

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 19, 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, Ms. Etta Herring, and Mrs. Kelsey Lytle. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf and Mr. Randy Starks were absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:02 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 7:03 p.m. on April 19, 2021.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Dr. Green and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Ms. Herring.

Citizens' Comments

Parent Patricia Cifuentes spoke about the dangers of prolonged use of masks and encouraged the Board to reconsider their requirement that masks be worn.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept resignations of professional personnel as follows: Jeff Davidson, Athletic Director; Meagan Heath, ACW teacher; Joel Scott, CMS teacher/coach and Julie McLeroy, ACW teacher. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Green made a motion to accept resignations from Tri County SSA from Angela Stanberry, Diagnostician; and Randy Shannon, Tri County Special Ed Teacher. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Herring made a motion to employ Christopher Anderson as a CHS teacher/coach. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend professional contracts as presented (see attached). Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Green made a motion to extend Tri County SSA professional contracts as presented (see attached). Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 18, 2021, and the Special Meetings of April 6 and April 12, 2021, and the financial statements and investment summary for March 2021. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Budget Amendment

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve a budget amendment for the transfer of funds from Special Olympics to the senior trip and special education supplies. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Presentation of Annual School Health Advisory Council Report

Director of Health Services Kathy Myers gave the Board an update of SHAC activities this year including CPR training, COVID updates and establishing a food4kids program at Commerce Middle School.

Consider Appointing Cindy McIlveene as District Official for Verifying Service Records

Dr. Green made a motion to appoint Cindy McIlveene, payroll coordinator, as the district official responsible for verifying service records. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Report on Board Members' Annual Training

President Hooten said that she, Etta Herring, Ray Green, LaVelle Hendricks, Kelsey Lytle and Gabe Wittkopf had fulfilled the board training requirement. Randy Starks has not.

Consider Approval of 2021-22 Allotment and TEKS Certification Form

Assistant Superintendent Patricia Tremmel asked the Board to certify that CISD provided curriculum that covered the TEKS. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Allotment and TEKS Certification as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Capital Purchase/lease of Band Trailer

Director of Finance John Walker explained that the band would like to purchase a trailer over four years instead of paying an annual rental fee.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve purchase/lease of a trailer to be used for band activities. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Food Service Management Contract Renewal

Mr. Walker explained that the District must annually renew its food service management contract with TEA. We are currently on the second year of a five-year contract with Chartwells. He noted that Chartwells reduced their guarantee from \$40,000 to \$30,000 for 21-22.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the food management contract renewal with Chartwells. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Sale of Tax Foreclosure Property including Properties at 1808 Washington St., 1601 Division St., Book St. and O'Neal St.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman told the Board that companies were building single-family structures on the properties proposed for sale. The sale would place the properties back on the tax roll with new homes.

Mrs. Lytle made a motion to approve the sale of tax foreclosure property including R70109, R79495, R79496, R95652, R106624, R113325, R113326, R70325 and R70326. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Extension of Bank Depository Contract

Mr. Walker said he is pleased with the service provided by Guaranty Bank.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to extend the bank depository contract with Guaranty Bank. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Federal COVID Relief Funding

Mr. Alderman explained that several area districts were passing this resolution to send to state legislators to urge them to not supplant state money with Federal COVID dollars.

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Revisions to Local Policy DBA, Employment Requirements and Restrictions, Credentials and Records

Mr. Alderman explained that the district would like to delete requirements that all elementary teachers and all secondary English teachers must have ESL certification by April 1 of their first contract year to be considered for contract renewal. He stated with the shortage of teachers the district would work with teachers so they could get their certification as soon as possible without having a deadline.

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the revision to approve DBA as presented. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Informational Report

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported that enrollment was 1444.

Principal reports and the check register were included.

The date, time and location for the May Board Meeting was set for the third Monday of the month, May 17, 2021, with executive session beginning at 6 p.m. and the regular session at 7 p.m. A special meeting will be held at 7 p.m., April 27 to discuss fund balance. An additional special meeting was scheduled for 7 a.m. on May 4 and a Team of Eight training was set for 6:30 p.m., May 24.

Board comments

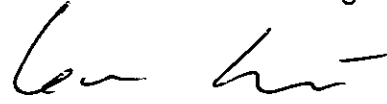
Dr. Hendricks said he would like to see hot spots purchased so that families could have internet connectivity.

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President



~~Etta Herring, Secretary~~

Gabe Wittkopf