

# 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 June 13, 2022 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, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

## **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:05 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 7:06 pm on June 13, 2022.

## **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. Starks.

## **Citizens' Comments**

Mrs. Kara Wallace thanked the board and Mr. Alderman for their tremendous support and commitment to ensuring students excel in academics and extracurricular activities.

## **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignations from Jennie Reynolds and Lacey Smith. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Tri County employee Lisa Gossett. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve employment of Rachel Copeland, Lisa Gossett, Mackenzie Langston, Lance Thompson, Abigail Clark and Amanda Garrett. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve employment of Tri County employees Meredith Endsley and Nick Campbell. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2022, and the Budget Study Session of June 1, 2022 and the financial statements and investment summary for May 2022. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of EIC (Local) Academic Achievement-Class Ranking Revisions**

The Board approved Local Policy EIC which changes the class ranking process for 21-22 freshman and will be ongoing. Dr. Green made a motion to adopt the EIC (Local) Class Ranking Revisions as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of Tax Resale Deed for a Commerce Property**

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the sale of Property ID#70364 to Joseph Asad, 210 Park Ave., Anna TX 75403 for \$1,090.00. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of the Amendment of the 2021-2022 Budget**

Mr. Walker stated that amendments are proposed for end-of-year cleanup. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget**

Director of Finance John Walker presented a preliminary budget for 22-23 in the amount of \$17,772,323 based on preliminary property valuations of \$716,632,209, up from \$591,186,585 last year. Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the 22-23 preliminary budget as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of 2022-2023 Salary Scale for Teachers, Librarians and Nurses**

The Board voted to approve a \$2,500 pay step increase for all teachers, librarians and nurses. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the salary scale for 22-23 as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider approval of Property and Casualty Insurance**

The policy did not arrive in time to be considered. Tabled until July meeting.

**Informational Report**

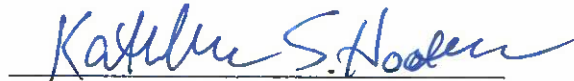
The July board meeting will be on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Building.

The check register was included.

There was a brief discussion on safety and security. Chief Westbrook will keep the Board informed of all guidance from the State.

**Adjournment...**

Dr. Ray Green made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary