

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 February 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. 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 were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. LaVelle Hendricks and Dr. Mark Reid were 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 7:06 p.m. on February 17, 2020.

Opening Activities *Mr. Starks*

~~Dr. Hendricks~~ led an invocation. The pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by A. C. Williams Elementary School student Rachel Nelle.

Citizens' Comments

None

Presentation of A.C. Williams Elementary School Campus Report

ACW Principal Lisa Palazzetti introduced her staff and showed a video which showcased events held at the school throughout the year.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to extend personnel contracts for administrators and supervisory personnel including Dr. Patricia Tremmel, Assistant Superintendent [12 months]; Al Shipp, Director of Technology [12 months]; Ludonna Smithers, Director of Personnel and Communication [12 months]; John Walker, Director of Finance [12 months]; Wanda Beane, Administrator [12 months]; Dr. Lisa Palazzetti, Administrator [12 months]; Tina Bronson, Administrator [12 months]; Steve Drummond, Administrator [12 months]; Roger Brown, Administrator/Coach [11 months]; Brad Swain, Administrator [11 months]; Nick Smith, Administrator [11 months]; Jeanie Putman, Administrator [11 months]; Patricia Nelle, Administrator [11 months]; Kathy Myers, director of health services [10 months] and Donna Yoakum, PEIMS/Payroll Supervisor [12 months]. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to extend contracts of Tri County SSA administrative personnel including Rachel Myers, director [12 months] and Melinda Reid, assistant director [11 months]. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Green made a motion to extend the contract of Andrea Ellis [11 months], NETCAT director. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2020, and the financial statements and investment summary for January 2020. Dr. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on School Improvement and Accountability Progress

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent, lead a presentation on progress toward increasing accountability ratings. Hannah Farrell, Sheila DeMidio and Cari Sturch, curriculum coordinators at CMS, ACW and CES, explained steps taken at their campuses including interim assessments and data disaggregation.

Consider Appointing Early Voting Clerks for May 2, 2020 Trustee Election

Dr. Green made a motion to appoint the early voting clerks as presented including Molly Jacobsen, Becky Patillo, Rita Krodle, Bonnie Hunter, Ludonna Smithers and Renee Bates. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Designating March 2-6, 2020 as Public Schools Week in Commerce ISD

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the Resolution designating March 2 – 6, 2020, as Public Schools Week in Commerce. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of 2020-2021 School Calendar

Dr. Tremmel explained that the calendar was developed after the UIL realignment. Reading Academy days were built in to allow for state-required training for K through third grade teachers. Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the 20-21 calendar as presented. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of High Bid for Resale Property

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve the sale of R41716 property, formerly owned by Ivory Moore, Sr. for \$38,500 to the Texas A&M University Board of Regents.
_____ seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Informational Reports...

Mr. Alderman reported enrollment of 1506 as of February 14, 2020, down 30 from last year.

The TASB Spring Workshop will be held at Texas A&M University-Commerce on May 11.

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 February 27, 2020, at 7:00 a.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. 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 were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Mark Reid was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 7:04 a.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 7:27 a.m. on February 27, 2020.

Citizens' Comments

Head Football Coach Cody Farrell and Hannah Farrell, district curriculum coordinator, asked to be released from their contracts.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 7:39 a.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 7:55 a.m. on February 27, 2020.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion table consideration of a resignation submitted by Cody Farrell, head football coach, until a special meeting to be held on March 3. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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 March 3, 2020, at 7:00 a.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. 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 were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. Dr. Mark Reid was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 7:01 a.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 7:18 a.m. on March 3, 2020.

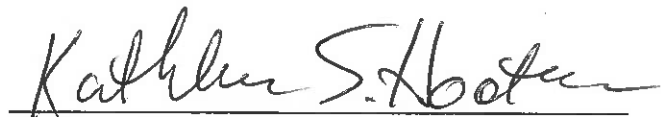
Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Starks made a motion to accept the resignations of Cody Farrell, head football coach, effective March 6, 2020, and Hannah Farrell, district instructional coordinator, effective May 15, 2020. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to employ John McSheffery as assistant athletic director, head football coach and teacher on a 12-month contract. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Consider Approval of TEA Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to adopt all instructional materials on the state-approved list for 2020-2021 and certify that for each subject in the required curriculum students have access to the instructional materials that cover all of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on COVID-19 Closures and Continued Instruction

Mr. Alderman stated that off-site paper and pencil instruction began March 23 for all grade levels with online instruction for grades 3 – 12 is planned to begin on March 30. The technology department is planning to distribute Chromebooks and hotspots to families who need them.

Dr. Hendricks said that he has been bringing up having partnerships with TAMU-C, the city and the district for the last six years so that the entire community can have WiFi. Mr. Shipp explained that maintaining the system was the concern as an entity would have to commit to funding.

Dr. Reid said it was imperative that students get back to school as soon as possible because of the lapse of knowledge over long periods of time and we know that children are safer in school.

Consider Approval of Resolution and Order of Cancellation of May 2 Trustee Election

Superintendent Charlie Alderman declared that current officeholders were unopposed in the election. Therefore, Mark Reid, Place 4, and LaVelle Hendricks, Place 5, are declared winners. Ms. Herring made a motion to approve the Resolution and Order of Cancellation of the May 2 Trustee Election. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

Dr. Reid made a motion to approve the resolution to extend wage payments during our emergency school closure for all employees. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports...

At this time, the TASB Spring Workshop at Texas A&M University-Commerce on May 11 has not been canceled.

Board training status will be announced at the April regular meeting.

The CSEE Foundation Boots & BBQ fundraiser has been canceled on April 4.

The date for the April Board meeting will be held Monday, April 20, 2020. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Executive session will be held at 6 p.m. Board members and citizens will be able to access the meeting remotely if current shelter-in-place orders exist.