

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 June 15, 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 and Mr. Randy Starks. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf and Ms. Kathleen Hooten were absent.

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 7:12 p.m. on June 15, 2015.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks and the pledges to the U.S. flag and to the Texas flag were led by Etta Herring.

Conduct a Public Hearing on 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget and Tax Rate

Director of Finance John Walker explained that taxes were proposed to decrease approximately two cents per \$100 valuation. Budget included a step raise for teachers, three percent raise for other employees, free dual credit tuition for junior and seniors, prek enrollment for employee children with payroll deduction and stipends for math and science secondary teachers.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignation of Malia Sanders, a speech therapist with Tri County SSA. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the resignation as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the employment of Amber Sanders, CMS teacher; Tracy Brown, CMS/ACW art teacher; Roger Brown, CMS teacher/coach; Aaron Cleveland, CMS teacher; Pam Eilers, CMS teacher. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the employments as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Instructional Technology Report

Instructional Technology Specialist Heather Kilgore presented a video explained technology use in the district and used BrightBytes to explain how the District compared with other districts. Students from A.C. Williams Elementary, Commerce Middle School and Commerce High School showed how technology was used in their classrooms.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the special meetings on April 29 and June 2, 2015 and the regular meeting on May 18, 2015, and the financial statement and investment summary for May 2015. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Amendment of the 2014-2015 Budget

Mr. Walker explained that minor amendments were necessary to clean up end-of-the-year items including attorney's fees, etc. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Adoption of Proposed 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the preliminary budget as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Adoption of 2015-2016 Proposed Tax Rate

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the tax rate of \$1.6057 with \$1.1700 for M&O and \$0.4357 I&S. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase

Mr. Walker explained why we must continue to raise meal prices annually to their legislated levels which would be an increase of five cents for each meal. Mr. Beane made a motion to increase meal prices by five cents as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Mr. Walker explained how property and casualty insurance would have a \$42,124 increase for the coming year mainly because of a five-year history of claims. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve renewal as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2015.

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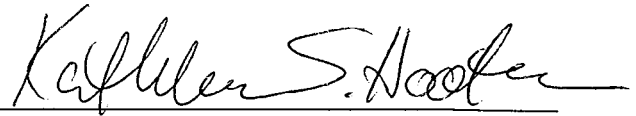
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Adjournment...

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



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
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Ordinance

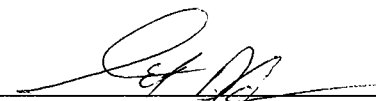
Levying a Tax Rate for the Commerce Independent School District for the Tax Year 2015

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED by the Commerce Independent School District (CISD), Commerce, Texas that

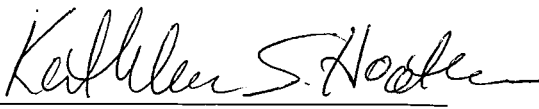
We, the Board of Education of Commerce Independent School District, do hereby levy or adopt the tax rate on one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation for this district for the tax year 2015 as follows:

\$1.1700	for the purpose of maintenance and operation
\$0.4357	for the payment of principal and interest on debt of this district
<u>\$1.6057</u>	TOTAL Tax Rate

The Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby authorized to assess and collect the taxes of the Commerce Independent School District, Commerce, Texas, on this the 15th day of June 2015.



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