

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 January 20, 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, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Ms. Kathleen Hooten was absent.

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 6:55 p.m. on January 20, 2015.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

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

Recognition of Board of Trustees

Commerce Elementary, A.C. Williams Elementary and Commerce High School presented gifts to the Board members. Mr. Cooper thanked them for their service to the students of Commerce ISD.

Commerce Middle School Campus Report

CMS Principal Patrick Just introduced a video production that featured students from his campus.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation Kirk Bird, CMS teacher/coach. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignation as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2014. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for December 2014

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 101, affecting local policies BE, CH, DGHBA, EB, FFG, FNG and GF

Mr. Cooper presented the local update. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the update as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Insurance Settlement

Mr. Cooper presented an insurance settlement for the roof damage sustained during last spring's severe weather. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the settlement as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper reported that enrollment was 1560, 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.

Mr. Cooper said an investigation into the drainage problem at Commerce Middle School would continue until a repair proposal could be made.

The Board set the next meeting for Monday, February 16, 2015, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m.

Board Member Comments...

Dr. Hendricks thanked administrators for ensuring students were invited to the February 22 meeting. Mr. Beane requested a district discipline report every several months.

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:21 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) for evaluation and review of Superintendent's Contract 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 10:30 p.m. on January 20, 2015.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Oats asked if there was a motion to extend Superintendent Cooper's contract one year through June 30, 2018. Mr. Starks made a motion to extend contract through June 30, 2018. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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