

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 July 20, 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, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Kathleen Hooten and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Michael Beane and Mr. Randy Starks 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 7:14 p.m. on July 20, 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. Wittkopf. The pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mrs. Hooten.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignations of David Bush, CHS teacher; Kirby Jackson, CMS teacher/coach; Rebekah Jacobson, CMS teacher; Andrew Simpson, CMS teacher; and Tiffany Moreland, ACW teacher. Mrs. Hooten 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 Colton Reynolds, CHS teacher/coach; Paul Clark, CHS teacher; Nicole Joyce, CMS teacher; Julie Brown, CMS teacher/coach; Lisa Webb, CMS teacher; Chaz Dickerson, CMS teacher/coach; and Sarah Looney, ACW teacher/coach. Jenna O'Neal's contract would be extended to 11 months. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the employments as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the employment of Kay Garrett as an educational diagnostician for Tri County SSA Personnel. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the employment as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the regular meeting on June 15, 2015, and the financial statement and investment summary for June 2015. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Delinquent Tax Report

Tab Beall, a lawyer representing Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP, presented the delinquent tax report for 2014 which showed over \$730,000 still owed to the district over the years they have been representing the district in collections. He said tax collections should be better now that the district dropped the tax rate almost two cents this year.

Consider Approval of the 2015-2016 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve teacher appraisers including Blake Cooper, Charlie Alderman, Diane Stegall, Wanda Beane, Deanna Hays, Trish King, Patrick Just, Christy Hansen, Steve Drummond, Sarah Fielden and Carol Petty and the appraisal calendar as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Investment Grade Audit Agreement with Schneider Electric for Energy Conservation Measures

Mr. Cooper reminded the Board that in May the Board selected Schneider Electric to analyze the scope of work for retrofitting lighting, plumbing and HVAC all campuses and the Central Office. They presented an agreement for approval to proceed with the project. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the investment grade audit agreement with Schneider Electric as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Lease/Purchase of Tractor and Mower

Mr. Cooper along with Denny Yoakum, Director of Operations, explained that the District needed to purchase a tractor and mower to extend the life of current Scag mowers. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve purchase of a Kubota tractor and mower from Farm Country at a cost of \$37,150. Financing would be arranged. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Lease/Purchase of Scissor Lift

Mr. Cooper said the District compared prices for a used scissor lift and he recommended the purchase of a 26-ft scissor lift from United Rentals for \$6500. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve purchase from United Rentals as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Purchase of Athletic Lockers

Mr. Cooper said Athletic Director Jeff Cleveland has arranged for purchase of 40 lockers. Mr. Cleveland said the lockers were specifically made to house football equipment. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the \$16,950 purchase of lockers from Wildcat Lockers paid for budgeted funds over four years as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. Dr. Hendricks noted that he expected that the locker rooms for the females looked "wonderful" as well. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Cooper said the District updated its student code of conduct with changes recommended by TASB. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to the student code of conduct as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Update 102 affecting CDA, DBB, DEA, DEAA, DEAB, DFFA, DHE, FNC and FO

Mr. Cooper said policies were resulting from updates from the legislative action and court appeals. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve TASB Update 102 as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Dr. Hendricks congratulated Superintendent Cooper for his recognition as Region 10 Superintendent of the Year and that a reception would be held in his honor August 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Central Administration Building.

Mr. Cooper announced that the latest inductees into the CISD Hall of Honor include Anne Mills, Mike Oglesby, Bruce Hineman and Billy Relford.

Online registration will be held July 27 – August 14.

Mr. Cooper shared the staff development schedule for back-to-school week.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m., Monday, August 17, 2015.

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:55 p.m. to consider conduct formative review of superintendent and consider superintendent's compensation (§551.074).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 10:30 p.m. on July 20, 2015.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Oats said the Board would table the superintendent's review and compensation because all board members were not present. He stated he wanted to meet at 6 p.m., Monday, July 27 to discuss the issues again.

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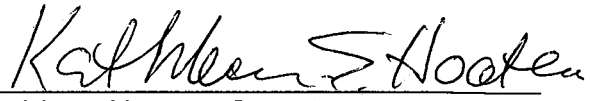
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Adjournment...

With there being no further business, Mr. Oats adjourned the meeting.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
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