

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 January 19, 2016 at 6 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 6:00 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 7:10 p.m. on January 19, 2016.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Dr. Hendricks and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mr. Beane

Recognition of CISD Board of Trustees

Each campus principal expressed his/her gratitude to the Board for their support and commitment to the students of the district. Diane Stegall, CES principal, presented board members with a t-shirt. ACW Principal Deanna Hays gave them a CD containing a video presented about her campus. CMS and CHS principals each showed a video expressing gratitude for board service.

Commerce Middle School Report

Principal Patrick Just introduced his staff and showed a video which highlighted events at his school.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Resignation of CISD Board President Ted Oats

Mr. Cooper accepted the resignation letter from Ted Oats, who is moving from the district.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignations of Kathy Campbell, CMS librarian, and Maegan Jones, CES teacher. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 17, 2015, and the financial statement and investment summary for December 2015. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Facility Renovation Projects

Mr. Cooper told the Board that the retrofit projects were taking place in the evening hours and he was pleased with the progress. The insurance settlement was used for roof repairs because of damage which was sustained during the spring of 2014. He said it would cost \$650,000 to fix other roofs throughout the district. He stated that the District must complete the roof repairs. He mentioned a proposed cost of \$400,000 to institute the recommendations from the TASB Pay Survey Review.

Informational Reports

Mr. Cooper noted that enrollment was up three students to 1621. He added that it was a credit to staff and teachers that the District has increased by 163 students from the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year until now which places the District in a better financial situation.

Mr. Cooper announced that filing for a place on the ballot for the school board trustee elections to be held on May 7, 2016, would open on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The last day to file would be Friday, February 19, 2016. Places 1, 2 and 3 are up for election, which are currently held by Mrs. Hooten, Mr. Wittkopft and Mr. Beane, respectively.

He noted that all board members had completed the required board training for 2015.

Principals gave their reports for the month.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, February 15, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. A special meeting was set for 6 p.m., February 1, 2016, to discuss the TASB Pay Survey Review.

Board Comments

Dr. Hendricks said he appreciated the District's participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. program held on January 17. He said it was a special time in the community.

Mr. Cooper said Dr. Hendricks was a multi-racial community builder and he appreciated his service to the community.

Executive Session...

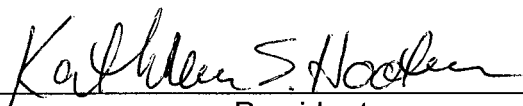
Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:30 p.m. to consider personnel: evaluation and review of superintendent's contract (§551.074).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:50 p.m. on January 19, 2016. No action resulted.

Adjournment...

Mr. Oats stated that the meeting was adjourned since there was no further business.



President
CISD Board of Trustees



Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees