

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 July 18, 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, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle, Mr. Doc Pierce, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Witkopf. Dr. Ray Green and Dr. LaVelle Hendricks were not present.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:08 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 7:01 pm on July 18, 2022.

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mr. Pierce and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mrs. Lytle.

Citizens' Comments

Ms. Judy Rudoff, former Commerce ISD teacher, spoke to the board and voiced her concerns about the state's history curriculum.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept resignations from Christopher Plumlee, CMS and Ashleigh Taylor, ACW. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve employment of Robert Hulse, CHS, Reyes Marsh, ACW, Jason Singleton, ACW, Emili Rodriguez, CMS, Bryce Ford, CMS, Jennifer Matlock, CMS, Paul Johnston, CMS, Glenn Banker, CHS, LaThavis Miller, CHS and Nicole Timmons, CMS. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve employment of Tri County employees Thomas Abbott and Laurie Meissner. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2022 and the financial statements and investment summary for June 2022. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of a \$500 stipend for new teachers

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the \$500 stipend for new teachers. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of Resolution for COVID Sick Leave

Mr. Starks made a motion to reduce the COVID sick leave days to five (5) days twice during the school year for a total of ten (10) days. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of the Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the 22-23 Student Code of Conduct as presented. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of 22-23 Appraisal Calendar and Teacher Appraisers

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the calendar and appraisers as presented. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of Property and Casualty Insurance

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance as presented. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of TASB Local Update 119

Mrs. Lytle made a motion to approve Local Update 119. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approve of Multi-Purpose Facility Construction

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve using a portion of fund balance for upgraded audio and a storage building at the multi-purpose facility. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Informational Report

The July board meeting will be on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Building.

The check register was included.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss personnel (§551.074) and hold a private consultation with the Board's attorney, if necessary (§551.071).

A. Personnel (551.074)

1. Conduct Formative Review of Superintendent
2. Consider Superintendent's Compensation

Reconvene from Executive Session

The board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Action of Items Discussed in Executive Session

The board approved the Superintendent's compensation with an increase of 5%. Mrs. Lytle made the motion to approve. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment...

Mr. Starks made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.



Kathleen Hooten, President



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary