

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 March 18, 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, 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 6:02 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 7:02 p.m. on March 18, 2021.

Opening Activities

Mr. Starks 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 Dr. Hendricks.

Citizens' Comments

None

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to accept resignations of professional personnel as follows: Kaitlin Lunceford, ACW teacher; Heather Fretwell, CMS teacher; Ed Palazzetti, CHS teacher/coach; Terry Buckley, CHS teacher; and Mason Y'barbo, CHS teacher/coach. Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Starks made a motion to extend contracts of Tri County SSA Professional Personnel including Rachel Myers, certified administrator; and Brandy Coffey, assistant director. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Green made a motion to extend the contract of NETCAT Director Andrea Ellis. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 22, 2021, and the Special Meeting of February 26, 2021, and the financial

statements and investment summary for February 2021. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Senior and Band Trips Beyond 100 Miles

Dr. Green made a motion to approve allowing the seniors and the band to travel outside of the 100-mile boundary to go to San Antonio and Disney World, respectively. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Appointing Early Voting Clerks for May 1, 2021, Trustee Election

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve early voting clerks as follows:

Molly Jacobsen	Early Voting Clerk
Becky Pattillo	Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Rita Krodle	Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Bonnie Hunter	Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Ludonna Smithers	Deputy Early Voting Clerk
Renee Bates	Deputy Early Voting Clerk.

Mr. Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Resolution Regarding Wage Payments during Emergency School Closings

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing payment to employees when the district was closed due to inclement weather. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Plan for Making Up Missed Instructional Days

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the use of banked minutes in the school calendar to make up for the days missed in February due to bad weather. The action allows schools to be closed on Good Friday. Mrs. Lytle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Informational Report

Superintendent Charlie Alderman reported that enrollment was 1450, down 28 students from January.

He said the CHS Band made superior ratings at the Solo & Ensemble contest and the CHS Robotics team won the State VEX championship.

Principal reports, senior activities and the check register were included.


The date, time and location for the April Board Meeting was set for the third Monday of the month, April 19, 2021, with executive session beginning at 6 p.m. and the regular session at 7 p.m. A special meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, to view presentations from three architectural firms who will be vying for the chance to plan for the middle school construction.

Comments from Board Members

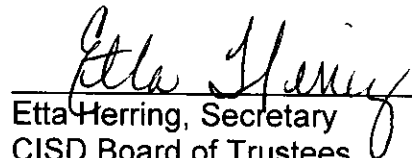
Dr. Hendricks said that he thought it appropriate to honor female employees during Women's Appreciation Month. He also announced that the inaugural Janet Peek and Ann Champion Women of Distinction and Honor Awards Ceremony would be held at the university on March 28 honoring Dr. Mary Hendrix, Claudia Santibanez-Garcia, Betty Casselberry, Rolonda Henry, Paula Blow, Harriet Williams, Etta Herring, Maria Ada Santibanez, Opal Pannell, Veronica Reed, Becky Thompson and Kathleen Sullivan Hooten.

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