

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 23, 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, Dr. Mark Reid, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Ms. Etta Herring was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 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 7:13 p.m. on March 23, 2017.

Opening Activities

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

Recognition

Teachers of the Year were recognized from each campus. They included Lisa Young, CES; Sheila Waits, ACW; Tracy Brown, CMS and Matt Brewer, CHS. Lisa Young was unable to attend and she will be recognized in April.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Mary Wyse, CHS English teacher. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Beane made a motion to employ Jerale Badon as a teacher/coach. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 20, 2017 and the financial statements and investment summary for February 2017. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Budget Amendments

Director of Finance John Walker explained that older ipads were being sold, printers being purchased and Latin and Sign Language materials and other learning materials purchased necessitated the need for budget amendments. The changes were essentially revenue neutral. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve budget amendments as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review potential bond refunding program for interest cost savings and consider action to adopt an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds, Establishing the Parameters for the Refunding and Delegating Authority to the Administration to Complete the Refunding

Brian Grubbs, Managing Director of SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. explained how the board could refund 2007 series bonds and save approximately \$70,000 per year.

Dr. Reid made a motion to adopt an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds, establish the parameters for the refunding and delegate authority to the administration to complete the refunding. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Engagement of Financial Auditors for 2017-2018 school year

Mr. Walker stated that the District had a good working relationship with Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. and he recommended that we continue to rely on their services for the annual financial audit.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the letter of engagement for Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of District of Innovation Plan

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the District of Innovation Plan as presented. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of End of Course Retest Results from December 2016

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel presented results from the December 2016 EOC retest as follows:

Test	State Passing Percentage	CISD Passing Percentag
English 1	65%	60%
English 2	67%	60%
Biology	87%	91%
U.S. History	91%	81%
Algebra I	78%	62%

She explained that the District was developing a plan to increase the passing percentage.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 107 including CDC, DJ, DC, DEE, DFAA, DFCA, FEA, FJ and GE

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to table TASB Local Policy 107 to clarify reasons for specific changes. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained the district was approving all instructional materials on the list. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve IMA and TEKS Certification. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman noted that enrollment was down 59 students from this time last year--1575.

Mr. Alderman gave a capital project status update. The CES parking lot has been repaired and half of the track equipment had been delivered.


The CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ Celebration and Fundraiser will be held April 8.

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

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2017, with executive session at 6 p.m. A special board training workshop was set for 6 p.m. on April 25.

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