

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 17, 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, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074) 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 7:03 p.m. on December 17, 2018

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 Mr. Wittkopf.

Recognition

The CHS football player recognition was put on hold until more students could be present.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Karen Wilson, CMS teacher. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to employ Ja'Bria Miles as a teacher at CMS. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

None.

Public Hearing for Overview of School FIRST Rating

Director of Finance John Walker explained that the district received a B "above standard" rating in the state's financial accountability rating system.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 15, 2018 and the financial statements and investment summary for November 2018. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the 2017-2018 CISD Financial Audit from Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC, of Greenville, TX

A representative of Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC explained the District added \$500,000 to fund balance for a total of \$6 million.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Three properties were presented for resale including Property ID #R38626, R27362 and R27361. Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that all properties were located in Neylandville and two were land locked.

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the resale deeds as presented. Dr. Reid seconded the motion. Five board members voted for the sale and Dr. Hendricks and Ms. Herring opposed.

Discussion of Carevide Proposal

Mr. Alderman, Director of Health Services Kathy Myers and Family Services Coordinator Alison Walker shared information about a school-based health clinic which would be housed at the FACE Center behind CMS. Carevide would partner with the District providing a medical team two days a week and supplies. The District would provide the structure, maintenance, utilities and internet service. Construction cost would be approximately \$60,000 to set up two exam rooms, a lab and two offices. The Commerce Schools Educational Foundation has pledged \$30,000 toward construction costs. Other entities are expected to provide services at no or reduced cost. Students would be able to go to the clinic during the school day with their parents or be transported by school personnel. Carevide would complete all paperwork for insurance and Medicaid.

Board members seemed to favor the idea and Mr. Alderman said a proposal would be brought forth at the January Board meeting.

Discussion of Centennial Park Project

Mr. Alderman said he did not have a status report on the city park, which is scheduled for completion per agreement by July 15, 2019.

Informational Reports

Enrollment was 1540, up 14 students from last year at this time.

The trustee election will be held May 4, 2019. The first day to file for a place on the ballot will be Wednesday, January 16. The last day to file for a place on the ballot will be Friday, February 15. Places up for election are Places 1, 2, and 3 held by Kathleen Hooten, Gabe Wittkopf and Ray Green, respectively.

Each principal gave their report for the month.

The date for the January Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2018, because of the Martin Luther King Day holiday on January 21. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m.

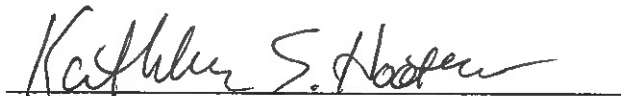
The check register was presented.

Board Member Comments...

Dr. Hendricks said CES would be hosting Hunt County law enforcement in a program that encourages building respect for law enforcement personnel. He thanked CMS Principal Lisa Palazzetti for the ACW Pride Choir performance at Rotary Club. He mentioned the MLK Awards which will be held at Mt. Moriah Church at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 20. Many school personnel and students will be recognized.

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