

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 November 18, 2019, at 6:00 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. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. Mark Reid, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074) and hold a private consultation with the Board's attorney, if necessary (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 7:04 p.m. on November 18, 2019.

Opening Activities

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

Citizens' Comments

None

Recognition

The CHS Roaring Tiger Band was recognized for advancing to Area UIL Marching Competition. The band placed seventh out of 23 bands. Michael McWhorter was recognized for being selected for the All-State Jazz Band. The CHS Cross Country teams were recognized as well. The boys placed 15th at the state meet and the girls placed 14th.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignations of Mahra Sanders, CES teacher; and Tara Tran, ACW teacher. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Mylinda McCaslin and Chassidy Seidmeyer as CMS teachers for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 21, 2019, and the financial statements and investment summary for October 2019. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A&M University-Commerce Psychology Clinic

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that this agreement was presented last month but was tabled for lack of information. The MOU was revised with stipulations required by Texas A&M. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the MOU as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Jack Brandon's Contract Abandonment and Seeking Sanctions of Abandonment of Contract

Mr. Alderman explained that Mr. Brandon left his position without notice after resigning. Dr. Reid made a motion to seek action for contract abandonment and to seek sanctions from TEA regarding Mr. Brandon. presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Jill Nichols' Contract Abandonment and Seeking Sanctions of Abandonment of Contract

Mr. Alderman explained that Ms. Nichols left her position without notice after resigning. Mr. Starks made a motion to seek action for contract abandonment and to seek sanctions from TEA regarding Ms. Nichols as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Renewal of Membership in Walsh Gallegos Retainer Program

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve renewal of Walsh Gallegos retainer program. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Candidate for Board of Directors of Delta County Appraisal District and Execute Resolution

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to cast all 32 votes for Allen Beeler for Board of Directors of Delta County Appraisal District and execute a resolution stating the same. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Candidate for Board of Directors of Hunt County Appraisal District and Execute Resolution

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to cast all 406 votes for John Sands for Board of Directors of Hunt County Appraisal District and execute a resolution stating the same. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Policy Update 114 affecting local policies

BE(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS

BED(LOCAL): BOARD MEETINGS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CDA(LOCAL): OTHER REVENUES – INVESTMENTS

CH(LOCAL): PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION
CKC(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - EMERGENCY PLANS
CKE(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT - SECURITY PERSONNEL
CQ(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES
CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY
DFFA(LOCAL): REDUCTION IN FORCE - FINANCIAL EXIGENCY
DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS
FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS
FFAA(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
FFB(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION
FFBA(LOCAL): CRISIS INTERVENTION - TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE
FL(LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS
GBAA(LOCAL): INFORMATION ACCESS - REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve TASB Local Policy Update 114 as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on School Improvement and Accountability Progress

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent, and Cari Sturch, Sheila DeMidio and Hannah Farrell, curriculum coordinators, presented continuing progress on analyzing data and developing plans to increase achievement for every student in CES, ACW and CMS.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Alderman reported enrollment of 1519 as of October 18, 2019, down 15 from 2018.

The Winter Arts Festival will be held at 6:30 p.m., December 11 at CHS.

Principals gave their monthly reports.

The date for the December Board meeting will be Monday, December 16 2019. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m.


The check register was shared as well as the Campus Highlights newsletter.

Board 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
CISD Board of Trustees