

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 February 16, 2015 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, Mr. Michael Beane, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Kathleen Hooten, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:15 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:01 p.m. on February 16, 2015.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

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

Recognition

Representatives from Cenergistics presented the district with the Energy Excellence Award. The program has saved the district over \$1 million in the five years since its implementation. The district's first energy educator, Kevin Shaw, accepted the award along with the current energy educator Jayson Campbell. The award was presented by David Goff.

Mr. Cooper presented certificates of recognition to CHS Band students Amelia Martin and Michael Elwell for making the ATSSB All-State Band.

Certificates were presented to ag students winning awards at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board extend contracts for administrative and supervisory personnel for two years as presented. Those included Charlie Alderman, Al Shipp, John

Walker, Ludonna Smithers, Cari Sturch, Heather Kilgore, Jeff Cleveland, Deanna Hays, Patrick Just, Steve Drummond, Christy Hansen, Trish King and Diane Stegall (see attached list). Ms. Hooten made a motion to extend contracts as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend the contract for Donna Yoakum one year. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board extend contracts for Tri County SSA personnel—Dian Underwood, 12 months, two years; and Rachel Myers, 11 months, one year. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to extended contracts. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation of Lucinda Perez, CES teacher. Ms. Hooten made a motion to approve. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Autumn Deason and Chad Harris as teachers for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion.

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2015 and the Special Meeting of February 9, 2015

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2015 and the special meeting of February 9, 2015. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for January 2015 and Budget Amendments

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the financial statement and budget amendments as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss City's Request for Interest in Property at 1520 Pecan Street

Mr. Steve Wilson from the City of Commerce explained how the City wanted to obtain the property at 1520 Pecan Street to use as a parking lot for activities at the city gym. He said that D&E Tires would allow the city to use their property adjacent to the gym for parking if they were granted rights to corner property. The school district, along with other entities, gained interest in the property due to non-payment of property tax. Mr. Cooper asked Mr. Wilson to bring a deed transferring ownership to the board for consideration.

Consider Approval of Contract with Hunt County Elections Administrator for May 9, 2015 Trustee Election

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the contract for election administration to Hunt County. The trustee election will be held in conjunction with the City of Commerce and North

Hunt SUD. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution and Order of Election Calling a School Board Trustee Election for Places 6 and 7 of the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees of May 9, 2015

Mr. Cooper presented the resolution and order of election calling for a trustee election on May 9, 2015. Places 6 and 7, currently held by Randy Starks and Etta Herring, are up for election. Early voting and election day voting will take place at City Hall. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve Resolution and Order of Election. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointing Early Voting Clerks for May 9, 2015 Trustee Election

Mr. Cooper recommended the following serve as early voting clerks:

Marty Cunningham, Early Voting Clerk
Becky Pattillo, Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Bonnie Hunter, Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Ludonna Smithers, Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Renee Bates, Deputy Early Voting Clerk

Early voting will be held from April 27 through May 5 at City Hall from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Extended voting hours will take place May 4 and 5, 2015, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to appoint early voting clerks as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Designating March 9-13, 2015 as Public Schools Week in Commerce ISD

Mr. Cooper presented information about the dates for open houses during Public Schools Week. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve resolution for Public Schools Week in Commerce ISD. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper reported that enrollment was 1565, up five from last month.

The Board of Trustees Election filing will begin January 28, 2015 through February 27, 2015 at the Central Administration Building. Places 6 and 7 are up for election on May 9, 2015. Ms. Herring and Mr. Starks have filed for reelection.

Mr. Cooper said that the TASB spring workshop would be held on May 19 at Texas A&M University-Commerce and encouraged members to attend.

The Board set the next meeting for Thursday, March 26, 2015, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting falls during spring break; therefore, the next meeting was proposed for a week later. Mr. Cooper proposed that the Board meet to discuss facilities. March 2 at 7 p.m. was set for a special board meeting at the Central Administration Building.

Board Member Comments...

Dr. Hendricks said the 95 percent attendance rate was "wonderful". He thanked the administrators, teachers and students for attendance.

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:05 p.m. to consider personnel (\$551.074) to finalize evaluation of superintendent.

Reconvene from Executive Session...

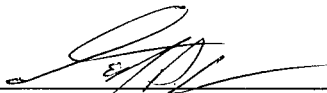
Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:10 p.m. on February 16, 2015.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

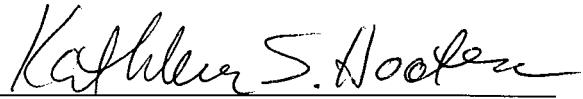
No action.

Adjournment...

Mr. Oats declared there if there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees