

Minutes of the Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Commerce ISD

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on May 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the via Zoom. 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 were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Ray Green joined by Zoom. Dr. Mark Reid was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:32 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 7:21 p.m. on May 7, 2020.

Opening Activities

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

Citizens' Comments

None

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignations of Joey Chastain, CHS teacher/coach; Lisa Anderson, CMS science teacher; Darci Rochester, ACW counselor; Jennifer Bunch, CMS teacher; and Lindsay Plunkett, CES fine arts teacher. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Herring made a motion to employ professional personnel as presented: Leanne Bryant, CMS art teacher; Sarah Combs, CMS special ed teacher; Jennifer Dexter, CES teacher; Cameron Gentile, CHS English teacher; Brandi Lindsay, ACW counselor, 11 months; Lacey Smith, ACW teacher, Cassandra Wilson, ACW teacher and Mason Y'barbo, CHS teacher/coach. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to extend the contracts of teachers Cari Sturch, CES; Sheila DeMidio, ACW; Heather Kilgore, Central Office and Chris Vet, CHS. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Slovak, Tri County speech/language assistant. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ Sandy Killian, as an educational diagnostician. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented regarding lease/purchase of buses. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board comments


Dr. Hendricks shared with the Board members about a special event to be held in 2021 to recognize community members who didn't fight against integration, but welcomed new students. The event is sponsored by the Hunt County African American Leadership Council.

Budget Study Session


Director of Finance John Walker and Superintendent Charlie Alderman presented information about the 20-21 school year budget for discussion.

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
CISD Board of Trustees