

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 September 16, 2019, at 6:30 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, Dr. Mark Reid, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 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 7:03 p.m. on September 16, 2019.

Opening Activities

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

Recognition

Several board members of the Commerce Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation were on hand to recognize the 2019-2020 grant winners. The Foundation funded \$47,708.41 in teacher-proposed grants.

Citizens' Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 19, 2019, and the special meeting of August 30, 2019, and the financial statements and investment summary for August 2019. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Chris Vet, CHS teacher. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on School Improvement and Accountability Progress

Assistant Superintendent Patricia Tremmel, Hannah Farrell and Cari Sturch explained the process for school improvement as required by A-F accountability ratings.

Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies

Director of Finance John Walker said policies had not changed since 2017. Policies were devised to ensure the safety of the principal, he explained.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Bid

The law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP offered property #49676 at several tax resale auctions and the firm recently received a bid of \$1330 from Robert and Claudia Record of Commerce. The current appraised value of the property is \$1200. Dr. Green made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointing 2019-2020 School Health Advisory Council Members

Director of Health Services Kathy Myers explained the role of the SHAC committee and detailed their meeting schedule. Ms. Herring made a motion to appoint the 2019-2020 SHAC committee members as follows: Kathy Myers, Alison Walker, Joe Venable and Patricia Tremmel represent staff. Parents included are Anna Black, Vanessa Clark, Shannon Shannon, Sarah Staton, Shanda Harris, Lisa Gossett and Tiffany Storm. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

Mr. Alderman reported enrollment of 1542 as of September 13, 2019, up 15 from the same day as last year.

Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony and luncheon will be held on September 20, 2019, honoring Carolyn Burt, Kristin Barker Hames, Medley Wilson and Wade Wilson.

The Commerce Community Cares Inc. fundraiser BBQ dinner will be held at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 2019, at Ben E. Keith Community Room.

Principals gave their monthly reports.

The date for the October Board meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2019. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m. A Legislative update training was tentatively scheduled for October 14 of 15.

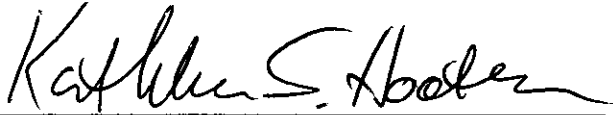
The check register was shared as well as the Campus Highlights newsletter.

Board comments

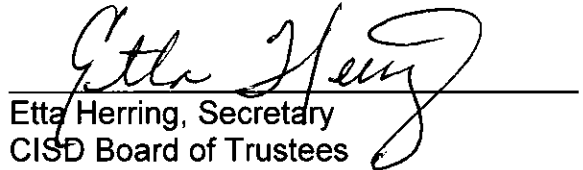
Dr. Hendricks that September was Recovery Month for people affected by addiction. Joe Powell would be speaking at Ferguson Auditorium at 7 p.m. September 21.

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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