

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 March 23, 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 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 6:04 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 7:02 p.m. on March 23, 2020.

Opening Activities

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

Citizens' Comments

None

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Angela Wright, ACW teacher. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meetings on February 13, February 27 and March 3, 2020, and the regular meeting on February 17, 2020, with the exception of a motion mistakenly attributed to Dr. Hendricks, and the financial statements and investment summary for February 2020. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on School Improvement and Accountability Progress

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that STAAR and EOC tests would not be given this year due to the closure of schools because of COVID-19. He said the district and campuses would not be rated next year for accountability.

Consider Approval of TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to adopt all instructional materials on the state-approved list for 2020-2021 and certify that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on COVID-19 Closures and Continued Instruction

Mr. Alderman stated that off-site paper and pencil instruction began March 23 for all grade levels with online instruction for grades 3 – 12 is planned to begin on March 30. The technology department is planning to distribute Chromebooks and hotspots to families who need them.

Dr. Hendricks said that he has been bringing up having partnerships with TAMU-C, the city and the district for the last six years so that the entire community can have WiFi. Mr. Shipp explained that maintaining the system was the concern as an entity would have to commit to funding.

Dr. Reid said it was imperative that students get back to school as soon as possible because of the lapse of knowledge over long periods of time and we know that children are safer in school.

Consider Approval of Resolution and Order of Cancellation of May 2 Trustee Election

Superintendent Charlie Alderman declared that current officeholders were unopposed in the election. Therefore, Mark Reid, Place 4, and LaVelle Hendricks, Place 5, are declared winners. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the Resolution and Order of Cancellation of the May 2 Trustee Election. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the resolution to extend wage payments during our emergency school closure for all employees. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

At this time, the TASB Spring Workshop at Texas A&M University-Commerce on May 11 has not been canceled.

Board training status will be announced at the April regular meeting.

The CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ fundraiser has been canceled on April 4.

The date for the April Board meeting will be held Monday, April 20, 2020. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m. Board members and citizens will be able to access the meeting remotely if current shelter-in-place orders exist.

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The check register was shared.

Board comments

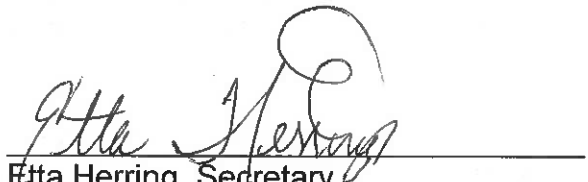
Dr. Hendricks encouraged board members to read "The New Normal."

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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