

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 August 15, 2016, at 6:00 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, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks joined by videoconference because he was out of the country. Mr. Michael Beane was absent. Mr. Charlie Alderman was seated as Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Mark Reid

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 7:01 p.m. on August 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.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion that the Board vote to declare the probationary contract of LaQuitia Thomas void pursuant to Texas Education Code, section 21.0031. Mr. Starks further moved that the Board instruct the Superintendent to provide notice to Ms. Thomas of this decision by the Board that the contract is void. Mr. Starks also moved that the Superintendent terminate the employee effective upon the employee receiving notice of the Board vote to declare the contract void. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept the resignation of Nakita Sharp, CMS teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Judy Evans, CHS teacher/coach, and Melody Kimbrell, CES teacher. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Consent Agenda

Dr. Reid asked that his name be added to the July 21 minutes as he was in attendance then. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes including the correction of the regular meeting on July 21, 2016, the special meeting of August 2, 2016, and the financial statement and investment summary for July 2016. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Certification of 2016 Appraisal Rolls for Commerce ISD

Dr. Reid made a motion accept the certification of 2016 appraisal rolls for Hunt and Delta Counties. Hunt County is \$378,303,478 and Delta County is \$1,736,742. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies

Director of Finance John Walker presented the review of investment policy and investment strategies.

Review Elementary Student Handbooks

Board members were provided elementary student handbooks for their review.

Presentation of Campus Accountability Ratings

Mr. Alderman explained that all campuses "Met Standard" in the accountability ratings.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman shared the Meet the Teacher and Meet the Tiger schedules for Thursday, August 18. He stated that the CMS secretary and PEIMS position was again going to be separated into two positions. The CES fire system needs repairs of about \$30,000. A new system would cost \$60,000. Mr. Walker noted that the fire system was still working but it was not functioning at optimal levels.


The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, September 19, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. Team of Eight training was also discussed.


Board Comments...

Dr. Hendricks reminded board members that they could participate in the Commerce Community Cares benefit prior to the board meeting on September 19.

Adjournment...

Mrs. Hooten asked if there was any other business. Dr. Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees


Etta Herring, Secretary
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