

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 February 20, 2017, 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Randy Starks was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:02 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 7:04 p.m. on February 20, 2017.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Dr. Reid and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Ms. Herring.

Recognition

Claire Dobbs was recognized for being named a 2016-2017 Volleyball Academic All-State Athlete. Marcus Rogers was recognized for winning Grand Champion in his Division with his Maine-Anjou heifer. The CHS cheerleaders were recognized for winning the small school co-ed championship at the UIL Spirit Competition in Fort Worth.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Beane made a motion to extend administrator contracts one year through June 30, 2019. Administrators included Al Shipp (12 months), Ludonna Smithers (12 months), John Walker (12 months), Diane Stegall (12 months), Steve Drummond (12 months), Christy Hansen (11 months), Cari Sturch (11 months), Jeff Cleveland (11 months) and Wanda Beane (11 months), and Heather Kilgore as a certified administrator (probationary) through June 2018. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. Mr. Beane abstained. The motion carried by five votes.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend administrator contracts two years through June 30, 2019 including Patricia Tremmel, Shenequa Miller, Felisha Jones and Tina Bronson. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to extend contracts for one year through June 30, 2018 including Donna Yoakum and Lisa Palazzetti (12 month probationary). Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Beane made a motion to extend Tri County SSA administrative contracts one year, through June 30, 2019 including Diane Underwood, director (12 months); and Rachel Myers, assistant director (11 months). Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Herring made a motion to extend the contract of NETCAT director Andrea Ellis (11 months) two years, through June 30, 2019. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept the resignation of Kristi Dunn, CMS teacher. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Gaby Mireles as a diagnostician for Tri County SSA. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments
None.

Public Hearing on Texas Academic Performance Report

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent, explained that the TAPR report replaced the annual AEIS report. The report details financial and academic statistics and compares the district to Region 10 schools and the state. The district ratings were "Met Standard" in state requirements and "Meets Requirement" in federal requirements.

Consent Agenda

~~Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 10, 2017 and the special meeting on January 24, 2017 and the financial statements and investment summary for January 2017. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.~~

Consider Approval of 2017-2018 School Calendar

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that three proposed calendars were shared online and parents, staff and students voted in their choice and shared comments. Calendar B was chosen by 365 votes, Calendar A received 176 and Calendar C 148. Mr. Alderman said research showed that giving students breaks allowed them to focus while it also reduced absenteeism and improved achievement.

Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. Four board members voted to approve. Dr. Hendricks and Ms. Herring abstained.

Consider Approval of Graduate Profile

Mr. Alderman said several of the 17 ASPIRE meetings were devoted to developing a graduate profile of a CHS student. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the graduate profile as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointing Early Voting Clerks for May 6, 2017 Trustee Election

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the following early voting clerks for the May 6, 2017 trustee election: Molly Jacobsen, early voting clerk and deputies Becky Pattillo, Rita Krodle, Bonnie Hunter, Ludonna Smithers and Renee Bates. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Increase in Adult Breakfast Price

A recent audit of food services found that adult breakfast prices did not cover the cost of the meals. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to increase adult breakfast price from \$2.00 to \$2.25. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Designating March 6-10 as Public Schools Week in Commerce ISD

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to designate March 6-10, 2017 as Public Schools Week in Commerce ISD. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Bids Received on Resale Property Proposed by County Attorneys

The law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP, representing Hunt County, proposed the sale of properties including Property ID #'s: 54535, 54194, 54605, 47623, 52681, 70096, 47611 and 47614 with bids totaling \$16,749. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve sale of resale property as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Bids Received on Resale Property Proposed by Tax Attorneys

Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP recommended the sale of a one-acre tract on CR 4311 to Douglas P. Dalton of Flower Mound. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve sale of tax foreclosed property on CR 4311 to Douglas P. Dalton as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman noted that enrollment was down 25 students to 1591 from this time last year.

In trustee elections, Dr. Reid and Eddie Vowell are vying for Place 4. Dr. Hendricks is unopposed in Place 5. The election will be held on May 6 at City Hall.

A TASB board training will be held at Texas A&M University-Commerce on May 16.

Mr. Alderman gave a facility update.

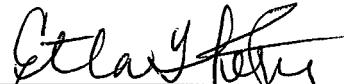
The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017, with executive session at 6 p.m. A special board training workshop was tentatively set for April 23.

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
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