

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 July 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at 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, Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf (who joined in executive session). Mr. Michael Beane was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 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 7:15 p.m. on July 20, 2017.

Opening Activities

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

Recognition of ASPIRE Leaders

Superintendent Charlie Alderman recognized leaders of the ASPIRE summer program from Texas A&M University-Commerce including Dr. Steven Prewitt, Anfernee Johnson, Alex Took, Princess Davis, Kieston Carter, Kiante Blakely and Josh Skinner. The ASPIRE program provided after summer school activities for CISD students. The students had planned activities at the blueberry farm, the Morris Recreation Center and other locations around campus.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept resignation from Tommy Marshall, CHS ag teacher. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to employ professional personnel as follows: Jesse Casarez, CMS band director; James Wheeler, CMS teacher; Meghan Regodon, ACW teacher; Derrell Milner, CHS teacher/coach; Jennie Reynolds, CHS teacher; Joyce Sample, CHS teacher; Courtney Goodwin, CHS ag teacher and Tiffany Otken, CES teacher. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Tammy Raymond as a diagnostician for Tri County SSA. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignation of Board member Michael Beane. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 13, 2017, and the special meeting of June 27, 2017, and the financial statements and investment summary for June 2017. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Delinquent Tax Report Presented

Tab Beall, an attorney with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, gave the Board the annual delinquent tax report.

Presentation on Social Work in Schools

Taylor Morris, a graduate student at Texas A&M University-Commerce, shared information about social work activities and their importance to the success of public schools. The presentation was a requirement for her degree program.

Consider Approval of 2017-2018 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve appraisal calendar and teacher appraisers as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of K-5 Literacy Curriculum Plans

Mrs. Diane Stegall, principal of Commerce Elementary School, presented information about the literacy curriculum plans along with Mrs. Lisa Palazzetti, principal of A. C. Williams Elementary School. Several plans including Fountas and Pinnell and Abydos were discussed.

Presentation of Student Learning Objective (SLO) requirement

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel explained the SLO requirement that CISD would be implementing this year.

Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase for Students

Mr. Walker explained that in order to meet federal guidelines the district need to increase student prices by 10 cents per meal. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the 10 cent breakfast and lunch price for students. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of NETCAT Course Sharing Agreement

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the NETCAT course sharing agreement as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Alderman said there were minor changes in the student code of conduct for this year. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Student Handbooks

Mr. Alderman stated that since the latest updates were only received on July 14 for the Student Handbooks they would be provided to the Board for review at a later date.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman announced the Hall of Honor inductees for 2017 including Mary Robinson, Chris Clark, Janet John and Charlie Wilson. The induction ceremony will be held October 12 at the Central Administration Building. Online registration opened Wednesday, July 19 and new student registration is being held Thursday and Friday, July 20 and 21 at CHS.

Convocation for the new school year will be held on Monday, July 31 beginning with breakfast provided by Guaranty Band. Riney Jordan will be the motivational speaker.

Facilities Update

The CMS courtyard should be completed prior to the start of school. The ACW playground installation was completed and students were able to play on it during the last day of summer school.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2017, with executive session at 6 p.m. The September meeting was set for Monday, September 18 with executive session at 7 p.m. with meeting to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The monthly check register was included in the board packets.

Board Member Comments

Dr. Hendricks said that the Chamber and other entities have planned a "Commerce Strong" celebration and reconciliation to be held on September 9 at 10 a.m. on Main Street.

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Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:51 p.m. on July 20, 2017.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

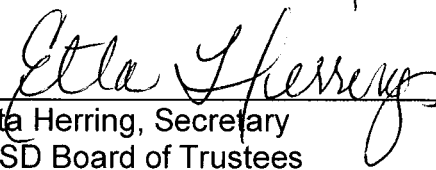
Motion was made by Dr. Hendricks and seconded by Mr. Wittkopf to extend superintendent contrac through June 30, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment...

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees