

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 January 13, 2020, 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. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Randy Starks and Dr. Mark Reid were absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 5:54 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074) and hold a private consultation with the Board's attorney, if necessary (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 7:02 p.m. on January 13, 2020.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the American flag was led by Commerce Middle School students.

Recognition

The UIL All-District Football Players were recognized including Brad Caldwell, Xzay Basham, Conner Smith, Anthony Peak, Anton Stapleton, Edgar Castillo, Henry Serrano, Roy Gaffney, Taylor Kepley, Ruben Casteneda-Suarez, Wade Nicholson, Kendrick Greer, C.J. Dunbar, Anthony Cook and J'Den Wilson. Also included were Noah Howell Code Clayton, Ashton Seale and Brandon Turner.

Ag students were recognized for winning in several competitions. Tori Belcher, Darren Beal and Maci won first place awards at the Four States Fair. Eli Black won first and second place with milking shorthorn dairy heifers at the East Texas Fair. At the State Fair of Texas, Eli Black won first for dairy heifers and won Junior Dairy Showmanship.

Ben Fox and Jaeden Colston won a blue ribbon for their cattle guard at the State Fair and Kayla Gossett won a blue ribbon for her reloading bench.

Jaden Buchanan, Jenna Buchanan and Korrighan Smith placed first in heat and third overall in FFA Broadcasting at the Alba-Golden Invitational LDE Contest. In District 2 LDE Contest, area qualifiers were Kayla Gossett, Maria House, Kaysi Putman, Alyssa Haddock and Curyssa Williams.

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CISD Administrators recognized School Board members during School Board Recognition Month by presenting gifts from each campus and the Central Administration.

Presentation of Commerce Middle School Campus Report

CMS Principal Tina Bronson introduced her staff and showed a video which showcased events held at the school throughout the year.

Citizens' Comments

None

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Ron Donjuan, CHS teacher. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 16, 2019, and the financial statements and investment summary for December 2019. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of E-Rate Proposal

Director of Technology Al Shipp explained that the funds would be used to purchase a new firewall capable of handling the new fiber installed through a Region 10 ESC initiative. The lowest bid came in from Global Asset at \$83,433 with the District cost of 20 percent of that at \$16,688. Mr. Shipp said he would recommend Global Asset because he had worked successfully with them before.

Dr. Green made a motion to accept proposal from Global Asset. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Contract with Hunt County Elections Administrator for May 2, 2020 Trustee Election

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the contract for the May 2, 2020 trustee election with Hunt County Elections Administrator. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Resolution and Order of Election Calling a School Board Trustee Election for Places 4 and 5 of the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees on May 2, 2020

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the Resolution and Order of Election Calling a School Board Trustee Election for Places 4 and 5 of the Commerce ISD Board of Trustees on May 2, 2020. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Grant Opportunities

Mr. Alderman listed the grant the District currently receives and explained that grant opportunities were always sought after.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Alderman reported enrollment of 1508 as of January 10, 2020, down 25 from last year.

Board election is coming up May 2, 2020. First day to file is January 15, 2020 and the last day to file is February 14. Mark Reid and LaVelle Hendricks are up for election for Places 4 and 5, respectively.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that the 2020-2021 calendar would be considered after the UIL realignment was released in February.

Mr. Alderman and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel will attend the TASA/TASB Mid-Winter Conference in Austin January 27-29.

Principals gave their monthly reports.

The date for the February Board meeting will be held Monday, February 17, 2020. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m.

The check register was shared.

Board comments

Dr. Hendricks mentioned the upcoming MLK Leadership Awards to be held Sunday, January 20. He also encouraged principals to recognize local African American leaders during upcoming campus Black History Month activities.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074) and hold a private consultation with the Board's attorney, if necessary (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 8:51 p.m. on January 13, 2020.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend Superintendent Alderman's contract by one year, through 2024. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

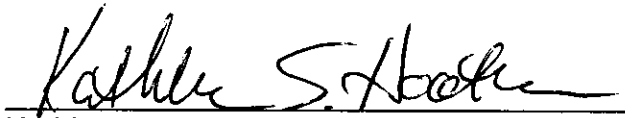
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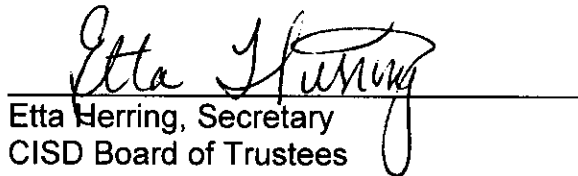
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Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
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