

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 November 17, 2016, 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, Mr. Michael Beane, Ms. Etta Herring, and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Randy Starks were absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:00 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:09 p.m. on November 17, 2016.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Wittkopf. Commerce Elementary School students led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Recognition

The Lady Tiger Volleyball Team was recognized for its Area Championship.

CHS Senior Madison Shaw was recognized for achieving the office of Lieutenant Governor at Girls State.

Commerce Elementary School Campus Report

CES Principal Diane Stegall introduced her staff and shared a presentation about activities underway at the school.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 17, 2016, the special meeting on October 24, 2016 and the financial statements and investment summary for October 2016. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Consider Approval of the 2015-2016 CISD Financial Audit from Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC, Greenville, Texas

Mr. Mike Taylor from Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC, presented the auditor's report for the last school year in which the district received an unmodified opinion, the best possible opinion.

A motion was made to approve the audit as presented by Mr. Beane. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consider Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent, highlighted features of the District Improvement Plan.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the DIP and CIPs as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy DBA: Employment Requirements and Restrictions, Credentials and Records

Mr. Alderman explained that the Board approved policy in May 2014 requiring Pre-K through fifth grade teachers to become ESL certified. Adding secondary English teachers to this requirement will give the district more flexibility in meeting the needs of ELL students. The proposed policy requires current 6-12 grade teachers to become certified by April 1, 2018. All secondary new hires, with the exception of physical education and special education teachers, must become ESL certified by April 1 of their hiring year.

Ms. Herring made a motion to accept the DBA as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Bids Received on Resale Property

Superintendent Charlie Alderman, said the district's tax collection attorneys Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP had presented the sale of property in the Lydia Ferguson Survey on Hwy 224 in Commerce including tracks 75 and 124. A bid was received from Mr. Willie Hobdy for \$3450 for each property. Each property has an appraised value of \$7000.

Mr. Beane made a motion to accept the bid for resale properties as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman noted that enrollment was up 11 students to 1617 as of November 14, 2016.

Mr. Alderman stated that the four community ASPIRE meetings were well attended. Information is being gathered to produce a graduate profile of a CISD student.

The District-sponsored technology camp, EdCamPalooza, was held November 8 with over 75 attendees, according to Director of Technology Al Shipp.

Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 3. Mrs Hooten encouraged Board members and administrators to ride in the parade as a group.

Mr. Alderman stated that the Winter Arts Festival would be held on December 8. Principals gave the Board an update on campus events.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m.

Executive Session...

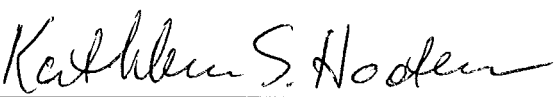
Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8.51 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...


Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:51 p.m. on November 17, 2016.

Adjournment...

Mr. Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wittkopf 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