

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 December 16, 2021, 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. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle, Mr. Doc Pierce, and Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session ...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:00 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 7:02 pm on December 16, 2021.

Opening Activities

Dr. LaVelle Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mrs. Lytle and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mr. Doc Pierce.

Citizens' Comments

None

Recognition

CMS One Act Play

7th Grade Football Team

Tiger PAC

Ludonna Smithers

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Consider the employment of Breanna Sernn, CHS, Heather Ethridge, part-time Choir and Jacie Reger, Tri County and consider the resignation of Joe Venable, Chief of Police. A motion to accept Ms. Serna's employment was made by Mr. Pierce with a second by Mrs. Lytle. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the employment of Jacie Reger and was seconded by Mr. Wittkopf. Mr. Pierce also made a motion to accept the employment of Heather Ethridge, Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Joe Venable, Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion.

Public Hearing on the Texas Academic Performance Report

Dr. Patricia Tremmel outlined the report noting that we are still not rated; Declared a State of Disaster.

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 15, 2021 and the Special Meeting of December 14, 2021, and the Financial Statements and Investment Report of November 2021. A motion to approve the minutes of both meetings was made by Dr. Hendricks with a second by Dr. Green. Motion Carries.

Consider Selection and Approval of Construction Manager at Risk

The Board voted to appoint Jackson Construction for Construction Manager at Risk. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the appointment, Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Consideration of the Commerce High School Grade Point Average Calculations

Commerce High School Administration presented a proposal to raise all GPA's by one point to increase Scholarship opportunities. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve as presented, Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider the Approval of Tax Resale Deed for Commerce Property

Consider sale of Tax Resale Property, S5090 Sunrise Addition Blk 2 Lot 22 to Eric Herm dba Cheap Lands Inc. for \$950.00. Dr. Green made a motion to approve, Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider the Approval of Tax Resale Deed #70176

Consider sale of Tax Resale Property, Block 70, Lot 1C, 2B to Gary Beckwith for \$2,955.00. Mr. Wittkopf make a motion to approve, Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Consider Adoption of a Resolution Expressing Official Intent to Reimburse Costs of Projects

Consider reimbursement of land purchase prior to the passing of the bond election. The land was purchased from TAMUC for \$550,000 with the intent to build a middle school. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve, Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider One Time Exception to DEC Local

Consider a one-time exception to donate local days to an employee that has cancer. She choose to have the surgery over the Christmas break which would prevent her from missing ten days in a row upon her return. Motion to approve made by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Wittkopf. Motion Carries.

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Informational Report

Mr. Alderman announced that enrollment had increased by 14 students from last month. Enrollment is down four students from this time last year.

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

The date, time and location for the January Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the CISD Administration Building with executive session beginning at 6 p.m. and the regular session at 7 p.m. There will be a Special Board Meeting on January 11, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm.

Board comments

None

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary