

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 March 22, 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, and Dr. Ray Green, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Ms. Etta Herring arrived during executive session.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel: consider resignations for professional personnel and consider employment of professional personnel (§551.074), safety and security (§551.074) and hold a private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:16 p.m. on March 22, 2018.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledges to the flags were led by Commerce Middle School students Austin White and Emma Wittkopf.

Recognition

Superintendent Charlie Alderman introduced Earvin Larry, CHS robotics instructor; Tammy Bryant with the Air Force Association Chapter 416 and Heidi Ratliff, spouse of the late Larry Ratliff, a long-time supporter of the robotics program. The Association presented a check for \$500 for the robotics program in Ratliff's honor.

CHS band students were recognized for qualifying in Texas Solo & Ensemble state competition and area ATSSB. Area qualifiers include Bailey Guinessey, Raquel Medrano, Grace Tolly Daniel Angel and Joseph Jang. State qualifiers were Grace Tolly, Luke Scarcelli, Joseph Jang, Bailey Guinessey, Kevin Horn, Raquel Medrano, Lilly Selvaggi and Grace Tolly.

CHS ag students were recognized for winning at all four livestock shows. Jennifer Stephenson won at Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston. Hannah Pemberton won at Fort Worth. Holton Pemberton won at San Angelo and Tori Belcher won at Houston.

Campus teachers of the year were recognized: Karen Davis, CES; Julie McLeroy, ACW; Kim Bruister, CMS; and Terry Buckley, CHS.

Consider Acceptance of Air Force Association contribution to CHS Robotics Program

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the \$500 donation as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Presentation of CMS Campus Report

CMS Principal Dr. Shenequa Miller presented the campus report.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept resignations from James Wheeler, CMS (immediately); Katy Bleyl, elementary art teacher; Teresa Robinson, Carolyn McKinney and Holli Harris, ACW; Alicia Gibson and Stephanie Pullen, CES; and Kim Allison and Derrell Milner, CHS. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Dr. Mary Hendrix part-time as the federal programs director and testing coordinator. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 19, 2018 and the financial statements and investment summary for February 2018. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the certification of unopposed candidates for the May 5 trustee election as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution and Order of Cancellation of May 5 Trustee Election

The Certification of Unopposed Candidates was presented. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the resolution and order of cancellation of the May 5 Trustee Election. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the TEA instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification as presented, adopting all instructional materials on the state-approved list for 2018-19 and certifying that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the TEKS. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Bids Received on Resale Property

Dr. Reid made a motion to approve tax resale deeds for Accounts R49683 and R218619 to JackFerg Holdings, LLC. for \$500 and \$2500. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion passed with six voting yes and Dr. Hendricks abstaining.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deed from Hunt County

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the sale of property #52660 at Norris, P.A. Addition, Block 1, Lot 1, 2 for \$546 to Kudakwasha Nembaware. It was seconded by Dr. Green. The motion passed with six voting yes and Dr. Hendricks abstaining.

Consider Approval of Land Transfer to City of Commerce for Recreational Use

Mr. Alderman explained that the Board agreed to the proposal in March 2015 but securing the grant delayed the transfer of the property east of A. C. Williams Elementary School. The 8.71-acre tract will be used for a hike and bike trail and a disc golf course. Resolution stipulated that the project must be completed by July 15, 2019 when Texas Parks and Wildlife grant is scheduled for completion. If not, the property reverts back to CISD. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve resolution for transfer of land to the City of Commerce. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on Prekindergarten – Fifth Grade Literacy Plan

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel and Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Cari Sturch presented information about the Fountas and Pinnell curriculum that will be used at CES during the 2018-2019 school year. A significant amount of training will take place prior to use.

Appoint Board Member to Serve on the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to appoint Kathleen Hooten to the Teacher of the Year selection committee. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman reported enrollment of 1527, up three from last month.

He shared information about the Team of Eight and SB 1566 Workshop to be held on March 26 in Caddo Mills, TAMU-C College Prep Academy for SAT and ACT prep, TASB spring workshop, May 15 at TAMU-C and the CSEEF Boots & BBQ Celebration, April 7.

Principal reports were given. The check register was shared.

The date for the March Board will be Monday, April 16. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. for executive session, followed by the regular session at 7 p.m.

Executive Session...

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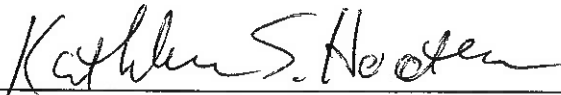
employment of professional personnel (§551.074) and hold a private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:35 p.m. on March 22, 2018.

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Reid 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