Etta Herring and Mr. Randy Starks.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss personnel: consider resignations of professional personnel (§551.074) and hold private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:01 p.m. on January 16, 2018.

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks led an invocation. The pledges to the flags were led by CHS student Brooklyn Talley.

Recognition

The CMS one-act play cast and crew were recognized for winning the district competition. The students performed a play about Jewish children awaiting the train to take them to Auschwitz.

Members of the CISD Board of Trustees were recognized for their service to the children of the community. Each principal presented them with gifts from their campus and the central administration gave each member a Tiger jacket.

Presentation of the CHS Campus Report

CHS Principal Steve Drummond Director introduced staff in attendance and showed a video featuring highlights of the school year.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, Assistant Superintendent, said the report would be presented next month.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept the resignation of Carol Petty, federal programs and testing coordinator. Mrs. Petty worked half-time for the past nine years. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wkttkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 21, 2017, and the financial statements and investment summary for December 2017. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss 2018-2019 School Calendar

Dr. Tremmel shared a draft of the proposed 2018-2019 school calendar and said a calendar committee composed of staff, parents and students would develop three options to share with stakeholders, who would pick their preferred calendar. Survey results would be shared with the calendar committee and then a final proposal would be taken to the Board for approval.

Discuss Changing Accountability System

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that since the state continues to change the accountability system, the presentation would be delayed to include up-to-date information.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman stated that the enrollment count for this month was 1536, up 10 students from last month. The count is up 130 students from the beginning of the school year.

The filing period for the May 5, 2018 trustee election would open January 17, 2018 and close February 16, 2018. Places 3, 6, and 7 were up for election. Places are held by Dr. Green, Mr. Starks and Ms. Herring, respectively.

Dr. Tremmel and Mr. Alderman would attend the TASA Mid-Winter Conference January 28-31.

Principals were asked to report on campus happenings.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, February 19, 2018, with executive session at 6 p.m.

The monthly check register was included in the board information.

Board Comments

Dr. Hendricks expressed gratitude to the City of Commerce and CISD for supporting the MLK Recognition Program held January 14 at Mt. Moriah Church. He also noted that Superintendent Alderman would be recognized as a distinguished alum of Texas A&M-Commerce Chapter of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss personnel: evaluate and review superintendent's contract (§551.074).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

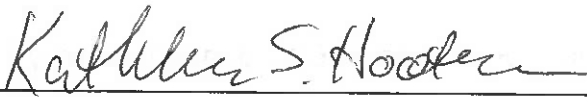
Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 10 p.m. on January 16, 2018.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

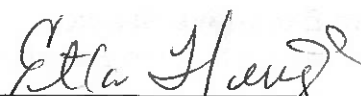
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Adjournment...

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Green seconded the motion. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees