

## 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 January 17, 2023 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 Witkopf, Dr. Ray Green, Mrs. Ann Reel and Mr. Doc Pierce.

#### **Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 5:59 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 7:07 pm on January 17, 2023.

#### **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 Mr. Pierce.

#### **Citizens' Comments**

Mrs. Marlena Cameron spoke about the tremendous growth of the Ag program and thanked the board and district for their continued support. She stated that the FFA Alumni Auction is on April 7, 2023. Mrs. Kamatha Crockett asked the board to respond to her regarding safety in our schools.

#### **Reorganization of the Board of Trustees**

Mr. Pierce made a motion to keep Mrs. Hooten as President, elect Mr. Pierce as Vice President and keep Mr. Wittkopf as Secretary. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Recognition**

The CMS and CHS bands were recognized for all of their achievements. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace spoke about each student and shared that the district had achieved their personal best in multiple areas.

CISD Administrators recognized School Board Members during School Board Recognition Month by presenting gifts from each campus and the Central Administration.

**Showcase of Commerce Elementary School**

CMS Principal Patsy Nelle showed a video highlighting events held at the school thus far this year, she then introduced her staff.

**Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Green made a motion to accept Tina Bronson's resignation effective June 30, 2023. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept Kathy Myer's resignation effective February 17, 2023. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2022 and the Financial Statements and Investment Summary of December, 2022. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of a Separation Agreement with Chief of Police**

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the Separation Agreement with Chief of Police. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried with Dr. Hendricks opposed.

**Consider Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Re-Sell of Tax Foreclose Property by Public Sale, as Provided by Section 34.05 (c) of the Texas Property Tax Code**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Region 6 Education Service Center**

Dr. Green made a motion to Approve the Agreement with Region 6 Education Service Center. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of Purchasing a Lincoln VRTEX360+ Virtual Welder for the Agricultural Education Department**

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the purchase. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of Election Services Contract with Hunt County Elections Administrator Office**

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the contract. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Resolution and Order of Election Calling a School Board Trustee Election for Places 4, 5, and 6 of the Commerce ISD Board of trustees on May 6, 2023**

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

**Informational Report**

Enrollment is at it's highest in three years at 1522.

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

The February Board Meeting is set for Monday, February 20, 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**

None

**Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel (§551.074).

**Reconvene from Executive Session...**

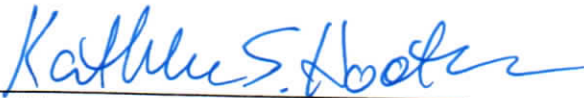
Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board ended its closed session at 9:12 p.m. on January 17, 2023.

**Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Mr. Pierce made a motion to extend Superintendent Alderman's contract by one year through 2025. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Adjournment...**

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



Kathleen Hooten, President



Gabe Wittkopf, Secretary