# **Minutes of the Special Meeting**

The Board of Trustees
Commerce ISD

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on April 6, 2021, 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. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Ms. Etta Herring joined in Executive Session and Mr. Randy Starks was absent.

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

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:01 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 6:27 p.m. on April 6, 2021.

#### Citizens' Comments

None

## **Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session**

Dr. Green made a motion to accept resignations of professional personnel as follows: Glenda Henderson, CHS teacher; Bill Knutson, CHS teacher; Ja'Bria Miles, CMS teacher; Sawyer Cunningham, CHS teacher/cheer coach; Shaye Davis, CMS teacher; Dean Earls, CMS teacher; Elizabeth O'Dea, CMS teacher; and Justin Bundy, CHS teacher/coach. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Herring made a motion to accept the resignation of Tri County SSA personnel as follows: Kathy Summer, special ed counselor; and Deann Springer, Speech-Language Pathologist. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ Trey Marks, CHS teacher/coach. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by Architectural Firms for Construction of Commerce Middle School
The Board heard presentations from Corgan, Jacobs Engineering and Claycomb Associates
proposing their qualifications and ideas for new construction of a middle school.

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# Consider Approval of Architectural Firm to Begin Planning of Middle School Construction Project Including the Bond Election

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve Claycomb Associates as the architectural firm to begin planning construction of a new Commerce Middle School. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Green made a motion to narrow down the choices to two firms and seek more information and visit schools designed by the firms Corgan and Claycomb. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wittkopf. The motion passed with Dr. Hendricks opposing.

# Adjournment...

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

Kathleen Hooten, President

**CISD Board of Trustees** 

Etta Herring, Secretary

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