

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 April 20, 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 the Zoom meeting were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks, Dr. Mark Reid and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

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 7:29 p.m. on March 23, 2020.

Opening Activities

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

Citizens' Comments

None

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignations of Stephen Clayton, CMS teacher/coach; Ron Donjuan, CHS teacher; Ashley Bryan, CMS teacher; Zantrell Dixon, ACW teacher; Lacie Foster, CES teacher; Nick Foster, ACW teacher; Tim Johnson, CMS teacher/coach; Glenn Keefer-McGee, ACW teacher; Mackenzie Lockley, CES teacher; Macy Neese, ACW teacher; and Barbara Uselton, CMS teacher. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignation of Melinda Reid, Tri County SSA assistant director. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ professional personnel as presented: Kim Andrews, ACW teacher; Casey Chaney, District Coordinator of School Improvement; Laura Massey, ACW teacher; Amy Scaff, ACW teacher and Cameron Warren, CMS teacher/coach. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend the contracts of teachers, counselors, school nurses and the athletic trainer as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to extend the contracts of Tri County SSA personnel as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried with Dr. Reid abstaining.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 23 2020, and the financial statements and investment summary for March 2020. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TEA Educator Appraisal Waiver

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve submission of an Educator Appraisal Waiver for this school year. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Food Service Management Contract

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Chartwells as the district's food service management company. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports...

Commerce Elementary School gave their annual report via video.

The School Health Advisory Committee annual report was shared.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported that semester grades would not be included in the GPA for juniors, sophomores and freshmen. He announced there were three plans for graduation once Governor Abbott released his plan during the Coronavirus shutdown. Prom has not been canceled but it cannot be school sponsored.

Principal reports were included.

The date for the next Board meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 2020. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m. A budget study session will be set soon.


The check register was shared.

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
CISD Board of Trustees