

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 October 17, 2016, at 7:00 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, Mr. Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Mark Reid was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten 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...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:12 p.m. on October 17, 2016.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Dr. Hendricks. CHS Senior Jacey Sturch led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. The CHS Choir, led by Candace Clayburn, sang the national anthem.

Citizen's Comments...

Ms. Stephanie Johnson addressed the Board about student discipline. Ms. Evelyn McIntyre spoke to the Board and complimented the CHS teacher and staff on the great job they were doing.

Recognition

Domonique Smith and Danielle Davis of Texas A&M University-Commerce were recognized for their leadership of L.E.A.D., a group of students who volunteered to help with projects around town and the district.

Campus principals and assistant principals were recognized by the Board for their service to the students of Commerce ISD. Recognized were Steve Drummond, Felisha Jones, Dr. Shenequa Miller, Christy Hansen, Tina Bronson, Diane Stegall and Wanda Beane.

Commerce High School Campus Report

CHS Principal Steve Drummond shared a video about a day in the life of CHS during his campus report.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 19, 2016.. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of District of Innovation Benefits and Application Process

Superintendent Charlie Alderman introduced a video by Dr. Lizzy Asbury, Director of Administrative Services at Region 10 ESC, that explained the District of Innovation advantages and application process.

Consider Approval of Resolution in Favor of Initiating Process for District of Innovation Status

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the application for District of Innovation Status. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointing School Health Advisory Council Members

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the SHAC committee members as presented. They included Kathy Myers, Alison Walker, Joe Venable, Chris Ritchie, Courtney Mills, Vickie McMurray, Patty Wilson, Sarah Staton and Amber Weaver. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of FFA (Local) Policy Student Welfare: Wellness and Health Services

Mr. Alderman explained that the district is required to have a wellness policy. Director of Health Services Kathy Myers explained that a broad policy was proposed and specifics would be addressed in guidelines and regulations. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve FFA (Local) as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Granting Easement to Oncor Electric for Property on CR 4308

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to grant easement to Oncor Electric on County Road 4308 off of Highway 224. CISD, along with other taxing entities, has ownership due to foreclosure. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman said enrollment is 1606, down three students from this time last year. He invited board members to participate in a meeting at City Hall to discuss partnerships with the city and the university. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 24, 2016.

Mr. Alderman announced that the TASB Legal Seminar would be held November 3 at Texas A&M University-Commerce. EdCamPalooza will be held November 12 at CHS. The Winter Arts Festival will be held on December 8. Vendors will begin sales at 5 p.m. with the program starting at 6:30 p.m.

Principals shared their monthly reports.

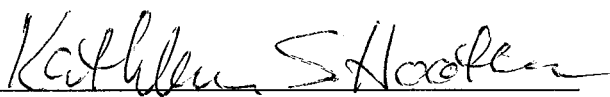
The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m.

Consider Approval of Financial Statement for September 2016

Mr. Wittkopf said he didn't think the board approved the financial statement for September at the beginning of the meeting. He made a motion to approve the financial statement. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment...

Mrs. Hooten asked if there was any other business. Mr. Beane made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. -3


Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees


Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

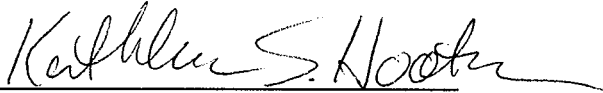
WHEREAS Education Code 12A.001 provides that a district is eligible for designation as a district of innovation if the district's most recent performance rating under Section 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance, and that consideration of designation as a district of innovation may be initiated by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of the district; and

WHEREAS the Commerce Independent School District's most recent performance rating under Education Code 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance.

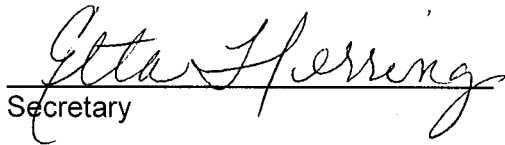
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District by adoption of this resolution initiates the process under Education Code Chapter 12A to become a district of innovation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after this resolution is signed by the Board, a public hearing shall be held to consider whether the District should develop a local innovation plan for the designation of the District as a district of innovation and that after the public hearing the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District shall appoint a committee to develop a local innovation plan or decline to pursue designation as a district of innovation.

Adopted this 17th day of October, 2016, by the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees.



Presiding Officer



Secretary