

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 22, 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. The regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, 2021 was canceled and rescheduled due to extreme weather conditions.

Board members present for the meeting were Mrs. Hooten, Dr. Ray Green, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Mrs. Kelsey Lytle, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, 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 February 22, 2021.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the U.S. flag was led by Mrs. Lytle and the pledge to the Texas flag was led by Ms. Herring.

Citizens' Comments

City Manager Howdy Lesenbee spoke to the Board about the status of the community water system and when residents could expect to gain full water pressure. The entire city had no water for approximately one week due to equipment failure attributed to the extreme cold weather.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to employ extend administrators' contracts as presented 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, Dir. of Finance [12 months]

Wanda Beane, Administrator [12 months]

Dr. Lisa Palazzetti, Admin. [12 months]

Steve Drummond, Administrator [12 months]

Tina Bronson, Administrator [12 months]

Brad Swain, Administrator [11 months]

Nick Smith, Administrator [11 months]

Roger Brown, Admin./Coach [11 months]

Jeanie Putman, Administrator [11 months]

Patricia Nelle, Administrator [11 months]

Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2021, and the Special Meeting of January 25, 2021, and the financial statements and investment summary for January 2021. Ms. Etta Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of TASB Local Policies EI, Academic Achievement, and FMH, Student Activities, Commencement

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained these policy changes were requested to allow students who were passing their subjects but were having difficulties successfully passing one or more STAAR tests be given a Certificate of Completion at graduation. Dr. Green made a motion to approve TASB Local Policies EI and FMH as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deed for Two Commerce Properties

Dr. _____ made a motion to approve the sale of two properties to Bobby Fults of Commerce. The properties are Account Nos. 95647 and 95648. Mr. _____ seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of 2021-2022 School Calendar

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the 20-21 school calendar as presented. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Reports

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported that an enrollment update would be forthcoming.

The date, time and location for the March Board meeting was set for Thursday, March 18, 2021, due to spring break. Executive session will begin at 6 p.m. and the open session at 7 p.m. in the CISD Board Room. A special meeting was scheduled for 7 a.m., Friday, February 26.

Comments from Board Members

Dr. Hendricks thanked principals for participating in the recognition of staff and students for the MLK awards. He also stated that he thought it was important for graduation to be held as a gathering so that students could celebrate together.

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