

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMERCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 27, 2008
6:30 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING
217 COMMERCE STREET
COMMERCE, OKLAHOMA**

1. President, Jim Cossairt, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Board Members present were Cossairt, Steve Hartman, Gene Langston, and Rick Brown. Paula Tedlock was absent.
2. The invocation was given by Hartman
3. No guests were present.
4. There were no public communications.
5. Motion by Brown that the board:
 - a) Nonreemploy Glover Crittenden from his employment with the Commerce School District; and
 - b) that the following findings of fact upon which the decision is based be recited:
 1. On April 3, 2008, the Superintendent presented the Board of Education with a recommendation for a reduction in force and the nonreemployment of Glover Crittenden for the 2008-2009 school year due to the reduction in force. Mr. Crittenden was subsequently given notice of the date, time and place of his due process hearing on the Superintendent's recommendation for a reduction in force and his nonreemployment. The notice also informed Mr. Crittenden of his rights at the hearing.
 2. On May 20, 2008, Mr. Crittenden, in writing, waived his right to a hearing before the Board of Education on the Superintendent's recommendation for a reduction in force and his nonreemployment.
 3. The Superintendent's recommendation for a reduction in force and the nonreemployment of Glover Crittenden for the 2008-2009 school year due to a reduction in force is supported by a preponderance of the evidence and should be accepted.

Second by Hartman. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, and Tedlock-absent.

Cossairt recessed the meeting until Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Time: 6:38 p.m.

Cossairt reconvened the meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:33 p.m. Board members present were Cossairt, Tedlock, Hartman, Langston, and Brown.

6. Proposed executive session to interview candidates and discuss the appointment of head and assistant football coaches, head high school boys' track coach, and assistant high school boys' basketball coach so that the board can return to open session and vote to appoint head and assistant football coaches, head high school boys' track coach, and assistant high school boys' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
7. Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to convene in executive session. Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, and Brown-yes. Time: 6:34 p.m.
8. Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, and Langston-yes. Time: 10:08 p.m.
9. Cossairt announced, "Only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and no votes were taken. Those present in executive session were the five board members, Mr. Barker, Mr. Buttram, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Haynes. The two candidates, Mr. Ng and Mr. Moss were also present in executive session while being interviewed."
10. Motion by Brown, second by Langston to appoint Willie Ng head high school football coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Vote: Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-no, and Tedlock-no.

Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to appoint Steve Moss, Tom Fenderson, and Jack Kelley assistant high school football coaches for the 2008-2009 school year. Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, and Brown-yes.

Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to appoint Willie Ng head middle school football coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, and Langston-yes.

Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to appoint Jack Kelley assistant middle school football coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Vote: Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, and Brown-yes.

Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to appoint Willie Ng assistant high school boys' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, and Brown-yes.

11. Motion by Brown, second by Langston to adjourn. Vote: Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, and Hartman-yes. Time: 10:15 p.m.

The agenda was posted on the inside of the front door (visible from outside the building) of the Board of Education building at 1:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of May, 2008, and notice of this special meeting was given in writing to the Ottawa County Clerk at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.

(ATTEST)



President-Board of Education



Deputy Clerk

Vice-President

Member



Clerk

Date: 06/09/2008



Minutes Clerk

Date: 06/09/2008

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