

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees  
Commerce ISD

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on July 15, 2019, 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, Dr. Mark Reid, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Ray Green was absent. Ms. Etta Herring joined during executive session.

## **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:08 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 7:05 p.m. on July 15, 2019.

## **Opening Activities**

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Mr. Starks.

## **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignations of Misti Gardner, CES teacher; Jordan Barnard, Kortni Toon and Amy Scaff, ACW teachers; Susan Ramsey, CMS teacher; Christi Coplin, CHS teacher; Jerale Badon, CHS teacher/coach and Felisha Brown, DAEP administrator. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Herring made a motion to employ Angela Andrews, CES teacher; Pamela Anderson, Macy Neece, Angela Wright and Nick Foster, ACW teachers; Ashley Bryan and Lisa Wax, CMS teachers; and Chase (Yogi) Gallegos, teacher/coach. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignation of Sabrina Green, Tri County SSA. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and one abstention—Dr. Reid.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Rachel Myers, 12-month administrator, Melinda Reid, 11-month administrator and Jennifer Padgett, teacher, Tri County SSA. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and one abstention—Dr. Reid.

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### **Citizens' Comments**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 17, 2019 and the financial statements and investment summary for June 2019. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Presentation of the Delinquent Tax Report**

Mr. Tab Beall of the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP reported \$754,381.54 in delinquent taxes that his firm was working to collect.

### **Consider Approval of the 2019-2020 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the appraisal calendar and teacher appraisers as presented including all campus administrators and Dr. Patricia Tremmel. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of TASB Policy FNF Local—Student Rights and Responsibilities, Investigations and searches**

Mr. Starks made a motion to FNF Local as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase for Students**

Mr. Walker explained that in order to stay in compliance with Federal guidelines meal prices must be increased by 10 cents, which is the annual maximum. The proposal is for \$2.55 for elementary student lunches and \$2.80 for second student lunches. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve a 10-cent meal increase for the 19-20 school year. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of NETCAT Course Sharing Agreement**

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that the annual agreement allows area school districts to share courses with each other. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the NETCAT course sharing agreement. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct**

Mr. Alderman summarized the changes recommended by TASB for the Student Code of Conduct, which were minimal 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.

### **Informational Reports...**

Mr. Alderman presented the 2019 Hall of Honor inductees including Carolyn Burt, CHS Class of 1955, Teacher 1958-1960; Wade Wilson, Class of 1977; Medley Wilson, Class of

1976 and Kristin Barker Hames, Class of 1996. The induction ceremony will be held on September 20, 2019, which is Homecoming.

He announced that online registration would open July 23. New student registration will be held from noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 24 and from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, July 25 at the CISD Administration Building.

The Back-to-School Bash will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., July 31 at CHS.

The date for the August Board meeting will be Monday, August 19, 2019. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m. A board training session was called for July 22, 2019.

#### **Board comments**

Dr. Hendricks asked about business recognitions and Mr. Alderman said it would be after school started. Dr. Hendricks also invited the community to attend a law enforcement recognition program supporting TRU (trust, respect and understanding). A meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 31 in the City Park.

#### **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 7:50 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...**

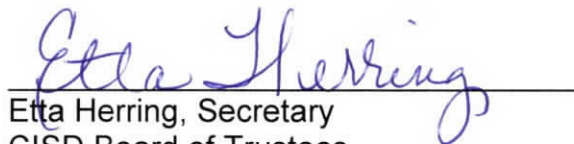
Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 8:18 p.m. on July 15, 2019.

#### **Adjournment...**

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



Kathleen Hooten, President  
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees