

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 July 21, 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. Kathleen Hooten, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Ms. Etta Herring joined during Executive Session.

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 July 21, 2014.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

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

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation of Stephanie Nichols, CES teacher. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept resignations as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Cora Cooper, CES teacher; Stacy Williams, CES teacher; Amanda Parsley, 11-month athletic trainer; Vincent Taylor, CHS teacher/coach; Kirk Bird, CMS teacher/coach; Susann Roden, CHS teacher and extended contract for Tommy Marshall to 12 months. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to employ teachers as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Dusti James as an educational diagnostician for Tri County SSA. Ms. Herring made a motion to employ Ms. James as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2014 and the Special Meetings of July 7, 2014 and Amend the Minutes of the April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for June. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve and amend the minutes and financial statement as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Delinquent Tax Report by the Law Firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP

Mr. Tab Beall presented information about the status of delinquent tax accounts and the collection rate.

Consider Approval of Shared Services Arrangement for the Greenville Regional Day School Program for the Deaf

Mr. Cooper presented the shared services arrangement and said that we currently do not have students there. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the SSA for the Greenville Regional Day School Program for the Deaf as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of the 2014-2015 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers

Mr. Cooper recommended naming all administrators as teacher appraisers and presented the appraisal calendar devised in accordance with district policy. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the appraisal calendar and teacher appraisers as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Conduct Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies

Director of Finance John Walker gave an overview of the district's investment policy and strategies.

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Cooper pointed out there were no changes to the Student Code of Conduct from last year. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review Commerce Elementary School, AC Williams Elementary School and Commerce Middle School Student Handbooks

Mr. Cooper noted that changes to the student handbooks were highlighted. He also mentioned that the Commerce High School handbook would be reviewed in August along with some policy change proposals.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper explained the staff development activities including Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Hunt County Tech Camp and writing expert Gretchen Bernabei. He noted that the district received a Superior FIRST rating.

The Board set the next meeting for Monday, August 18, 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

Executive Session...

President Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8 p.m. to discuss personnel (551.074)

Reconvene from Executive Session...

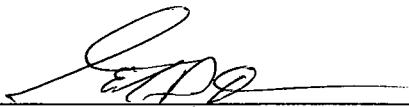
President Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session at 9:20 p.m. on July 21, 2014.

Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session...

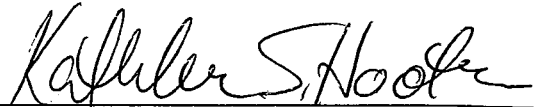
Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to increase travel and phone stipend for Superintendent Cooper to \$7500. It was seconded by Mr. Beane. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment...

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



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees