

**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 August 19, 2024 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, Mr. Wayne Pierce, Mrs. Kathleen Hooten, Mrs. Tamara Beadles, Mrs. Ann Reel, Dr. Ray Green and Dr. LaVelle Hendricks. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session...**

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in Executive Session at 6:00 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 7:04 p.m. on August 19, 2024.

**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.

**Citizens Comments**

Heidi Richards praised the decision for no cell phones at the high school. She voiced her concern about only one parent having access to Skyward. She suggested looking into the possibility of both parents having access especially if divorced. She also spoke about the lack of professionalism in 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 July 15, 2024, and the Financial Statements and Investment Report for July, 2024. Mrs. Beadles seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Acceptance of Certification of 2024 Appraisal Rolls for Commerce ISD**

Mrs. Jackson made to motion to accept the appraisals as follows: Hunt County Chief Appraiser Brent South submitted certified values for Commerce ISD of \$879,522,675. Delta County certified values were \$15,596,020. Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Adoption of the Current Year Proposed Tax Rate & Resolution**

Mrs. Beadles made a motion to adopt the current tax rate as follows:

- Maximum Compressed Rate: 0.6169
- Enrichment Rate: 0.1383
- Total Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Rate: 0.7552
- Debt Service Rate: 0.5000
- Total Tax Rate: 1.2552

Mrs. Reel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Consider Appointment of Mary Shockley as an Adjunct Member of the Commerce Independent School District**

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Shockley. This appointment allows the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office to partner with Commerce ISD for various grant opportunities and related activities, thereby enhancing their ability to secure funding and support for their programs. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Informational Reports**

Our SSG Clinical Residents were introduced

Enrollment update, CISD is up 80 students from last year

The Check Register was included

The Mason's Cornerstone Dedication will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

The CMS Ribbon Cutting will be on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

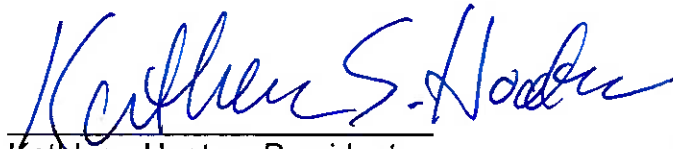
The Regular September Board Meeting will be held on September 16, 2024 at the Central Administration Building with Closed Session beginning at 6:00 pm and Regular Session beginning at 7:00 pm.

**Board Comments**

None

**Adjournment...**

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm. The meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President  
CISD Board of Trustees



Wayne Pierce, Secretary  
CISD Board of Trustee