

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 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. Vice President Randy Starks 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 Mr. Starks, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring and Dr. Mark Reid. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf joined the meeting during executive session. Mrs. Hooten and Dr. Ray Green were absent.

Executive Session...

Mr. Starks announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074): consider resignations for professional personnel, consider employment of professional personnel, consider resignations of Tri County SSA personnel, consider employment of Tri County SSA professional personnel and hold a private consultation with the Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Starks announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:02 p.m. on July 16, 2018.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the American flag was led by Mr. Wittkopf and the pledge of the Texas flag was led by Ms. Herring.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept resignations from Pamela Desselle, ACW teacher; Michelle Martinez, CMS teacher; Jessica Duckworth, Library/Media Coordinator; John Dobson, CMS teacher; David Polk, CHS teacher/band director and Melody Kimbrell, CES teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Nancy Franks, ACW teacher; Chelsea Roman, ACW teacher; Amanda Salters, CES teacher; Robbin Perkins-Askew, CMS teacher and Karen Wilson, CMS teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Nicholas Campbell, Tri County SSA Summit teacher. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Teri Miller as a Tri County SSA teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Citizens' Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 18, 2018 and the special meeting on June 28, 2018 and the financial statements and investment summary for June 2018. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Delinquent Tax Report

Tab Beall, attorney for Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP, presented information about the tax collections. He explained that there was a \$701,051.51 total delinquency of taxes. However, tax collections for the year were coming in. He also said there was a 38 percent penalty and interest charges on delinquencies.

Discuss Drug Testing Policy

Mr. Alderman presented the current drug testing policy for secondary students that was approved for the 2013-2014 school year. Problems with the testing company led to its halt after the first semester in use. He said he wanted to institute it again in light of recent incidents with students. Several board members offered opinions including Mr. Starks who wanted to have punitive consequences for a first offense. Dr. Hendricks offered to help Mr. Alderman update the policy and present it to the board at the next meeting.

Consider Approval of the 2018-2019 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers

Superintendent Charlie Alderman recommended the Board approve Dr. Patricia Tremmel, Wanda Beane, Patricia Nelle, Lisa Palazzetti, Tina Bronson, Dr. Shenequa Miller, Nick Smith, Steve Drummond, Felisha Jones and Roger Brown plus any other administrators hired after this date with T-TESS appraisal certification be approved as appraisers. The calendar was also recommended for approval.

Dr. Reid motioned to approve the appraisal calendar and teacher appraisers as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase

Mr. Walker explained that the District must take action to increase meal prices to ensure the average paid lunch price less the difference between the free and paid Federal reimbursement rates. He recommended a 5 cent increase for each meal.

Mr. Wittkopf motioned to approve meal price increase of 5 cents per meal for the 2018-2019. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Bids Received on Resale Properties

Mr. Alderman presented properties for sale as recommended by Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP: Account # R25888, R52910 and R22658 for \$4800, \$4000 and \$1000 respectively.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept bids as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of NETCAT Course Sharing Agreement

Mr. Alderman shared the annual agreement with NETCAT which includes 11 other districts. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the NETCAT Course Sharing Agreement as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Alderman shared there were no changes to the Student Code of Conduct; however, an appendix as added to include appeal procedures. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Student Handbooks

The Student Handbooks were provided to the Board on July 11.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman shared information about the Hall of Honor induction ceremony which will be held on September 7.

Online registration will open July 23. A calendar of back to school events was presented.

The date for the August Board meeting will be Monday, August 20, 2018. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. for executive session, followed by the regular session at 7 p.m.

The check register was also presented.

Board Member Comments...

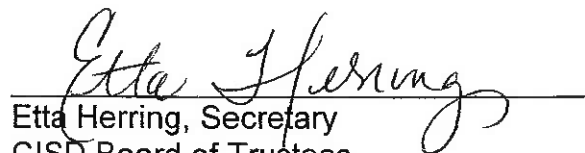
Dr. Hendricks announced a Project Keep Hope Alive reunion at a home Texas A&M University-Commerce football game in October.

Adjournment...

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Starks stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees