

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 July 21, 2016, at 6:00 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. Mark Reid, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mr. Michael Beane joined the meeting during Executive Session. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent. Mr. Charlie Alderman was seated as Interim Superintendent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:08 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 7:04 p.m. on July 21, 2016.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

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

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Beane made a motion to accept the resignations of Debbie Jeffcoat, CHS teacher/coach; John T. Walker, CES teacher; and Patrick Just, CMS principal. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to employ teachers Stefanie Spinks, CES; Joanna Byrd, ACW; Kaitlin Wells, ACW; Rachel West, ACW; Cariece Aaron, ACW; Whitney Fox, ACW; and Kristi Dunn CMS. Paul Turner was employed as a CHS teacher/coach. Shelbie Embro contract as a teacher was extended to 11 months. Tina Bronson was employed as an administrator for 11 months. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignation of Stacy Higginbotham, Tri County SSA speech therapist. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Jennifer Helge as a Tri County diagnostician. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Reid made a motion to employ Andrea Ellis as NETCAT director, 11 months. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen's Comments...

Music teacher Eilene Weimar addressed the Board about additional music instruction at the elementary levels. Several parents and students addressed the Board opposing standardized dress.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Beane made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 20, 2016, and the financial statement and investment summary for June 2016. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Delinquent Tax Report

Mr. Tab Beall of the law firm Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP gave a report on the tax collection status and delinquencies for the year. He stated that the total delinquency from 1993 is \$744,000.

Discuss and Consider Changes to Standardized Dress Code

After discussion about the current standardized dress code and problems with enforcement, Mr. Beane made a motion to accept the dress codes presented by the principals which do away with standardized dress and institute a dress code which states what students can and can't wear. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. All voted aye with the exception of Mrs. Hooten who voted no. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the 2016-2017 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the appraisal calendar and teacher appraisers as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Meal Price Increase for Adults

Director of Finance John Walker proposed a 25 cent increase in the price of adult meals to align with Texas Department of Agriculture guidelines. Dr. Reid made a motion to increase adult meal prices to \$3.25. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct

Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Secondary Campus Student Handbooks

Board members were provided CHS and CMS handbooks for their review.

Consider Approval of Policy Update 105 affecting policies BJCF, BQ, CLB, CLE, CPC, DBA, DFBB, DFFA, DFFB, EHBD and FDC

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve TASB Local Policy Update 105. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman announced Hall of Honor inductees including Steve Lineweaver, Sharice Henry and Jerry Lytle. One other honoree is yet to be confirmed.

Mr. Alderman said that online registration should begin July 27. He also stated that an accounting clerk position has been added to the business office to get it back up to previous staffing levels. Staff development for the beginning of school was also discussed.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2016, with executive session at 6 p.m. Dr. Hendricks said he would be out of the country and asked if he could participate in a real-time video.

Board Comments...

Dr. Hendricks asked Mr. Alderman if he would research the possibility of year-round school.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:48 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074).

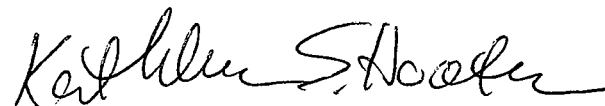
Reconvene from Executive Session...


Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session 10:25 p.m. on July 21, 2016.

No action resulted from Executive Session.

Adjournment...

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


Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees


Etta Herring, Secretary
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