

## 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 February 15, 2016 at 6 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Michael Beane was absent.

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

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:00 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 7:03 p.m. on February 15, 2016.

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

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

#### **Recognition**

Superintendent Blake Cooper recognized Michael Elwell for making the ATSSB All-State Band for the second consecutive year. He also recognized agriculture students Dustin Rex, Holten Pemberton and Marcus Rogers for their blue ribbon and first in class wins at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Ken Moyer, represented by Cecily Huggins at Lone Star Grill, and Dixie Stachiowiak, Dixie Turman State Farm Insurance, were recognized for their support of Commerce ISD as business partners.

#### **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend administrator and supervisory personnel contracts one year as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to extend contracts for Tri County SSA administrators Dian Underwood and Rachel Myers as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend contract for NETCAT Director Jason Hudson as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Cathy Beane, CMS counselor. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen's Comments...**

None

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2016, and the special meeting of February 1, 2016, the financial statement and investment summary for January 2016. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Budget Amendments for Roofing and Track Repair**

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

**Consider Approval of Contract with Hunt County Elections Administrator for May 7, 2016 Trustee Election**

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the contract with the Hunt County Elections Administrator for May 7, 2016, election as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Resolution and Order of Election Calling a School Board Trustee Election for Places 1, 2 and 3 of the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees on May 7, 2016**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the resolution and order for the May 7 trustee election as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Appointing Early Voting Clerks for the May 7, 2016 Board of Trustees Election**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the early voting clerks including Becky Pattillo, Rita Krodle, Bonnie Hunter, Ludonna Smithers and Renee Bates. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of Resolution Designating March 7-11, 2016 as Texas Public Schools Week**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the resolution designating March 7-11, 2016, as Texas Public Schools Week in Commerce ISD. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of TASB Pay Systems Review**

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the TASB Pay System for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the 2016-2017 School Calendar**

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained the proposed calendar which has 75,600 instructional minutes as opposed to 180 instructional days for students. The first semester will end before Christmas and school will end before Memorial Day. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the proposed calendar for the 2016-2017 school year as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of TEA Expedited Waiver for Early Release Days for 2016-2017**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion approve the expedited waiver for four early release days for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Informational Reports**

Mr. Cooper noted enrollment of 1616, down five students from January. He said that the TASB Spring Workshop at TAMU-C would be held May 17.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m.

**Board Comments...**

Dr. Hendricks invited everyone to attend the Dan and Jalinna Jones Education Awards, at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 21 at the Sam Rayburn Student Center where many CISD administrators, students and teachers would be recognized.

Mrs. Hooten asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Wittkopf. The motion passed unanimously.

  
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Kathleen Hooten, President  
CISD Board of Trustees

  
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Etta Herring, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees