

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 16, 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 and Dr. Mark Reid. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf joined during executive session. Mr. Randy Starks was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:07 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 7:05 p.m. on December 16, 2019.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks 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.

Recognition

The CHS Lady Tigers Volleyball Team was recognized for advancing to the regional quarterfinals with a record of 30-12. Coach Shelley Jones attended the meeting along with some of her players.

The CMS One-Act Play placed third at the UIL District Competition. Students recognized by the Board included Abigail Knight, outstanding technician; Sally Walker and Pace Eilers, Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; and Oliver Roberts, All-Star Cast. Kortney Clayton was their director.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Jeff Payne, CMS teacher. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

None

Public Hearing for Overview of School FIRST Rating

John Walker, director of finance, explained that the District received the highest rating possible—superior for TEA's FIRST rating based on 2017-2018 data. He said the rating showed good management and good controls of CISD's financial systems.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 18, 2019, the special meeting of December 10, 2019, and the financial statements and investment summary for November 2019. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of High Bid for Resale Property

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that \$35802 was landlocked and efforts to get a reply from the owner of adjacent lots failed. NEXTLOTS Properties LLC made a bid to purchase property for \$1500. Dr. Reid made a motion to accept the bid from NEXTLOTS Properties LLC. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried five to one with Dr. Hendricks opposing.

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 1513 as of December 13, 2019, down six from last month.

Mr. Alderman explained that retired teachers have been asked to mentor new ACW and CMS teachers next semester.

Board election is coming up May 2, 2020. First day to file is January 15, 2020 and the last day to file is February 14. Mark Reid and LaVelle Hendricks are up for election for Places 4 and 5, respectively. .

Principals gave their monthly reports.

The date for the January Board meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2020, because of a schedule conflict. 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

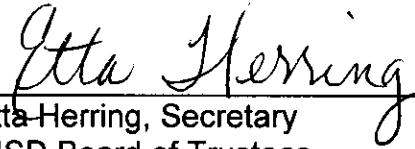
None

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