

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 May 15, 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, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks and Dr. Mark Reid were absent.

Canvass of Votes and Certify May 6, 2017, Election for Places 4 and 5

Mr. Starks made a motion to certify the election and declare the results of the May 6, 2017, Commerce ISD Trustee Election official for Places 4 and 5. Mark Reid got 316 votes and Eddie Vowell got 69. Dr. Reid was declared the winner. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks ran unopposed. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Both Dr. Reid and Dr. Hendricks were absent so their oaths of office will be administered at a later date.

Board reorganization

Tabled until the next regular meeting on June 13, 2017.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:09 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 7:03 p.m. on May 15, 2017.

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mr. Wittkopf and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mr. Beane.

Recognition

The Board recognized four Commerce Middle School students who were identified by the Duke University Talent Program as scoring approximately at or above the national average of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT or SAT. Aubrey Clayton, Emma Dobbs, Meghan Green and Travis Grasser were honored.

Ausrine Sartauskaite was recognized for placing fifth in UIL Regional Tennis. Other Regional track participants were recognized including Isaiah Askew, Devante Miller, KD Williams, Jordan Miller, Daniel Collins, Jacob Ladd, Casey Shields and Brooklyn Mathews.

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Valedictorian Claire Dobbs and Salutatorian Rachel Scarcelli were recognized by the Board.

Hunt County Fair winners Holton Pemberton, Marcus Rogers, Canyon Smith, Sarah Coffman, Hunter Pemberton, Hannah Pemberton, Tori Belcher and Jennifer Stephenson were recognized.

The Special Olympics track participants and sponsors were recognized as were Special Olympics donors Bill Whisenhunt, Walmart \$2000; Gene Weinkauf, Chartwells, \$1000 and Garon Burgin, GCA, \$500.

La'darrin Wady received the Kindness in Action Award for helping to provide a fellow student with special Nike shoes.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Clinton Farrell, CMS teacher/coach; and Jenna Farrell, ACW teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 18, 2017, and the special meetings of April 25, 2017, and May 8, 2017, and the financial statements and investment summary for April 2017. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Report

Director of Health Services Kathy Myers presented information about the activities of the SHAC committee. Next year's plans were in progress with meetings scheduled. Safety would be the focus next year.

Consider Approval of School Depository Bid for the 2017-2019 School Years

Mr. Walker explained that three bids were accepted for the district's depository. He recommended that Guaranty Bank be selected as the school depository. He said he saw no benefits in changing from the current provider.

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve Guaranty Bank as the school depository. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Date, Time and Location for the 2017-2018 Regular School Board Meetings

Mr. Alderman presented the proposed meeting schedule with meetings on July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 16, December 18, January 16, February 19, March 22, April 16, May 21 and June 18. Mr. Beane accepted the Board meeting schedule as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider TASB Local Policies, AF, DBA, DCA, DNA, DNB, EB, and EEB

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that the proposed policy changes were due to the District's approval of the District of Innovation plan. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve policies as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on District Goals

Mr. Alderman said the goals of maximizing human capital, improving reading instruction and prioritizing that graduation is only the beginning are continuously being worked on with several initiatives beginning for the 2017-2018 school year.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman noted that enrollment was up three students from this time last month--1573.

A TASB board training will be held at Texas A&M University-Commerce on May 16. Region 10 ESC will host a school finance conference June 12. Mr. Alderman invited board members to attend.

Mr. Alderman gave an update on summer facilities projects. Principals gave their monthly reports.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday 13, 2017, with executive session at 6 p.m. Schedule was changed due to board member conflicts.

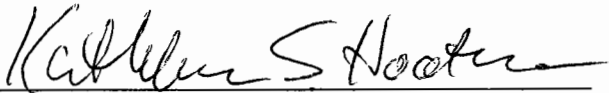
The monthly check register was included in the board packets.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Hooten was impressed by the improvements made to the district Health Services plan as described by Director of Health Services Kathy Myers.

Adjournment...

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