

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 August 5, 2020, 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, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Opening Activities

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

Citizens' Comments

Parents Mrs. Willis, Cami Busby and two others asked the Board to reconsider their stance on not allowing students choosing online instruction to participate in extracurricular activities, specifically cheer and FFA. Audrey Anderson asked the Board to consider setting guidelines for COVID closures.

Consider Approval of Offering the Following Innovative course within the Health Science Exercise Science and Wellness CTE program of study beginning in Fall 2020: Kinesiology I (N1302104)

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve Kinesiology I as an innovative course offering. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of Back-to-School Plan with Possible Action

Mr. Alderman asked Board members to determine the number of students with COVID-19 would constitute a campus closure. After much discussion, Mr. Starks made a motion to close a campus if more than one percent of students had confirmed COVID-19 cases and if more than 10 percent of students had confirmed or assumed confirmed cases. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion that if more than two teachers with confirmed cases or more than four staff members had confirmed or assumed COVID-19 cases, the campus would close. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

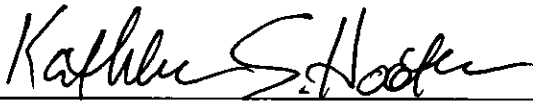
Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to allow FFA students who choose online instruction to participate in extracurriculars off campus, during after school hours only. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Comments from Board Members

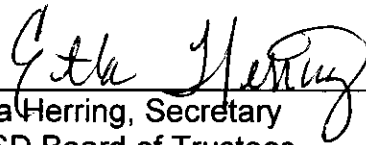
Dr. Hendricks said several community members had asked about streaming or broadcasting board meetings. Mr. Alderman said he was checking with our attorney and would have a report for the Board at its next meeting.

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