

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 October 20, 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, Ms. Etta Herring, Ms. Kathleen Hooten, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks was absent.

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 6:59 p.m. on October 20, 2014.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks and the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Commerce High School students Mikey Elwell, Sammy Elwell, Forrest Dickson and Jesse Burt.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Charlie Alderman as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Mr. Beane made a motion to employ Alderman as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

Mrs. Judy Rudoff addressed the Board on excessive testing and advanced curriculum, especially at the elementary levels.

Jenny Krueger and the Commerce Boys & Girls Club staff addressed the Board, thanking them for the use of the A.C. Williams Elementary School campus for their summer and after-school programs. Students explained what they did during the summer program.

Recognition

Mr. Cooper recognized former student Isaiah Martinez by presenting him with his championship ring for winning the state power lifting competition during the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Cooper also recognized Sarah Coffman, a sixth grader at Commerce Middle School, for making the sale at the State Fair of Texas with her pen of broilers.

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2014 and the Special Meeting of September 22, 2014 and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for September 2014. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statement as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commerce High School Campus Report

CHS Principal David Welch thanked his staff and students for attending the Board meeting and introduced a video production that featured events of the year thus far.

Consider Acceptance of Bids Received on Resale Properties by the Hunt County Tax Assessor-Collector

Mr. Cooper explained that properties up for sale included mobile homes and no land. Mrs. Mr. Starks made a motion to accept bids as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and take possible action to delegate to the Superintendent Board authority under Board Policy EHAC

Mr. Cooper explained that under current policy students could be granted permission to use activity in an outside concern for physical education credit. This change would give the superintendent authority to make sure an entity provides sufficient activity and student participates in minimum amount of activity to count as a week's worth of physical activity.

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve delegation of Board's authority to superintendent to certify activities as exemptions for student participation in physical education. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointing School Health Advisory Council Members

Mr. Cooper explained that the Board must approve members of the School Health Advisory Council. Director of Health Services Jennifer Speulda recommend the following:

Staff
Jennifer Speulda
Crystle Mooneyham

Parents
Jonathan Cadwell
Melanie Clayton
Patty Wilson
Vanessa Clark
Amber Weaver
Shannon Shannon
Karla Lopez

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the SHAC committee as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper reported that enrollment was 1550, up 33 from last month. He shared information about the TASB Legal Seminar on November 19 at TAMU-C. He told Board members that the Hunt County Appraisal District was seeking candidates for its Board.

Mr. Cooper said the District was working with Next Agency to improve our web presence. The Winter Arts Festival will be held December 11 at Commerce High School. He mentioned that the Northeast Texas Childrens' Museum was named the Best Creative Experience for Children in Texas. He also told the Board about Commerce Middle School foundation issues including drainage problems and cracking. Negotiations with insurance companies and a negotiator are still underway regarding roof issues in the District.

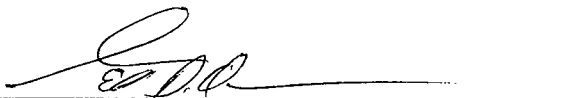
The Board set the next meeting for Monday, November 17, 2014, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m.

Board Member Comments...

None

Adjournment...

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
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