

# Minutes of the Special Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Commerce ISD

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on June 15, 2021, at the Commerce ISD Administration Building. 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, Mr. Doc Pierce, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Mrs. Kelsey Lytle was absent.

### **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:03 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 6:32 p.m. on June 15, 2021.

### **Citizens' Comments**

None

### **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept resignations of professional personnel as follows: Kirby Gilbert, CMS teacher; Haylee Miller, ACW teacher; and Ludonna Smithers, Director of Personnel and Communications (effective December 31, 2021). Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignations of Tri County SSA diagnosticians Stephanie Moreland and Michelle Agee. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to employ the following professional personnel: Hannah O'Leary, ACW teacher; Erin Wilcox, ACW teacher; Megan Goodwin, CES teacher; Elizabeth Stegient, CES teacher; Madison Langston, CHS teacher; Rick Villines, CMS teacher/coach; Allison Barrett, ACW teacher; Roy Farrow, CMS special ed teacher; Amari Jones, CMS teacher, Michelle Hawes, CES teacher; and Ben Briere, CMS teacher/coach. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Lisa Gossett, teacher; and Regina Rhodes, diagnostician for Tri County SSA. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board conducted a Budget Study Session led by Director of Finance John Walker.

**Adjournment...**

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hooten declared the meeting adjourned.

  
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Kathleen Hooten, President

  
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Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary