

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 October 16, 2023 at the Commerce ISD Administration Building. President 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. Kristal Jackson, Mrs. Ann Reel, Mr. Doc Pierce, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, and Mrs. Kathleen Hooten and Dr. Ray Green. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was not present.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 6:01 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 7:10 p.m. on October 16, 2023.

Opening Activities

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

Citizen's Comments

None

Presentation of Delinquent Tax Report

Mr. Patrick McArthur of PerdueBrandonFielderCollins & Motts gave the Board an update of the Districts delinquent taxes with a collection rate of 98.7% overall for tax year 2021. Mr. McArthur also gave an overview of his firm as well as an explanation of the tax cycle.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Justin Findley, Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the employment of Leslie Benson, RN/CES. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2023 and the Financial Statements and Investment Report of September, 2023

Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept the Minutes and Financial Statements for September, 2023 as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the 23-24 District Improvement Plan and the 23-24 Campus Improvement Plans

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to accept the DIP and CIPs as presented. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approving a Resolution to Employ or Accept as Volunteers Chaplains

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to table the Resolution until more information is available. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the 23-24 Opioid Overdose; Narcan/Naloxone Administration Policy

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the policy in accordance with SB 629. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) 23-24

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the SHAC Council for 23-24. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of NETCAT Shared Service Arrangement

Mrs. Reel made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Informational Reports

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on November 13, 2023, with executive session beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a Special Board Meeting on October 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm for Team of Eight Training/Legislative Update Training.

Principal Reports were presented.


Annual review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies was presented by Mr. John Walker.


Mr. Alderman read a letter of resignation from Gabe Wittkopf.

The Check Register was included.

Adjournment...

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. The meeting was adjourned.


Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees


Wayne Pierce, Acting Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees