

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 December 17, 2020, 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. Randy Starks. Ms. Etta Herring joined during executive session and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:04 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 7:05 p.m. on December 17, 2020.

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Dr. Hendricks and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Mr. Starks.

Citizens' Comments

None

Public Hearing for Overview of School FIRST Rating for 2019-2020

Mr. Walker explained the School FIRST rating system and said the District received a superior A rating for the 2019-2020 school year.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the resignation of Natalie Capulong, CMS teacher. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ Audrey Michaels as a diagnostician for Tri County SSA. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 16, 2020 and the financial statements and investment summary for November 2020. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Attestation for Termination of Online Instruction

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the attestation for termination of online instruction for students not in compliance with attendance requirements. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Extension of Time to Use Emergency Paid Sick leave for the 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Charlie Alderman proposed the Board adopt a resolution to pay employees who are positive for COVID-19 or are quarantined after the federal FFCRA expires on December 31, 2020. The action would make pay available for the remainder of the 20-21 school year. Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discuss Future Building Projects

Mr. Alderman told the Board that the lease for the I-30 billboard was ending and he sought their thoughts on renewing the lease. Most agreed to forego the lease this year in favor of better economic times and if leased again, put the emphasis on students.

Mr. Alderman discussed the Neal Street football field that CISD turned over to the city in the early 1990's. The city actually never took legal possession of it. He stated that someone was interested in purchasing the property to build single-family homes. He said that he and the city manager had discussed splitting the proceeds of the sale. The City has been maintaining the property.

Mr. Alderman told board members that he was looking at the process of building a new middle school. He said that since the current middle school was the oldest building in the district and it has several infrastructure challenges, it was time to see if building a new school was even a possibility.

Informational Reports

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported a total of 1463 students enrolled, down 50 students from last year. Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten enrollment is smaller.

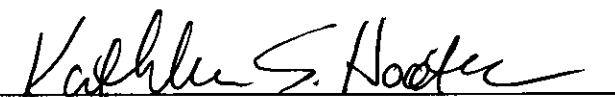
The date, time and location for the January Board meeting was set at Tuesday, January 19, 2022 with executive session to begin at 6 p.m. and the open session at 7 p.m. in the CISD Board Room.

Comments from Board Members

None

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
CISD Board of Trustees