

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 August 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, and Ms. Etta Herring. Mr. Gabe Wittkopf joined in executive session. Mr. Randy Starks was absent.

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss safety and security (§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 7:09 p.m. on August 17, 2020.

Opening Activities

Dr. Hendricks led an invocation. The pledge to the American flag was led by Dr. Green and Texas flag was led by Ms. Herring.

Citizens' Comments

CHS teacher Glenda Henderson addressed the board about keeping students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The only way to do that, she said, is to maintain a low number of students on campus by continuing the use of the hybrid model of instruction where half of the students come two days a week and the other half follows suit.

CHS teacher Karri Anderson encouraged the board to keep smaller class sizes by continuing under the hybrid model stating the campus needed more time to work intelligently through the crisis.

CHS teacher Joyce Sample said the hybrid model was working at the high school and encouraged the board to base their decision on the needs of each campus.

Parent Jennifer Knight said it was difficult to working parents to get their children to athletics all five days when they were only going to school for two days.

Parent Kami Busby stated while on-campus instruction may not be the best but she was unable to teach her child with special education needs at home five days a week. She also stated that she didn't want the cheer team members to fall behind for competition.

Action on Items Considered in Executive Session

No action resulted.

Discussion of FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Preliminary Rating

Director of Finance John Walker said the district has received an "A" Superior preliminary rating in the FIRST system, scoring 94 out of a possible 100 points. A public hearing will be held when the final report is released.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 27, 2020 and the Special Meeting of August 5, 2020, and the financial statements and investment summary for July 2020. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Approval of Tax Resale Deed Involving Property Account #54646

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to approve the sale of property at 806 Plum St. in Commerce for the amount of \$1380 to Joe and Shirley Davis. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consider Approval of Resolution Designating Superintendent Authority to Approve and Submit Asynchronous Instructional Plan to TEA

Ms. Herring made a motion to approve designating Superintendent Charlie Alderman authority to approve and submit the district asynchronous instructional plan to TEA. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on COVID-19 Related Instructional Arrangements

After much discussion, Dr. Green made a motion to open CES, ACW and CMS to face-to-face instruction on Monday, August 14. CHS would remain using the hybrid model. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Possible Action on Broadcasting Board Meetings

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that only districts with 10,000 or more students were required to broadcast board meetings. He stated that he had a concern with using Zoom. The cost for streaming and storing board meetings was approximately \$16,000 to \$20,000 to do it correctly. Mrs. Hooten said she saw no reason to spend money on streaming at this time. Dr. Hendricks said to spend money for immediate needs.

Informational Reports

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020. Principals gave campus reports.

Comments from Board Members

None

Executive Session...

Mrs. Hooten announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss personnel: superintendent's review and superintendent's compensation (§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 8:59 p.m. on August 17, 2020.

Action on Items Considered in Executive Session

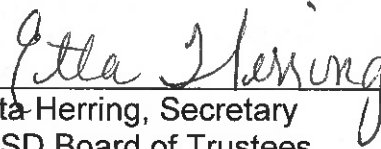
Dr. Hendricks made a motion to change the superintendent's health insurance plan covering him and his family to be moved to the TRS HD plan. Mr. Wittkopf seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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