

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 September 26, 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. Kathleen Hooten, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle, Mr. Doc Pierce, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. and Mr. Randy Starks. Dr. Ray Green was not present.

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 7:01 pm on September 26, 2022.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks 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 Mr. Starks.

Citizens' Comments

Dr. Henry Ross spoke to the board about book bans. He feels strongly that the parent should dictate what their child should and should not read.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Page, CMS. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve employment of Heather Aiken, ACW and Ashleigh Hoelscher, CMS. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2022 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2022 and the financial statements and investment summary of August, 2022. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval for Chromebook Purchase

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the purchase of additional Chromebooks using ESSER Funds in the amount of \$54, 596.00. Mr. Shipp explained the shortage was due to additional enrollment and the purchase will also allow the district to have a few extra Chromebooks for backups. Dr. Hendricks suggested checking with the university for possible lower pricing because they purchase in bulk. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approving Network Upgrade with eRate Project

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the Network Project which would upgrade our network infrastructure and wireless access for CHS and ACW. Mr. Shipp explained we would need to use ESSER II Funds to cover \$149,759.29 of the \$347,210.20 worth of equipment. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider approval of Facility and Security Updates

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the updates as presented. The parts for the update will cost \$151,402.09 which will come out of Fund Balance. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the Ranking of Bids and Sale and Removal of the Former Ag Barn

Mr. Pierce made a motion to Approve the Sale/Removal of the Former Ag Barn to AJ Steel Reinforcing Services, Inc. for \$8,000.00. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of NETCAT Shared Service Arrangement

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the NETCAT Shared Service Arrangement. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Appointing 2022-2023 School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members

Mrs. Lytle made a motion to appoint the SHAC members as presented by Mrs. Myers. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Informational Report

The Regular October board meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Central Administration Building, with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Central Administration Building.

Board Members agreed that the language for the security signs for each campus should read 'Commerce ISD staff is trained to protect this campus'.

The check register was included.

The board acknowledged Mr. Starks' resignation from CISD Board of Trustees.

Adjournment...

Mr. Starks made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.



Kathleen Hooten, President



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary