

Minutes of the Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Commerce ISD

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on February 1, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. Vice President Randy Starks 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. Starks, Mr. Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring and Ms. Kathleen Hooten. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent.

Reorganize the Board

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to elect Mrs. Hooten president. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to elect Mr. Starks vice president. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to elect Etta Herring secretary. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TASB Pay Systems Workshop

Jennifer Lang, TASB HR Consultant, led a workshop on the recent salary study.

Consider Approval of TASB Pay Systems Review

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to table the TASB Pay System for the 2016-2017 school year until the regular February meeting. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Capital Projects

Superintendent Blake Cooper and Director of Finance John Walker shared information about proposed repair and maintenance projects throughout the district. The Board would have an opportunity to act at a later date.

Consider Action on Impact Statement of Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy

Mr. Starks made a motion to oppose the creation of the Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy due to potential decreased enrollment and financial consequences for CISD. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. Mr. Starks, Mr. Beane and Mrs. Hooten voted in favor of the opposition to the charter school. Dr. Hendricks opposed the motion and Ms. Herring abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:42 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 9:26 p.m. on February 1, 2016.

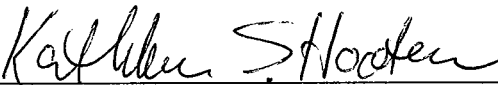
Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Beane made a motion to employ Chloe Cotton, CES teacher, as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to extend the contract of Superintendent Blake Cooper one year through June 30, 2019. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment...

Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned since there was no further business.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees