

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 15, 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, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. and Dr. Ray Green. Mr. Doc Pierce was not present.

Consider Appointment of Board Member to Fill Unexpired Term of Place 6

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to name Ann Reel to fill the unexpired term of Place 6, which was vacated by Randy Starks in October 2022. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried. The place will be up for election in May of 2023.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:03 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 7:10 pm on December 15, 2022.

Opening Activities

Dr. 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 Mrs. Reel.

Citizens' Comments

Mrs. Kamatha Crockett spoke to the board regarding safety in our schools.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

None

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2022 and the financial statements and investment summary of November, 2022. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the Number of Reserve Police Officers

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to table the item. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Consider Approval of Beginning a Bid Process for a Lincoln VRTEX 360+Dual User Virtual Reality Welding Training Simulator (K4602-1) for the Applied Agricultural Engineering Program

A motion was made by Mrs. Lytle to approve the beginning of the bid process. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Informational Report

Enrollment is at it's highest in four years at 1520.

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

The January Board Meeting is set for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 with Executive Session beginning at 6:00 pm and the Open Session beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Central Administration Building.

Board Comments

Board Member Mr. Gabe Wittkopf requested that the district or designee review TCOLE records held by the district, as well as a review of personnel files and procedures.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would reconvene in Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 7:58 p.m. on December 15, 2022.

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hooten stated that the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President



Secretary