

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 June 15, 2020, 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 for the meeting were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, and Mr. Randy Starks. Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf were not in attendance

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:04 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 at 7:09 p.m. on June 15, 2020.

Opening Activities

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

Citizens' Comments

None

Consider Accepting Resignation from Board Member

Mr. Starks made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Dr. Mark Reid, who is moving out of the district. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget

Director of Finance John Walker explained the proposed budget and said administrators don't know about upcoming financial issues caused by COVID-19 closures.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignations Kay Comer, Abigail Kruckenberg and Jeff Payne, CMS teachers; Clinton Farrell, CHS teacher/coach; Lou Ann Tatum, CHS teacher; Lauren Rogers, ACW teacher; and Miranda Jones, CES teacher. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Herring made a motion to employ professional personnel as presented: Kayla Collum,, CMS teacher coach; Elizabeth O'Dea, CMS teacher; Heather Fretwell, CMS teacher, Kayleigh Kirby, CMS teacher; Taylor Flowers, CMS teacher/coach; Tracy Brown, CHS teacher; Nate Holcomb, CHS teacher/coach; Nick Wilkerson, CES teacher; and Kyla Coke, ACW teacher and Micah Doyle, CHS teacher. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried with Dr. Hendricks abstaining.

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Padgett, Diagnostician, for Tri County SSA. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 18, 2020, and the financial statements and investment summary for May 2020. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of House Bill 3 Goals

Superintendent Charlie Alderman is required to develop House Bill 3 goals relating to early childhood literacy proficiency, early childhood math proficiency and college, career and military readiness, which the Board must approve. Dr. Green made a motion to approve HB3 goals as presented. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the revised 20-21 school calendar with a beginning date for instruction of August 4 and end date of June 4. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Consider Approval of Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of EIC (Local) Academic Achievement—Class Ranking

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve policy EIC (Local) as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Waiver for Parent Notice Requirements for Students at Risk of Failure

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve submitting the Parent Notice Requirements for Students at Risk of Failure to TEA. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Consider Approval of TEA Waiver for CPR Instruction Requirements

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve submitting the CPR Instruction Requirements Waiver to TEA. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Waiver for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test (ASVAB)

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve submitting the ASVAB Waiver to TEA. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Consider Approval of TEA Waiver for Annual Financial Report Due Date

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve submitting the Annual Financial Report Due Date Waiver to TEA. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Consider Approval of Custodial Management Contract

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve ABM as the custodial manager. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion failed with two yea and three nays. Dr. Green made a motion to approve SSC as the custodial manager. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion was approved with three yea and two nays.

Discussion of Student Transportation for 2020-2021

Many options were discussed about meeting CDC guidelines for student transportation including staggered start times and limiting ridership by proximity. Mr. Alderman asked for direction from the Board on the matter. Mr. Starks asked that administrators inform parents of upcoming changes and ask parents to consider driving their children to school.

Reports...

Superintendent Alderman said the preliminary budget would be presented for the Board's approval at a special meeting at 5:40 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2020 via Zoom.

The date for the next Board meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 2020. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m.

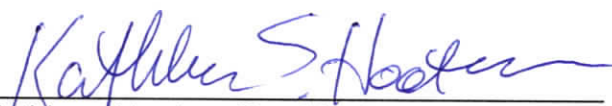
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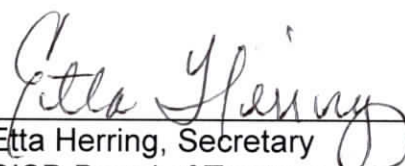
Board comments

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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