

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 August 17, 2015 at 6 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Kathleen Hooten and Mr. Randy Starks. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf joined the meeting in closed session. Ms. Etta Herring was absent.

Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:10 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Oats announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:05 p.m. on August 17, 2015.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Wittkopf and the pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Dr. LaVelle Hendricks. The pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mr. Starks.

Recognition

Dr. Andrea Graham and Dr. Brent Donham of Texas A&M University-Commerce were recognized for conducting a summer engineering camp for Commerce Middle School girls.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board approve the resignations of Jodee Anderson, CHS librarian; Pat Jackson, CHS teacher; and Ashley Sepulveda, CES teacher. Dr. Hendricks 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 Emily Watson, CHS teacher; and Lisa Young, CES teacher. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the employments as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Minutes

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 20, 2015, and the special meeting on July 27, 2015. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials

Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the financial statement and investment summary for July 2015. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Certification of 2015 Appraisal Rolls for Commerce ISD

Mr. Beane made a motion to accept certification of Hunt County and Delta County Appraisal Rolls--\$371,329,136 for Hunt County and \$1,676,281 for Delta County. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies

John Walker, director of finance, led Board members through the required annual review.

Consider Approval of the City of Commerce Request for Water System Easement

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the City's request for water system easement through district property at Commerce Middle School. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deed for Property at 1520 Pecan Street to the City of Commerce

Mr. Cooper explained that the City wanted to obtain property at 1520 Pecan Street to use as a parking lot for activities at the city gym. D&E Tires would allow the city use of their property adjacent to the gym for parking if they were granted rights to the corner property. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the tax resale deed for property at 1520 Pecan to the City of Commerce. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deed for Transfer of One-Acre Lot Adjacent to Rosemound Cemetery to City of Commerce

Mr. Cooper explained that the City would like to acquire the property and deed it over to the Cemetery Association to make the cemetery section complete. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve tax resale deed of one-acre lot adjacent to Rosemound Cemetery to the City of Commerce. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Execution of Lease/Purchase Agreement for Financing of Tractor and Mower

Mr. Walker explained that the Board voted to purchase a Kubota tractor and finish mower at last month's meeting. Action completes the lease/purchase agreement with Cypress Bank. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve lease/purchase agreement with Cypress Bank for financing of the tractor and mower. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Execution of Lease/Purchase Agreement for Financing of Scissor Lift

Mr. Walker explained that the Board voted to purchase a scissor lift at last month's meeting. Action completes the lease/purchase agreement with Cypress Bank. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve lease/purchase agreement with Cypress Bank for financing of the scissor lift. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Expedited Waiver for Timeline for Accelerated Instruction

Mr. Cooper explained that the District must provide instruction to students in grades 5 and 8 who did not demonstrate proficiency on the STAAR reading and/or math tests after each administration of the test. Districts may apply for a waiver to allow instruction to take place during the first six weeks for students who failed the third administration of any of the tests. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the application for an expedited waiver for timeline for accelerated instruction. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy DEAB, Compensation Plan, Wage and Hour Laws and DEC Compensation and Benefits, Leaves and Benefits

Mr. Cooper explained that administrators discussed these policies to ensure that practice aligns with policy and the policy consultant worked to ensure they were legal. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve Local Policies DEAB and DEC as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review Campus Student Handbooks

Board members reviewed 2015-2016 student handbooks.

Presentation of Accountability Ratings

Presentation was postponed due to Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman's recent surgery.

Informational Reports

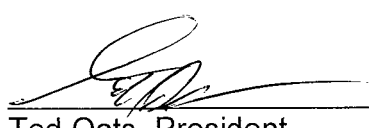
Mr. Cooper invited the Board to participate in the Legislative update training to be held in Sunnyvale ISD on September 8. He also gave an update on the retrofit project with Schneider Electric.

Board Comments

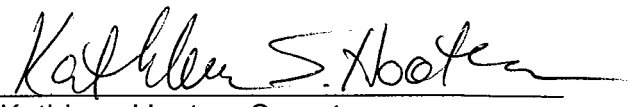
Dr. Hendricks invited everyone to join him for a presentation during Recovery Month at Texas A&M University-Commerce. Nate Newton is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m., September 24 at Ferguson Auditorium.

Adjournment...

Mr. Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. Mr. Oats stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees