

## 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 August 18, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. President Ted Oats 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 President Oats, Mr. Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Ms. Kathleen Hooten, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

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

Mr. Oats 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...**

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:05 p.m. on August 18, 2014.

#### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...**

The invocation was led by Dr. Hendricks, the pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mrs. Hooten and the pledge to the Texas flag as led by Ms. Herring.

#### **Citizen's Comments...**

None

#### **Recognition**

Mr. Cooper recognized the Texas A&M University-Commerce Writing Center and its director Diana Hines, Dr. Brent Donham for engineering camp and Dr. LaVelle Hendricks and book club members including high school students and Dr. Dan Jones, Dr. Ricky Dobbs, Dr. Tim Letzring and Dr. Jeff Johnson.

#### **Action Resulting from Executive Session**

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation of Laura Finley, ACW teacher; Valerie Roberson, CHS teacher; and Philip Burnett, CHS teacher/coach. Mr. Starks made a motion to accept resignations as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Pat Jackson, CHS teacher; Amin Suleiman, CHS teacher; Patrick McConegly, CHS teacher/coach, Anquetette Whiteman, ACW teacher; Helen Robinson, CHS teacher; Geary Walker, CHS teacher/coach and Carl Terrell, CHS teacher/coach. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to employ teachers as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2014 and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for July, 2014. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statement as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Acceptance of Certification of 2014 Appraisal Rolls for CISD**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept certification of Hunt County and Delta County Appraisal Rolls--\$375,640,827 for Hunt County and \$1,777,650 for Delta County. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy EIC, Academic Achievement, Class Ranking**

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Charlie Alderman recommended the Board only count core subjects toward final GPA. The action was recommended because of House Bill 5 from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session and also so that students could participate in electives of their choosing without it lowering their GPA. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the EIC Local as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Commerce High School Handbook

**Presentation of Campus Accountability Ratings**

Mr. Alderman said Commerce High School received four distinctions out of a possible six. Commerce Middle School received two and A.C. Williams Elementary School received one.

**Informational Reports...**

Mr. Cooper explained the staff development activities including Meet the Teacher and Meet the Tiger on August 21.

The Board set the next meeting for Monday, September 15, 2014, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m.

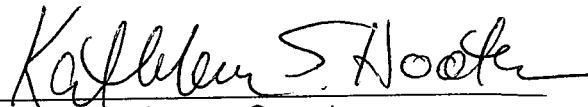
**Board Member Comments...**

None

**Adjournment...**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

  
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Ted Oats, President  
CISD Board of Trustees

  
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Kathleen Hooten, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees