

## 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 September 21, 2015 at 7 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Kathleen Hooten, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Ms. Etta Herring was absent.

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

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks 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**

The First Place State UIL Theatrical Design Team from last spring was recognized. The team included Aaron Ferrell, Sarah Stogner-Dickinson, Rachael Sheehan and Philip Weise. Karri Anderson is the sponsor.

The Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation presented teacher grants in May and the Board recognized the Foundation and teacher grant recipients. A total of \$62,250.69 was funded for grants for the 2015-2016 school year.

Commerce Elementary School had a grand opening for its ArboREADum on September 10. The Board recognized the monetary donors and volunteers who transformed the atrium into a space where children would love to read.

The Board recognized Brent and Amanda Turner of B&A Concrete and his subcontractors for building the pavilion at A. C. Williams Elementary School.

#### **Citizen's Comments...**

None

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 17, 2015, the financial statement and investment summary for August 2015 and two budget amendments. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Presentation of Accountability Ratings**

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman presented accountability ratings. All schools and the district "Met Standard." Commerce High School received four distinctions and Commerce Middle School received two.

**Discuss and Consider Nominating Candidate for Board of Director of the Hunt County Appraisal District and Execute Resolution**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to support the City's nomination to place the name of John Sands on the ballot for the Hunt County Board of Directors and approve the Resolution reflecting same. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss and Consider Nominating Candidate for Board of Director of the Delta County Appraisal District and Execute Resolution**

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to support the City's nomination to place the name of Scottie Stegall on the ballot for the Hunt County Board of Directors and approve the Resolution reflecting same. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of NETCAT Course Sharing Agreement**

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the NETCAT course sharing agreement as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Informational Reports**

Mr. Cooper noted that enrollment was up to 1606, up from 1546 on the first day of school. He told about the Hall of Honor induction ceremony. He also informed the Board about the City's grant proposal that involved six acres adjacent to A. C. Williams Elementary School would be submitted again. The timeline for improvements to ensure ADA compliance was approved by the Office of Civil Rights.

The status of required board training for each Board member was presented.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2015, with executive session at 6 p.m.

**Board Comments**

Mr. Oats complimented the students on their behavior at the football games. He also asked that the dress code be placed on the agenda for discussion in October.

**Executive Session...**

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:28 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074).

**Reconvene from Executive Session...**

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 8:32 p.m. on September 21, 2015.

**Action Resulting from Executive Session**

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignation of Clint Blazier, CHS teacher. Hendricks made a motion to approve the resignation as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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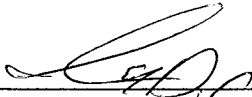
Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the employment of James Mills, CHS teacher. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the employments as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A thank you note was received from the family of Dr. Robert Cozart.

**Adjournment...**

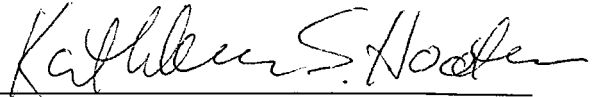
Mr. Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. Mr. Oats stated that the meeting was adjourned.

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Ted Oats, President  
CISD Board of Trustees

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Kathleen Hooten, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees

# Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015, the Commerce Independent School District, Board of Trustees voted to approve the nomination Scottie Stegall to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors for the Delta County Appraisal District

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IT IS, THEREFORE, recommended by the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees that the name of Scottie Stegall be placed on the ballot of candidates for the upcoming election of the Board of Directors for the Delta County Appraisal District.

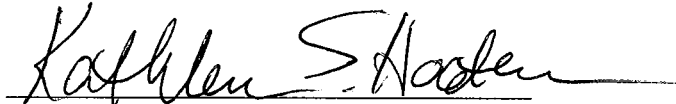
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TED OATS, President  
Commerce ISD Board of Trustees

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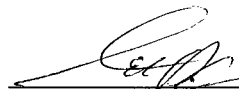
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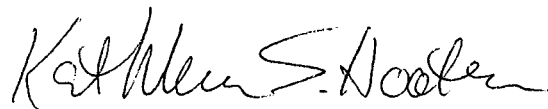
BE IT RESOLVED that on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015, the Commerce Independent School District, Board of Trustees voted to approve the nomination John Sands to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors for the Hunt County Appraisal District

IT IS, THEREFORE, recommended by the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees that the name of John Sands be placed on the ballot of candidates for the upcoming election of the Board of Directors for the Hunt County Appraisal District.

COMMERCE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

  
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TED OATS, President  
Commerce ISD Board of Trustees

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