

# Minutes of the Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees  
Commerce ISD

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A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on August 27, 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, Ms. Etta Herring, and Mr. Randy Starks, Mr. Gabe Wittkopf was absent.

## **Citizens' Comments**

Mrs. Hooten read a citizen's comment sent via email. Joshua Koch said he favored continuing sports during COVID-19 as long as no one who was exposed is onsite.

## **Opening Activities**

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

## **Discussion and Possible Action on COVID-19 Closures**

Mr. Starks made a motion to approve a resolution which rescinded the action taken on August 5, 2020 which said that the district could close if more than 10 percent of students at a campus had confirmed or assumed confirmed cases and replaced it with a campus shall be closed to in-person instruction for a period not to exceed five days if more than one percent of the students are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 at the same time. The resolution also granted Superintendent Charlie Alderman authority to determine if a campus closure would result in cancellation of extracurricular activities. Dr. Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Hendricks made a motion to cancel the varsity football game on August 28, 2020. Ms. Herring seconded the motion. The motion failed two to two with Dr. Green abstaining. Mr. Starks and Mrs. Hooten voted against the measure.

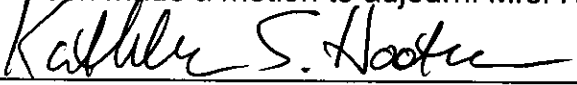
## **Comments from Board Members**

Dr. Green asked that the Board revisit the options for extracurricular activities at a future meeting, Superintendent Charlie Alderman asked if Board members could meet the following week. Mrs. Hooten said she would contact Mr. Wittkopf about his availability.

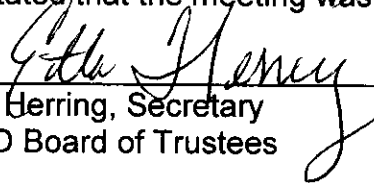
Dr. Hendricks asked that the term co-curricular be used in the place of extracurricular. Mr. Alderman said he would consult an attorney.

**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