

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 May 16, 2016, at 6 p.m. in 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, Mr. Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:05 p.m. on May 16, 2016.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Mr. Starks. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks led the pledge to the U.S. flag and Ms. Herring led the pledge to the Texas flag.

Consider Appointment of Trustee to Fill Unexpired Term of Place 4

Mr. Beane made a motion to appoint Mark Reid to Place 4 of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid took the oath of office.

Reorganization of Board Officers

Mr. Starks made a motion to keep the same slate of officers with Mrs. Hooten as president, Mr. Starks vice president and Ms. Herring secretary. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Valedictorian Emily Gruver and Salutatorian Jackson Singleton were recognized for reaching the highest level of academic performance for the senior class.

Hunt County Fair Winners were recognized.

Benton White—Reserve Champion Market Broilers

Jesse Burt—Grand Champion Market Steer

Marcus Rogers—Reserve Champion Market Steer

Grand Champion Maine Heifer & Grand Champion Exotic Division Reserve Champion

Simmental Heifer

Hunter Pemberton—Reserve Champion Brangus
Holten Pemberton—Grand Champion Brangus Heifer
Dustin Rex—Reserve Champion Charolais Heifer
Taylor Belcher—Grand Champion Charolais Composite Heifer
Dustin Rex and Cameron Hudson—Grand Champion Smoker Trailer

The Lady Tiger Softball Team was recognized as Bi-District Champions and the Special Olympics team was recognized for the Commerce HS Special Education Department-produced meet at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

A total of 95 teachers were recognized for achieving the Gold Level in the Professional Development Plan. They each received \$500 for their effort.

Two CISD maintenance workers were recognized for going above and beyond their duty to provide traffic control during a potentially critical situation at CMS. Bill Hodel and David Phipps were congratulated for their service.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignations Jennifer Speulda, Director of Health Services; Scott Rozell, CHS teacher/coach; Sarah Fielden, CHS assistant principal; and Jeanie Putman, ACW teacher. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Brian Lewis, as a CHS teacher/coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Consent Agenda

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 18, 2016, and the special meeting of May 2, 2016, and the financial statement and investment summary for April 2016. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the School Health Advisory Council Report

Mrs. Jennifer Speulda, director of health services, presented the SHAC report.

Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase

Mr. Walker explained that the district proposed increasing meal prices by five cents per meal so that full price meals will gradually meet the price reimbursed for free and reduced price meals paid for by the federal government. Mr. Beane made a motion to approve meal price increase of 5 cents. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Date, Time and Location for the 2016-2017 Regular School Board Meetings

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to conduct board meetings on the third Monday of each month with the following exceptions: July 21, November 17, December 15, January 17, March 23 and April 18. Board meetings will begin with executive session at 6 p.m. followed by open session at 7 p.m. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointment of Interim Superintendent

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to appoint Charlie Alderman as interim superintendent beginning July 1, 2016. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 104

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve revisions to EEH, FB, FD, FEB, FFC and FFH policies as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Local Policies DNA and DNB

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve DNA and DNB with T-TESS and T-PESS as the teacher and principal evaluation instruments. Evaluations will be conducted annually. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Summer School Schedule for English Language Learners in Kindergarten and First Grade

Mr. Cooper explained the proposed schedule as four days per week, six hours per day from June 6-30 and July 11-14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer school will be Mr. Beane made a motion to approve resolutions as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Cooper noted enrollment of 1626, down seven students from April. However, the District is up 75 students from this time last year.


The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. A special budget study session was set for 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 6, 2016.


Board Comments...

Dr. Hendricks recognized John Walker, director of finance, for his service to Commerce Community Cares. His expertise in accounting benefited the organization.

Adjournment...

Mrs. Hooten asked if there was any other business. Mr. Starks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees


Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees