

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 June 16, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. President Ted Oats 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 President Oats, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Ms. Kathleen Hooten, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Michael Beane was absent

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and possible private consultation with Board's Attorney, if necessary (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session at 7:08 p.m. on June 16, 2014.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks, the pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Ms. Hooten and the pledge to the Texas flag as led by Mr. Wittkopf.

Recognition...

Mr. Cooper recognized D.J. Armendariz for receiving a gold medal and receiving outstanding soloist at the UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest. Mr. Cooper also recognized Daniel Starks, reporter for KETR radio at Texas A&M University-Commerce, for his fair and balanced coverage of the District. His name was submitted to the Texas Association of School Boards for its Media Honor Roll.

Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget and Tax Rate

Director of Finance John Walker explained that revenues were down because of decreased tax income from industry and also because of the unexpected drop in enrollment. He proposed a tax increase of 3 cents per \$100 evaluation, bringing the total to \$1.6235. Mr. Cooper added that the District had maintained the budget this year but because of the enrollment drop the District would have to dip into fund balance for \$300,000. He stated that Director of Curriculum and Instruction Charlie Alderman has done a great job of reducing personnel costs.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignations of Anna Knutson, CHS counselor; Pamela Dickson, CES teacher; and Barri Mulkey, athletic trainer.

Ms. Hooten made a motion to approve. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

Mr. Bill Mulcahy, outgoing president of the Tiger Athletic Booster Club, presented the Board with two checks from the Booster Club. One check was for \$3000 for Commerce High School athletic uniforms and the other was \$2000 for Commerce Middle School athletic uniforms. Mr. Cooper thanked Mr. Mulcahy for his service as the Booster Club president.

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2014 and the Special Meetings of May 28 and June 4, 2014 and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for May 2014. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve minutes and financial statement as presented. Ms. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Amendment of the 2013-2014 Budget

Mr. John Walker, Director of Finance, explained that several items were included in the budget amendments as year-end clean-up procedures were put in place. Items included deductible for water leak damages at CMS (\$5000), band uniforms, sound system and the ag truck. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve amendments as presented. Ms. Hooten seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of GCA Custodial Services Agreement

Mr. Cooper expressed satisfaction with the custodial services provided by GCA over the past five years and would like to extend their contract. He especially noted the leadership provided by Garon Burgin. A motion was made by Mr. Starks and seconded by Mr. Wittkopf to approve the GCA Services agreement as presented. With no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Adoption of Proposed 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Walker said the budget was based on items discussed during the previous budget study session. Teachers would get a step raise and other employees would get a two percent on midpoint raise. Ms. Hooten made a motion to adopt preliminary budget as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Adoption of 2014-2015 Proposed Tax Rate

Mr. Walker recommended the three-cent increase in interest and sinking to accommodate the 2014-2015 budget. Mr. Starks made a motion to adopt tax rate as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase

Mr. Cooper explained that for several years the District has been increasing meal prices to equal the reimbursable rate. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve meal price increase

of five cents as presented. Ms. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance

Mr. Walker explained that the District's current policy expires June 30. Proposed rates from the district's carrier, Trident Insurance Services through local agent, Janet Duncan, is proposed to increase by \$8939. The cause of the increase was the additional buses and vehicle added for coverage. Mr. Walker said next year he would seek bids for the insurance. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to renew property and casualty insurance as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

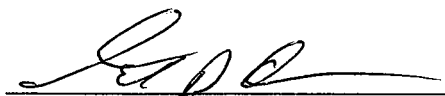
The Board set the next meeting for Monday, July 21, 2014, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m.

Campus Highlights newsletter showcased graduation and end of year activities.

A thank you note was received from Latisha Britton.

Adjournment...

With no further business, Mr. Oats adjourned the meeting.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees

Ordinance

Levying a Tax Rate for the Commerce Independent School District for the Tax Year 2014

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED by the Commerce Independent School District (CISD), Commerce, Texas that


We, the Board of Education of Commerce Independent School District, do hereby levy or adopt the tax rate on one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation for this district for the tax year 2014 as follows:

\$1.17	for the purpose of maintenance and operation
\$0.4535	for the payment of principal and interest on debt of this district
<u>\$1.6235</u>	TOTAL Tax Rate

The Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the Commerce Independent School District, Commerce, Texas, on this the 16th day of June 2014.



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