

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 18, 2015 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, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Kathleen Hooten and Mr. Randy Starks. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent.

Oath of Office

Secretary to the Board Ludonna Smithers administered the oath of office to Randy Starks and Etta Herring, Places 6 and 7 respectively. The candidates were unopposed in the election.

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 May 18, 2015.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

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

Reorganization of the Board

Mr. Beane made a motion to nominate Mr. Oats, President, Mr. Starks, Vice President Mrs. Hooten, Secretary. Dr. Hendricks seconded the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Mr. Cooper recognized the CHS Valedictorian Jacob Fairweather and Salutatorian Amelia Martin and UIL State Track Silver Medalists D'Lance Sharp and 4 x 100 m relay team D'Lance Sharp, Darien Redd, Jaystin Wilson and Samuel Rasberry. He also recognized the following:

- FFA Hunt County Fair winners
- Lady Tiger Softball Bi-District winners
- Second grader illustration award winners
- VASE Amelia Martin
- Special Olympics participants and teachers, aides

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignations of Beth Preas, CES teacher; Tricia Dempsey, ACW teacher; and Kathy Black, CMS teacher. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the resignation as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the employment of Scott Rozell, CHS teacher/coach. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the employment as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Wanda Beane as an administrator on an 11-month probationary contract. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Wanda Beane as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. Five board members voted to approve employment. Mr. Beane abstained. The motion carried.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board employ Sarah Fielden as an administrator on an 11-month probationary contract. Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Sarah Fielden as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation of Tri County SSA personnel Tandy Hagar, physical therapist. Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignation as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

Parent Mike Hammock addressed the Board about concerns regarding discipline of his child and how staff treated the matter.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2015, and the special meeting on May 14, 2015 and the financial statement and investment summary for April 2015. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Date, Time and Location for the 2015-2016 Regular School Board Meetings

Mr. Cooper presented the schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 school year with specific dates set for December 17, January 19 and March 24 due to holidays. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the dates as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review the Bond Refunding Program and Adopt an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Refunding Bonds, Establishing the Parameters for the Refunding and Delegating Authority to the Administration to Complete the Refunding and take all necessary action thereof

Mr. Cooper and Director of Finance John Walker introduced Brian Grubbs of SAMCO and he explained how refunding bonds could potentially save the District \$1 million in interest. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the adoption of the order to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Bid for Roofing Repairs

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the bid presented by D.K. Haney for roofing repairs as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. A total of \$402,302.65 was approved by the insurance company. Funds not used for the roofing will be used for facilities improvement. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Extension of Bank Depository Contract

Mr. Cooper suggested the Board go out for bids on the depository contract in two years. Mr. Beane made a motion to extend the bank depository contract to Guaranty Bond Band as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director of Technology Al Shipp presented a technology report.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper noted that the District was down ten students from this time last month--1551. He noted that Board members would attend the TASB Spring Workshop at Texas A&M University-Commerce Tuesday, May 19.


The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015 at the CISD Administration Building. May 27 at 6 p.m. was set as the budget study session.

Consider Qualifications for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Services


Mr. Starks made a motion to enter into an agreement with Schneider for energy efficiency and conservation services. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment...

Mr. Beane made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Starks. The motion was approved unanimously.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees