

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees  
Commerce ISD

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on November 17, 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. Gabe Wittkopf joined in Executive Session. Mr. Randy Starks was 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 7:06 p.m. on November 17, 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 Commerce Elementary School students Hannah Pemberton and Emily Williams.

## **Recognition**

Mr. Cooper recognized winners of the Commerce Fire Department Fire Prevention Poster Contest: Caleb Winston, CES; Mia Cardona, ACW; Libby Blount, CMS; and Telsi Sorim, CHS.

## **Action Resulting from Executive Session**

Mr. Cooper recommended the Board accept the resignation of Amin Suleiman, CHS teacher. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignation as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Citizen's Comments...**

None

## **Commerce Elementary School Campus Report**

CES Principal Jeanne Lay introduced a video production that featured events of the year thus far. PE Teacher John Walker showcased some of his students jumping rope for the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.

**Consent Agenda**

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014 and the Special Meeting of November 11, 2014 and Consider Approval of the Financial Statement and Investment Summary for October 2014. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve the minutes and financial statement as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans**

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Alderman presented the District Improvement Plan. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the Class Size Waiver Request**

Mr. Cooper explained one kindergarten class was over the 22:1 student/teacher ratio and therefore, the District must request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the class size waiver as presented. Mrs. Hooten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Approval of the TASB Local Policy EHAC, Basic Instructional Program, Required Instruction (Secondary)**

Mr. Cooper reminded the Board that they designated to him last month the authority to certify that an outside entity could provide physical activity for students in grades 6-8 if it meets the standards of our physical education curriculum. This policy follows up action approved last month. Mrs. Hooten made a motion to approve as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Informational Reports...**

Mr. Cooper reported that enrollment was 1554, up four from last month. Highly qualified teacher status was 99.2% with only one section out of compliance at Commerce High School. Other items included the TASB Legal Seminar on November 19, North Texas Area Association of School Boards meeting November 19, Team of Eight training on December 10, energy cost savings of over \$1 million over five years, RevTrak food service online payments last month total 52, CMS drainage proposal, EdcampPalooza, Christmas Parade December 6 and Winter Arts Festival December 11.

The Board set the next meeting for Monday, December 15, 2014, beginning at 6:15 p.m. with closed session followed by the regular portion of the meeting at 7 p.m.

**Consider Approval of the 2013-2014 CISD Financial Audit from Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC, Greenville, Texas**

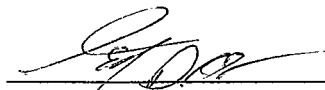
Mr. Mike Taylor, an auditor with Rutherford, Taylor, et al, reported that the District received a unqualified opinion, the best report possible, for its 2013-2014 financial audit. Mr. Beane made a motion to accept the financial audit as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Board Member Comments...**

None

**Adjournment...**

Mr. Oats declared if there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Ted Oats, President  
CISD Board of Trustees



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Kathleen Hooten, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees

**CERTIFICATE OF BOARD**

Commerce Independent School District  
Name of School District

Hunt  
County

116-903  
Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached auditor's report of the above named school district was reviewed and X **approved**/ \_\_\_\_\_ **disapproved** for the year ended June 30, 2014, at a meeting of the board of school trustees of such school district on Nov. 17, 2014.

Kathleen S. Hooper  
Signature of Board Secretary

[Signature]  
Signature of Board President

If the auditor's report was checked above as disapproved, the reasons(s) therefore is/are (attached list if necessary):