

**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 February 17, 2022 at the Commerce ISO 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. Kathleen Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session ...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:07 pm 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 7:08 pm on February 17, 2022.

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks 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 Mrs. Lytle.

Citizens' Comments

None

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Approved employment of Daria Melton/ACW and Raegan Fincher/CMS. A motion to Approve employment was made by Dr. Green and seconded by Mrs. Lytle. Motion carried. The board also approved to accept the resignations of Sheri Kemp/CMS, Sydney Cohen/CHS and Elizabeth Herrington/CMS. The motion to accept the resignations was made by Mr. Wittkopf, seconded by Mr. Starks. Motion carried. The Board voted to Approve the Extension of Personnel Contracts for the following Administrators:

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Al Shipp, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 John Walker, Non-Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Wanda Beane, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Dr. Lisa Palazzetti, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Tina Bronson, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Steve Drummond, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Roger Brown, Certified Administrator [11 months]
 Jeanie Putman, Certified Administrator [12 months]
 Patricia Nelle, Certified Administrator [11 months]
 John McSheffery, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach (12 months)

A motion to approve the Administrator's Contracts was made by Dr. Hendricks, seconded by Dr. Green. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022 and the Financial Statements and Investment Report of January, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes and Financials was made by Dr. Green with a second by Mr. Wittkopf. Motion carried.

Consider Bus Driver Pay for the Three Days we were shut down due to Covid

A motion was made by Dr. Hendricks to approve the proposal to pay the bus drivers for the three days they missed due to the District closing due to Covid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lytle. Motion carried.

2022-2023 School Calendar Information

Because the school day has increased from 420 minutes to 470 minutes per day the board approved that all 187 day employee contracts be reduced by seven days. The board approved a 180 day contract for employees that are currently on a 187 day contract beginning in the 22-23 school year. Their salary will be commensurate with the 187 day contract. The motion to approve the revised contract was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Mrs. Lytle. Motion carried.

Consider Approval of the Election Services Contract

A motion to approve the Election Services Contract with Hunt County was made by Dr. Hendricks. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Reports

Superintendent Alderman reported a total of students enrolled is 1486, up 8 students from last month.

Dr. Tremmel presented the District of Innovation Plan

The District's five-year District of Innovation Plan must be updated and submitted for approval to the TEA this year. A proposed change includes allowing newly hired teacher candidates to seek certification during their first year of teaching in our district. Another change allows the district to revoke a student's out of district transfer any time during the school year.

Filing Period for May 7, 2022 Trustee Election

Filing period for the May 7, 2022 election ends on Friday, February 18th at 5:00 pm.

Check Register

The check register was included as well as the principal's reports.

The date, time and location for the March meeting was set for Thursday, March 24, 2022 with executive session to begin at 6:00 pm and the open session at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Building. A Special Board Meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm. The Special Board Meeting will also be held at the CAB.

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees