

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees  
Commerce ISD

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on May 20, 2019, 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. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Mark Reid was absent and Mr. Randy Starks joined in executive session.

## **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:09 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 7:07 p.m. on May 20, 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 Mr. Wittkopf.

## **Reorganization of the Board of Trustees**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to nominate the current officers to remain in their roles—Kathleen Hooten, president; Randy Starks, vice president; and Etta Herring, secretary. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Recognition**

The following students were recognized:

- CHS Valedictorian Sarah Anthraper and Salutatorian Summer Hanson.
- Hunt County Fair Winners Jennifer Stephen son, Holten Pemberton, Hannah Pemberton and Ben Fox. Sale of Champions winners were Eli Black, Maci Wilson, Miguel Zavala, Madeline Kilgore, Caitlyn Rogers, Sydney Martinez, Kayla Gossett, Jackson Gossett, Keenan Norris, Ivey Koch and Braden Koch.
- CHS One-Act Play and Cast for Advancing to District and Bi-District and being named Alternate for Area.
- Commerce Middle School Band for being a Sweepstakes winner at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest having earned first division in both stage and sight-reading judges.

Regional Track Winners and Participants included Alexis Morgan, Brooklyn Matthews, Payton Miller, Allie Wittkopf, Camille Eborn, Viviana Robodello and Sarah

- Anthraper. Boys included Juan Arreguin, Wesley Chavez, Miguel Zavala, Javion Cornelius, Christian Scott, Zay Basham, Edgar Castillo, Jeremiah Carpenter, Brad Caldwell, Jayson Harris and J'Den Wilson.
- Regional Tennis Team won first place in boys and JV girls at District and the JV girls won first place. Individual winners included Evan Humphries, Wesley Chavez and Connor Green, Sejal Bhasin and Bailey Guinessey and Laurencio Marquez and Kayla Gossett.

### **Presentation of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)**

Director of Health Services Kathy Myers talked about activities recommended and performed by the SHAC committee. She explained that the school-based health clinic collaboration with Carevide was slated to start for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Miranda Jones and Jamie Oglesby, CES teachers, and Christopher Plumlee and Kimberly Perez, CMS teachers. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Kaley Stringfellow, Tri County SSA diagnostician. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and one abstention—Dr. Green.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Jennifer Kinder, LSSP, and Laurie Meissner, diagnostician, for Tri County SSA. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried with five ayes and one abstention—Dr. Green.

### **Citizens' Comments**

Joseph Armstrong from Team North Texas approached the Board about the process for awarding bids for the FACE Center remodeling.

### **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 15, 2019 and the special meeting of May 7, 2019 and the financial statements and investment summary for April 2019. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Discuss and Consider Date, Time and Location for the 2019-2020 Regular School Board Meetings**

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the Board meetings on the third Monday of each month with the exception of Tuesday, January 21, 2020 and Thursday, March 19, 2020 due to school holiday conflicts. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Consider Approval of Custodial Services Contract**

Director of Finance John Walker presented the eighth addendum to the custodial service contract to ABA Texas General Services Inc. (formerly GCA Services) effective July 1, 2019

through June 30, 2020. During discussion, Mr. Walker explained that the firm was short-handed and finding it hard to find good people in the area. He said that efforts were being made with the parent company to address these issues. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve addendum to contract as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Resolution Approving Extension of Bank Depository Contract for 2019-2021 School Years**

Mr. Alderman explained that the Board went out for bids for the bank depository contract in 2017 and Guaranty Bank & Trust was awarded the contract. He recommended that we extend that contract for another two years. Dr. Green made a motion to extend the bank depository contract for the 2019-2021 biennium to Guaranty Bank & Trust. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deeds**

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that three properties were in Neylandville and one was in the Norris community. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve tax resale deeds and resolutions for properties R106624, R21894, R115739 and R52669 as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Informational Reports**

Enrollment was 1544, up three students from this time last year—the highest this school year. Mr. Alderman invited Board members to participate in the graduation ceremony to be held at 8 p.m., Friday, May 24 at the Texas A&M University-Commerce Fieldhouse.

The principals presented their monthly reports.

The date for the June Board meeting will be Monday, June 17, 2019. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m.


The check register was presented as well as 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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