

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 October 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. President Kathleen Hooten 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 Mrs. Hooten, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Randy Starks. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074): consider resignations for professional personnel, consider employment of professional personnel, and hold a private consultation with the Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:06 p.m. on October 15, 2018

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks led an invocation. The pledge to the American flag was led by Dr. Green and the pledge of the Texas flag was led by Ms. Herring.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept resignations from Aaron Albert, CMS teacher, effective immediately; and Sonia Clayton, CMS teacher, effective May 24, 2019. Mr. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to employ Jamey Freyman as a teacher at CES. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 17, 2018 and the financial statements and investment summary for September 2018. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of District and Campus Improvement Plans

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Patricia Tremmel presented highlights of the district and campus improvement plans including the suicide prevention manual, the ELAR adoption for third through eighth grades and the Texas ACE afterschool program.

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the District and Campus Improvement Plans as presented. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Bids for Freezer and Cooler Conversion at Commerce Middle School

Director of Finance John Walker explained how food service needed additional cooler and freezer space at CMS. Food service provider Chartwells is expected to pay for the entire project. Three bids were received and Mr. Walker said the district was recommending approval of the \$36,517 bid from North Texas Fab. He said that the bid was the highest received but that North Texas Fab was the company suggesting the best arrangement with a platform being built outside of the building for the freezer. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the bid from North Texas Fab for \$36,517 as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and one abstention—Dr. Hendricks.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deeds from County-Wide Resale Auction

Superintendent Charlie Alderman recommended the sale of property ID # 70361, 70261, 70256, 52885, 113586, 23130 and 79514. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the sale of seven properties as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and Dr. Hendricks opposed.

Consider Approval of Bids for Tax Resale Property

Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP presented two properties for consideration for tax resale property bids including R49685 and R113787. Dr. Reid made a motion to the tax resale bids as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and Dr. Hendricks opposed.

Informational Reports

Enrollment was 1529, up 18 students from last year at this time.

A current and former board member luncheon will be held at noon, Friday, October 19 at the Central Administration Building to inform guests of initiatives within the district.

TASB will hold the Legal Seminar at Texas A&M University-Commerce on November 6. The Winter Arts Festival will be held December 13.

Each principal gave their report for the month.

The date for the November Board meeting will be Thursday, November 15, 2018. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m.


The check register was also presented along with the Campus Highlights newsletter.

Board Member Comments...

None

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
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