

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees  
Commerce ISD

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on November 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, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle, Mr. Doc Pierce, and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

## **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:06 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 7:01 p.m. on November 15, 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 Mr. Pierce.

## **Citizens' Comments**

None

## **Recognition**

Cross Country was recognized.

## **Public Hearing on FIRST**

Mr. Walker announced that the district scored a 94 which is a superior rating.

## **Consider approval of 20-21 Financial Audit by Rutherford, Taylor and Company**

Mr. Mike Taylor, partner in the accounting firm of Rutherford, Taylor and Company, presented an unmodified opinion of the district's 2020-2021 financial audit, the best opinion available. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Consider the employment of Raegan Fincher at CMS. Motion to accept Ms. Fincher's employment was made by Dr. Hendricks and seconded by Mr. Doc Pierce. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda.**

Consider approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 18, 2021 and the Special Meeting of November 9, 2021 and Financial Statements and Investment Report of October 2021. A motion was made by Dr. Green to approve the minutes and financials and seconded by Mrs. Lytle. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of employee stipends**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to give employees a \$1,000 stipend paid from ESSER Funds. The checks will be dispersed on December 10, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pierce. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of TASB Local Update 118:**

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve TASB Local Update 118. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Discussion on potential need for Board training on building projects**

The first meeting for training on building projects will be on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

**Consider Candidate for Board of Directors of Delta County Appraisal District and Execute Resolution**

Dr. Green made a motion to nominate Thomas Darden for the Board of Directors of Delta County Appraisal District. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Candidate for Board of Directors of Hunt County Appraisal District and Execute Resolution**

A motion was made by Dr. Hendricks to nominate John Sands for the Board of Directors of Hunt County Appraisal District. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### Informational Report

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported a total of 1445 students enrolled, down 18 students from last year.

Mr. Roger Brown extended an Invitation to Board members to attend a monthly Lunch and Learn with the CHS Student Council.

Principal and ACE/BGC Reports

The December Board Meeting is set for Thursday, December 16, 2021, with executive session beginning at 6 p.m. and the regular session at 7 p.m. at Central Administration Building

The check register was included.

### Board comments

None

### Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary