

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 21, 2018, 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. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. Ray Green, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Mark Reid was absent.

Administer Oath of Office for Board of Trustees, Places 3, 6 and 7

Dr. Green was sworn in for Place 3, Mr. Starks was sworn in for Place 4 and Ms. Herring was sworn in for Place 7.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss personnel: consider resignations for professional personnel, consider employment of professional personnel, consider employment of assistant principal, consider employment of Tri County SSA professional personnel 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 7:09 p.m. on May 21, 2018.

Opening Activities

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

Reorganization of the Board

Dr. Hendricks made a motion that the current board officers remain in their positions: Kathleen Hooten, president; Randy Starks, vice president; and Etta Herring, secretary. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

The CHS Valedictorian Vineet Nippani and Salutatorian Joseph Jang were recognized from the Class of 2018.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman introduced students whose ag projects made it to the Hunt County Fair sale. They included Madellyne Tarrant, McKynna Swinson, Aliya Mitchell, Nakeia Norris, Taylor Belcher, Jackson Gossett, Lane Hill, Caitlyn Rogers, Kayla Gossett, Madeline Kilgore and Holten Pemberton.

The CHS One-Act Play Cast and Crew were recognized for advancing to the Bi-District competition with their production of "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig. Several members of the cast and crew received individual recognition including Rockney Reid, best actor, District; All-Star cast, Bi-District; Cody Wallace, All –Star cast, District; Honorable Mention, Bi-District; Jason Ocampo, Honorable Mention, District; Abigail Weimar, Honorable Mention, Bi-District; and Jakob Scarcelli, All-Star Tech, District and Bi-District.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept resignations from Shelbie Embro, CMS counselor; Kyle Harvison, band director; Kelli Talley, ACW teacher and Tammy Raymond, Tri County SSA diagnostician. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Green made a motion to employ Bill Knutson, CHS teacher; Candace Hodges, ACW teacher; and Amy Hall, ACW teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Nick Smith as an assistant principal. Mr. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Tri County personnel as follows: Michelle Agee, diagnostician; Donna Morgan, diagnostician; Kelly Talley, diagnostician and Kaley Stringfellow, diagnostician. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried with ~~Dr. Reid~~ and Dr. Green abstaining.

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Citizens' Comments

None.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 16, 2018 and the special meeting on April 30, 2018 and the financial statements and investment summary for April 2018 as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Date, Time and Location for the 2018-2019 Regular School Board Meeting

Mr. Alderman presented the proposed meeting schedule with meetings on July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 15, December 17, January 22, February 18, March 14, April 15, May 20 and June 17. Dr. Green motioned to accept the Board meeting schedule as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

Director of Health Services Kathy Myers gave an update on 2017-2018 health service activities.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman reported enrollment of 1541, the highest of the year.

The CSSEF presented over \$40,000 to teachers for grants.

Mr. Alderman and Director of Finance John Walker attended the Region 10 Finance Conference.

Principal reports were given. The check register was shared. A thank you note was received from Dr. Shenequa Miller.

The Campus Highlights newsletter was presented.


The date for the June Board will be Monday, June 18. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. for executive session, followed by the regular session at 7 p.m. A budget study session will be held at 6 p.m., May 29, 2018.

Board Member Comments...

Dr. Hendricks mentioned the Rotary Club Junior Rotarians who spoke at the Rotary Club meetings. He stated they were impressive this year.

Adjournment...

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
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