

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 December 15, 2014 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 Ms. Kathleen Hooten. Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf 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 7:10 p.m. on December 15, 2014.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Dr. Hendricks and the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags were led by A.C. Williams Elementary School students Jackson Deason and Jewell Williams.

Action Resulting from Executive Session

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation of Jeanne Lay, CES principal; Mary Park, NETCAT director, and Carl Terrell, CHS science teacher. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to accept the resignations as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Recognition

Mr. Cooper recognized the Tiger Football Team and coaches for the 2014 football season, which resulted in a Bi-District Championship.

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014 and the Special Meeting of December 10, 2014 and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for November 2014. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statement as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A. C. Williams Elementary School Campus Report

ACW Principal Deanna Hays introduced a video production that featured events of the year.

Consider Approval of Resolution Suspending Portions of EIE (Local) for the 2014-2015 School Year

Mr. Cooper presented a resolution that would suspend the requirement the fifth and eighth graders pass the math STAAR test to be promoted to the next grade for this school year. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Donation from the J.W. Bagley Foundation

Mr. Cooper explained that CHS Principal David Welch was presented a check for \$20,700. Last year, the funds were used to take the seniors to the National Aviation Museum in Florida. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve acceptance of the donation as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Cooper reported that enrollment was 1555, up one from last month. The School Board Continuing Education Record Report was presented with Mr. Oats, Mr. Beane, Ms. Herring, Mrs. Hooten, and Mr. Wittkopf completing the requirements. Dr. Hendricks and Mr. Starks have not completed the required board training.

Mr. Cooper said a settlement with the insurance company had been finalized regarding damage from a hail storm last spring and would be presented to the board at a later date for approval.

The Board of Trustees Election notice of filing was presented for posting. Deadline for posting notice is December 28, 2014.

The Board set the next meeting for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m. due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday on January 19.

Board Member Comments...

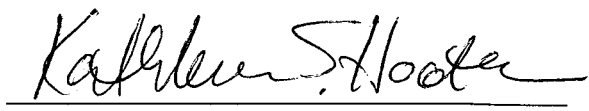
Mr. Oats wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjournment...

Mr. Oats declared if there was no further business. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.



Ted Oats, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Kathleen Hooten, Secretary
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