

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 August 21, 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks, Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 p.m. to hear results of school safety audit (§551.076), 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 7:11 p.m. on August 21, 2017.

Opening Activities

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

Recognition

The Commerce FFA Alumni presented a check for \$1000 to the CHS Ag program.

TASB Business Honorees Fix & Feed, Peace of Bread, Sonic and Walmart were recognized for their support of public schools.

Alliance Bank, represented by Pablo Guzman and Linda Gallagher; Commerce Rotary Club, represented by Karen Maxwell and other Rotary Club members; and B&A Concrete's Brent and Amanda Turner were recognized for their commitment to community involvement in schools.

Commerce Community Action Program, represented by Dr. Bob Johnson and Sherry Johnson, was recognized for the Art Institute held at CMS this summer.

Ceremonial Swearing in of School Resource Officer

CISD Chief of Police Joe Venable administered the oath of office to Dave Contreras, who joins the district as a police officer/teacher.

Citizens' Comments

CHS parent Shannon Mosely expressed her concern with the Criminal History Request Form which gives two choices for race: Black or White/Other.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

The safety audit was not discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Courtney Mills as a registered nurse. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion passed with five voting yes. Mr. Wittkopf abstained.

Consent Agenda

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

Update from Hunt County Chief Appraiser

Brent South, chief appraiser with the Hunt County Appraisal District, shared information about a new appraisal office facility. The Appraisal District would like to purchase property at 3301 Ridgecrest in Greenville to house an expansion of their offices. Cost to the district would be from \$5000 to \$6000. All 34 entities must approve the proposal, which should come to the board for consideration in November.

Consider Acceptance of Certification of 2017 Appraisal Rolls

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept the certification of \$396,153,942 for Hunt County appraisal roll and \$1,923,566 for the Delta County appraisal roll. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Bus Driver Pay Increase

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve a bus driver pay increase of \$3.16 per hour, bringing the total hourly rate to \$17 for beginning drivers. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Local Policy DBA

Superintendent Charlie Alderman shared that current policy has all secondary teachers, except special education and physical education teacher, required to pass the ESL test. He would like to change the policy to require only teachers in core subjects be required to obtain ESL certification. Proposed policy would go into effect with the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve DBA as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of the Donation of a Police Vehicle

Mr. Alderman stated that Texas A&M University-Commerce has offered to donate a used police vehicle to the District. The 2012 Tahoe would have an approximate cost of \$4000 to repair and get road ready. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the donated vehicle. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday September 18, 2017, with executive session at 6 p.m. The October meeting was set for Monday, October 16, 2017 with executive session at 6 p.m. with meeting to begin at 7 p.m.

Principals shared campus activities from the beginning of school.

The monthly check register was included in the board packets.

Board Member Comments

None

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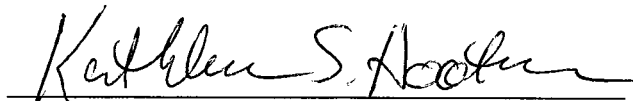
Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:55 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

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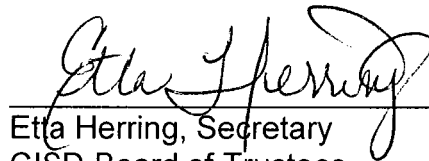
Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:11 p.m. on August 21, 2017. No action resulted.

Adjournment...

Dr. Hendricks 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
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