

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 24, 2016, at 6 p.m. in the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. President Kathleen Hooten 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 Mrs. Hooten, Mr. Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Randy Starks joined during Executive Session.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:10 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 7:06 p.m. on March 24, 2016.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

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

Recognition

Superintendent Blake Cooper recognized the Campus Teachers of the Year including Mahra Sanders, CES; Anquetette Whiteman, ACW; Elizabeth Bialecki, CMS; and Earvin Larry, CHS. Wendy Humphries of Sonic Drive in, Sharline Freeman of Northeast Texas Children's Museum and Gary Rusch of Alliance Bank were recognized for their support of Commerce ISD as business partners. Also recognized were Megan Eborn and Caitlin Sneed for qualifying for solo at Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Zane Belcher, Ethan Doster and Preston Matthews were recognized as an ensemble qualifying for the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Beane made a motion to accept the resignations of Helen Robinson, CHS teacher, and Cameron Grubert, CES teacher. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 15, 2016, the financial statement and investment summary for February 2016. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Supporting 21st Century Grant Application

Mr. Alderman explained that the District was working in conjunction with Texas A&M University-Commerce to apply for a 21st Century Grant which would provide after school activities for Prekindergarten through fifth grade students. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Engagement of Financial Auditors for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve engaging the accounting firm of Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. as financial auditors for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the CISD Board of Trustees

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the certification of unopposed candidates for the CISD Board of Trustees as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution and Order of Cancellation for the May 7, 2016 Trustee Election

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the resolution and order of cancellation for the May 7 trustee election as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Cooper noted enrollment of 1634, up 19 students from February. He noted that the check register was now presented in informational reports so it did not appear that the Board approves the vendors.

Director of Finance John Walker shared the comptroller's property tax values. He stated that values continue to decline; however, enrollment is on the rise.

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He said that the TASB Spring Workshop at TAMU-C would be held May 17 and the CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ would be held April 16. Principals shared their monthly reports.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m.

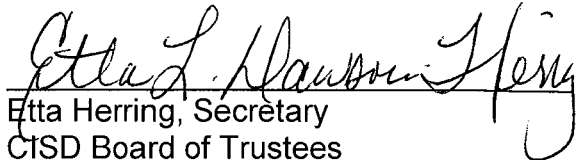
Board Comments...

Dr. Hendricks made the Board aware of the Hispanic Student Organization recognition on April 28.

Mrs. Hooten asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Beane made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Starks. The motion passed unanimously.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees