

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 March 26, 2015 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, 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 6:58 p.m. on March 26, 2015.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks and the pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mr. Wittkopf. The pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mrs. Hooten.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignation of Patrick McConegly, CHS teacher/coach. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the resignation as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignation of Cora Cooper, teacher, as presented. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the resignation as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the employment of Jason Hudson as NETCAT director, 216 days, probationary contract. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the employment as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Mr. Cooper introduced CHS theater teacher Karri Anderson who presented students who were in the cast and crew of Heat_Sink, a second-place winner in the UIL Young Filmmakers Contest in Austin. The Board recognized the students for having two of the six films shown for the final competition of over 600 films.

Mr. Cooper introduced three CHS students who placed in the top ten at the Corpus Christi Girls State Powerlifting Meet. Brittany Daniels placed third, Sierra Patterson placed sixth and Nicole Barrett finished ninth in state. Coaches were Travis Smith and Vince Taylor.

Campus teachers of the year were recognized. They included Lauren Veraska, CES; Amy Scaff, ACW; Patricia Nelle, CMS; and Tina Christian, CHW.

Mr. Cooper recognized Director of Finance John Walker for completion of his Registered Texas School Business Administrator certification from TASBO.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Consent Agenda

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular meeting on February 16, 2015, and the special meeting on March 2, 2015 and the financial statement and investment summary for February 2015. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Regarding the City of Commerce Use of District Property for Recreational Purposes

Ricky Harris, director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Commerce, answered questions about the city's request to use property east of A.C. Williams Elementary School for a disc golf course and bike and hike trail. The Board agreed to hold a meeting at 7 a.m., March 30, 2015, to consider the city's use of the property.

Consider Approval of Engagement of Financial Auditors for 2015

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the engagement agreement with Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman asked the Board to approve all instructional materials adopted by the state. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the measure as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Application for TEA Waiver for Missed Instructional Days

Mr. Cooper explained that the district missed three instructional days due to bad weather. Two of those days had substitute days built into the calendar but TEA allows districts to apply for a waiver for additional days missed. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the waiver request as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of 2015-2016 School Calendar

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman presented the proposed calendar for the 2015-2016 school year which received input from the community and staff. It was also presented to the District Improvement Council for consideration. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Expedited Waiver for Staff Development Days and Early Release Days

Mr. Alderman explained that a waiver was required for three days of staff development in lieu of instruction. Five early release days were proposed. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the waiver request as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper noted that the District was up 71 students from this time last year. Mr. Walker explained the preliminary property tax values. The TASB Spring workshop will be held May 19. The CSEEF Boots & BBQ will be held April 11 at CHS.

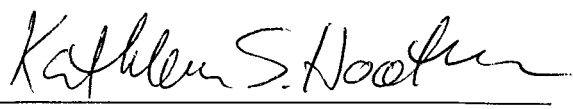
The next Board meeting was set for 7 a.m., Monday, March 30, 2015, a special meeting to discuss the city's request for property. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2015 at the CISD Administration Building.

Adjournment...

Mr. Oats declared there if there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees