

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 May 13, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. in the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. Board Vice 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 Mr. Michael Beane, Ms. Kathleen Hooten and Mr. Randy Starks. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf left during Executive Session due to illness. Ms. Etta Herring joined in Executive Session.

Administer Oath of Office

Mrs. Ludonna Smithers, secretary for the Board, administered the Oath of Office to Place 4 candidate Ted Oats and to Place 5 candidate LaVelle Hendricks.

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:22 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and possible private consultation with Board's Attorney, if necessary (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session at 7:05 p.m. on May 13, 2014.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks and the pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mr. Oats and the pledge to the Texas flag as led by Ms. Hooten.

Welcome to New Members

Mr. Cooper welcomed Mr. Oats back to the Board and new member LaVelle Hendricks was welcomed. They both were thanked for their willingness to serve.

Reorganization of the Board

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to name Ted Oats president. It was seconded by Ms. Hooten. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to name Randy Starks vice president. It was seconded by Mr. Beane. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to name Kathleen Hooten secretary. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition...

Second graders in classes led by Wendy Bridges and Karen Davis participated in the Class of 2014 Writing Competition at the Bill Martin Jr. Symposium at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Students won for their illustrations for their book.

The Board recognized Valedictorian Mac Robinson and Salutatorian Shelby Patterson for their academic achievements. Mr. Cooper said both students were heavily involved in all kinds of school activities and he applauded them for that. Mac has a GPA of 4.856 and will be going to Texas Tech to study engineering. Shelby has been accepted into the Honors College at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Her GPA is 4.841. Shelby was unable to attend.

The Board recognized D'Lance Sharp for his third place finish in the 400M run at the UIL State Track competition held in Austin.

Winners at the Hunt County Fair were recognized by the Board. Individual winners include Katelyn Rex, Luke Hooten, Payton Swinson, Cody Benson, Nathan Burt, Jesse Burt, Billy McDonald, Garrett Jackson, Haley Vargas and Andrew Coffman. Group award winners include Jesse Burt, Nathan Burt and Cody Benson; Payton Swinson, Andrew Coffman, Katelyn Rex and Haley Vargas; Johnathan Stubbs, Billy McDonald, Nathan Burt and James Vaughan; James Vaughan, Dustin Rex and Cameron Hudson; and Cody Benson and Payton Swinson.

Junior FFA winners included Sara Coffman, Marcus Rogers, Autumn White, Nathaniel White, Jennifer Stephenson, Holten Pemberton, Hunter Pemberton, Tori Belcher and Ryle Meeks.

The Lady Tiger Softball Team was Bi-District champion. Coaches Jeff Davidson and Jenna O'Neal were proud of the players and their 24-8 record. Players included Laney Davidson, Riley Davidson, Jordyn Sharp, Chloe Horn, Kayleigh LeBlanc, Logan Talley, Hannah Kanaman, Bailee Mulcahy, Samantha Wallace, Taite McBee, Harley Pope and Emily Gruver.

Technology Showcase

Commerce Middle School teacher Shelbie Embro demonstrated how she uses Flipagrams to engage students in her sixth grade social studies class.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignations of Amanda Bryant, Matthew Bryant, Lisa Page, Georgia Greer, Robert Johnson and Scott Wells. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Chelsea Allen, Sheila Demidio, Brenda Kelly and Joshlin Turner as teachers. Ms. Hooten made a motion to employ teachers as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Steve Drummond as the assistant principal at Commerce High School. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve Mr. Drummond as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments...

Mr. Craig Jensen spoke to the Board about an applicant for the Athletic Director position. He stated he wanted to express his support for a life-long citizen and long-time employee of the district who had applied for the position.

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2014 and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for April 2014. A motion was made by Ms. Hooten and seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the consent agenda as presented. With no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Date, Time and Location for the 2014-2015 Regular School Board Meetings

Mr. Cooper presented a board meeting scheduled based on the current year with dates adjusted for Martin Luther King holiday and spring break. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the board meeting for 2014-2015 as presented. Ms. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Report...

Mr. Cooper reported enrollment of 1505, up four from last month. Mr. Charlie Alderman, director of curriculum and instruction, said that only one student will not graduate because of failing to pass a section of TAKS.

He also said Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation grants are due May 16 for the 14-15 school year. They will be awarded prior to the end of the school year.

Mr. Cooper invited members to attend the TASB Spring Workshop to be held at Texas A&M University-Commerce on May 20.

Other informational items included the TASB Advocacy Agenda, Telemedicine, School Marshall training guidelines, TASB newsletter and principal reports. The Campus Highlights newsletter was discussed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16, with executive session at 6:15 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m. A budget study session was set for Wednesday, May 28 at 6 p.m. and team of eight training will be scheduled at a later date.

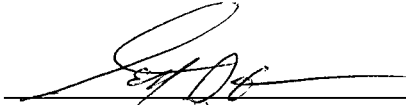
Adjournment...

With no further business, Mr. Oats adjourned the meeting.

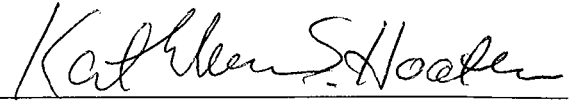
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