

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

### The Board of Trustees Commerce ISD

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on September 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in 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. Randy Starks. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent.

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...**

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

#### **Recognition**

Seventh grader Jaxon Deason was recognized for his athletic abilities which were showcased at the AAU Junior Olympics/Nationals. He placed 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the 800 meter. Jaxon is a straight A student.

Recipients of the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation grant awards were honored. Over \$44,500 was given to teachers for instructional use.

#### **Citizen's Comments...**

None

#### **Presentation by Dr. Ray Keck, Interim President of Texas A&M University-Commerce**

Dr. Keck addressed the Board after introducing his associates who were in attendance including Dr. John Humphreys, interim provost; and Dr. Tim Letzring, Dean of the College of Education & Human Services. Dr. Keck said he was delighted to be a partner with CISD and acknowledged that the charter school initiative was a mistake. He said he was determined to look for more and better ways to fulfill the intent of the charter school which was to provide quality education and also opportunities for staff to contribute. He said that together the university and the district could find deeper, stronger links better suited to both of our purposes. He said the university was ready to help the district so that Commerce, the university and school district could be the best in Texas. He said the university was able to help in any way to develop new programs for CISD. He encouraged administrators to make plans "huge, complicated and expensive." He wants this to be an incredible community for our kids, done as quickly as possible.

Mr. Alderman said he was very excited about the potential of working closely with the university. It would open doors for our students and our staff.

Mr. Starks mirrored Mr. Alderman's statement and thanked Dr. Keck for his generous offer.

Dr. Hendricks said that Dr. Keck's proposal "speaks volumes" about the ongoing relationship between the university and CISD. He said there was a break in the relationship before but now we are moving forward.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 15, 2016, and the special meetings of August 24, 2016, and September 12, 2016, and the financial statement and investment summary for August 2016. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Adoption of TASB Policy Update 106, affecting local Policy EHBAF (Local): Special Education—Video/Audio Monitoring**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve EHBAF (Local) as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Presentation of Campus Accountability Reports**

Superintendent Charlie Alderman presented campus accountability reports. He said the district "Met Standard" in every category. CMS earned two distinctions—one in English, Language Arts and one in Math. CHS earned four distinctions-- English, Language Arts; Math, Social Studies and post-secondary readiness. He said administrators would continue to address Index 2 (growth) which would lead to increased achievement across the board.

### **Consider Adoption of TASB Local Policies EIC, Academic Achievement, Class Ranking; and EIA Academic Achievement, Grading/Progress Reports to Parents**

Ms. Herring made a motion to adopt EIC (Local) and EIA (Local) as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Informational Reports**

Mr. Alderman said enrollment is 1624, which is up 18 students from this time last year. He said the Hall of Honor recognition went well. He shared up-to-date board training reports and said that the final count would be announced at the December meeting.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m.

### **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 7:52 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 9:10 p.m. on September 19, 2016

**Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

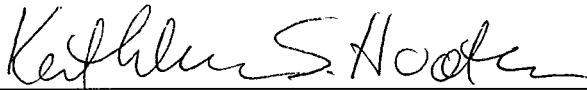
Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignation of Timothy Allen, CMS teacher. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Brock Turner, CMS teacher. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

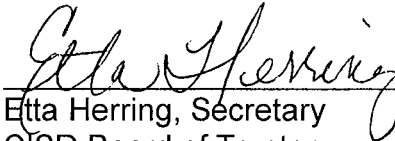
Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Dr. Patricia Tremmel as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Adjournment...**

Mrs. Hooten asked if there was any other business. After no response, Mrs. Hooten declared the meeting adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President  
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees