

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 June 20, 2023 at the Commerce ISD Administration Building. President 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. Kristal Jackson, Mrs. Ann Reel, Mr. Doc Pierce, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks and Mrs. Kathleen Hooten. Dr. Ray Green and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf were not present.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 6:02 pm p.m. 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 7:02 p.m. on June 20, 2023.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the American Flag was led by Mrs. Jackson and the Texas Flag was led by Mrs. Reel.

Citizen's Comments

None

CISD/TASB Salary Study Report

Mr. Zachary Hobbs from TASB presented a salary study report. CISD requests a salary study from TASB every five years.

Action on Items discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the following resignations: Lauren McPherson, Weston Evans, Michael Pointer, Carrie Campbell and Nicholas Campbell. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the following New Hires: Edward Lee, Julie Kanavel, Reyes Marsh, Linda Reichle, Donna Duvall, Sunjay Huffines, Jackson Bussey, Imani Taylor, Twonette Evans, Sandra Scholta, Donald Butler, Chelsea Williams, Jennifer Garrett, and Elizabeth Joslin. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the following Tri County New Hires: Terry Pope and Megan Bratton. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2023 and the Special Board Budget Meeting of May 23, 2023 and the Financial Statements and Investment Reports of May, 2023. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of a \$2,500 Employee Retention Stipend and a \$500 Stipend for all New CISD Employees

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the Retention Stipend and the Stipend for new employees. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Revision to DC (Local) Employment Practices

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Revision to delegate to the Superintendent final authority to employ/dismiss employees from April 1 to September 1 in each calendar year. This will be adopted by the board on an annual basis. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the Amendment of the 2022-2023 Budget

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the amendment as presented by Mr. John Walker. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Preliminary Budget for 23-24 as presented by Mr. John Walker. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Resolution Extending Depository Contract

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the Resolution Extending Depository Contract to Guaranty Bond Bank. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Property and Casualty Insurance

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the Insurance Policy as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Policy Update 121

Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept TASB Local Policy Update 121. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval to add Dual Credit Art Courses

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to accept ART 1300 and ART 1311 as dual credit courses. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval for the purchase of Network Switches and Wireless Access Points from Global Asset for the New Middle School

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Global Asset's bid for Network Switches and Access Points. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval for the Purchase of 380 Dell Student Chromebooks with ESSER II funds

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

Consider Approval to use an Interlocal Contract/Purchasing Cooperative as the Delivery Method Providing the Best Value for the Technology Packages at the New Middle School/Ag Facility

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Pathway Communications, Ltd. As the Contractor providing the Best Value for the Technology at the New Middle School/Ag Facility and Delegate Authority to the Superintendent or his Designee to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Pathway Communications, Ltd.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Informational Reports

ACE Grant renewed for five years at \$500,000 per year

If dry weather continued the concrete would be poured for the Ag Facility and four sections of the New Middle School on June 23, 2023


Accountability information will be released on September 29, going Public on October 11th


The Regular July Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023 at the Central Administration Building with closed session beginning at 6:00 pm and public session beginning at 7:00 pm.

The check register was included.

Adjournment...

Mrs. Reel made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Mrs. Hooten stated the meeting was adjourned.


Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees


Wayne Pierce, Acting Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees

