

**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 November 13, 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. Wayne Pierce, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, and Mrs. Kathleen Hooten and Dr. Ray Green.

**Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 6:07 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 7:03 p.m. on November 13, 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 Dr. Green.

**Citizen's Comments**

Amber Rodriguez spoke regarding inadequate representation/bus transportation.

**Consider Approval of the 2022-2023 CISD Financial Audit**

Mr. Taylor of Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. explained that our district's total revenues were \$30,134,867. The total cost of all programs and services was \$29,242,456. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Recognition**

Cross Country was recognized for their successful season.

**Public Hearing on FIRST Rating**

Mr. John Walker stated that the district's rating went from an A (94) to a B (86).

**Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Terry Pope, Tri County. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to accept the employment of Mario Arellano, CES Police Officer. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 23, 2023, and the Financial Statements and Investment Report of October, 2023**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept the Minutes and Financial Statements for October, 2023. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of a \$500 Stipend for all Employees**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the \$500 stipend. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of TASB Update 122**

Mr. Pierce made a motion approve TASB Update 122. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of Commerce High School Concessions Bid**

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the bid from Robinson Benat Construction for the high school concessions, the total amount approved is \$700,000.00. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Approval of the Resolution to Cast the District's Allocated Votes for Board of Directors for the Hunt County Appraisal District**

Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve all 295 votes to Jim Bob Grove. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Informational Reports**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on December 14, 2023, with executive session beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a Special Board Meeting on December 4, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Principal Reports were presented.

Update on Construction.

The Check Register was included.

**Board Comments**

None

**Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced the Board would convene in Executive Session at 8:12 pm.

**Reconvene from Executive Session...**

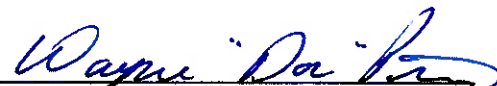
Mrs. Hooten announced the Board ended its closed session at 8:24 pm. On November 13, 2023.

**Adjournment...**

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm. The meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President  
CISD Board of Trustees



Wayne Pierce, Acting Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustees