

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Dr. Jan Reddoch called the meeting to order. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited and Mr. Willie Myles gave the invocation. All Board Members were present except Dr. Glenn Garrison.

The following Board members were present:

Jan Reddoch, Vice President
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Willie Myles
Mark Gregurek
Earl Mathis
Peggy Ellis

The following Board members were absent:

Dr. Glenn Garrison

The following staff members were present:

Randy Miksch, Superintendent
Dr. Donna Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Federal & Special Programs
Vincent Strother, Executive Director of Business Services
Michael Heinroth, Principal, Sweeny Elementary School
Michael Saul, Principal, Sweeny Junior High School
Brain Brooks, Principal, Sweeny High School
Martha Finley, Recording Secretary

Also present for this meeting:

Alton Ward
Tom Linklater – NSA
Antony Maenza
Kathy Wolford
Holly Romero

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - None

CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve CONSENT ADGENDA ITEM A - MINUTES of the Special Board Meeting held on July 23, 2013. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to approve CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS B-F. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the employment of Laura Zajicek Genella as a teacher for the 2013-2014 school year and accept the resignations of Deanna Ramirez effective July 5, 2013 and Kimberly Koenig effective August 1, 2013 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

SISD STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK 2013-2014 – MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, to approve the Sweeny ISD Student-Parent Handbook 2013-2014 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

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SISD EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 2013-2014 – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to approve the Sweeny ISD Employee Handbook 2013-2014 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

CHANGE BOARD MEETING DATE IN MARCH, 2014 – MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Myles, to approved changing the regular SISD Board meeting from March 11, 2014 to March 18, 2014 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried,

2013-2014 BUDGET REVIEW – Mr. Strother provided everyone with copies of the proposed 2013-2014 SISD Budget and presented the information. Mr. Tom Linklater, NAS was available for to answer questions.

CONSIDER PROPOSING A 2013 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 2013-2014 BUDGET AND THE 2013 PROPOSED TAX RATE – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the proposed 2013 tax rate of \$1.2117 per \$100, with \$1.0400 per \$100 designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.1717 per \$100 designated for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness, and that the Board schedule and publish notice for a public meeting to discuss the 2013-2014 budget and the 2013 proposed tax rate for August 29, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Sweeny Independent School District Board Room, 1310 N. Elm Street, Sweeny, Texas as presented and recommended. The amounts above are based on the effective tax rate calculations performed by the Brazoria Count Tax Office. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FOR THE STATE – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to approve the attached *Agreement for the purchase of Attendance Credits* with the Commissioner of Education, and authorize the Board President and Secretary and the Superintendent to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit a letter of intent to the Commissioner of Education regarding actions underway by the District to affect Options 3 or 4. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICES FOR 2013-2014 – MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Myles, to approve the proposed meal prices for the 2013-2014 school year. The District requests approval to increase meal prices annually as mandated by USDA until the District is compliant with section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The increase shall be rounded to the nearest \$.10 increment and will remain compliant with the USDA pricing equity chart. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

OAK FARMS DAIRY MILK PRODUCTS BID 2013-2014 – Mr. Miksch explained that a two-year contract with Oak Farms which extended thru 2015 was located late August 12, 2013: therefore, this item was pulled.

DISTRICT AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS/OBJECTIVES - MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mr. Myles, to approve the 2013-2014 Sweeny ISD District and Campus Improvement Plan Goals and Objectives as present and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

PDAS CALENDAR\APPRAISERS FOR 2013-2014 – Dr. Thompson presented the information. Board Members asked if having an administrator in the classroom was a distraction to the students. The reply was that the administrators are in the classroom often enough that this is not a distraction. Mr. Miksch welcomed the Board members to the campuses/classrooms at any time after checking in with the front office of the campus. MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, to approve the Sweeny ISD 2013-2014 Professional Development and Appraisal Calendar along with the roster of certified Sweeny ISD Professional Development and Appraisal System appraisers as presented. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

TAX RESALE PROPERTY ACCOUNTS # 0084-0079-000, # 0084-0083-000, and # 0084-0090-000 – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Gregurek, to approve the offers on Tax Resale Property Accounts # 0084-0079-000 for \$3,267; # 0084-0083-000 for \$3,267; and # 0084-0090-000 \$4,266 from Mr. Andrew Shebay as presented and recommended. All offers on the properties met the Board's criteria. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

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TASB SERVICE AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT EMPLOYEE SURVEY – STAFF - Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder and Mrs. Ellis have conducted discussions in earlier board meetings concerning TASB employee surveys. Tonight Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder said that they are ready for the Board’s consideration of approval. TASB’s cost for this Employee Survey is \$3,356. Mrs. Ellis added that November 3, 2013 is the date they want this survey conducted. Mr. Miksch said that an approval is necessary so TASB/we can set the date.

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, to approve the *TASB Service Agreement to Conduct Employee Survey* for \$3,356 as presented and recommended.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – The following additions were made to the School Board Committee: additions in bold.

POLICY REVIEW

Willie Myles
Peggy Ellis
Mark Gregurek
Holly Romero - Community
Michael Heinroth – Administrator

COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS

Earl Mathis
Jan Reddoch
Willie Myles

TECHNOLOGY

Earl Mathis
Mark Gregurek
Donna Schroeder

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

Jan Reddoch
Peggy Ellis
Donna Schroeder

REPORTS

- A. BULLDOG BELLE OVERNIGHT TEAM BUILDING TRIP - Mr. Miksch informed the Board of the overnight team building camp at John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas from August 15 to August 16 that the Belles will attend.
- B. Disbursements
- C. Financial Statements
- D. Monthly Investment Report
- E. Balance Sheets on Activity Funds and District Textbook Activity Fund Report
- F. Tax Collection Report
- G. Transportation Trip Expense and Monthly Student Count Reports

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Mathis shared that he is receiving lots of positive comments on our new Athletic Director Coach Kilby.

Mr. Miksch committed that everyone is back at work and everyone is doing a good job and we are ready to start the new school year.

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Also Mr. Miksch gave us an update on the School Finance Litigation. We are part of the Fort Bend Group and we are represented by Thompson and Horton Law Firm. We go back to trial in January and we are in it for the long haul.

Everyone is welcomed to attend the back to school breakfast on August 19th at 8:00 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Dr. Thompson added that we will have a special speaker and also Damon ISD has been invited to join us.

Mr. Miksch then commented on the District's State Accountability Ratings. The Board was given the rating in the August 9th, Friday Bulletin. "Staff, Administrators, and students did a great job! We are reminded that this is only a measure of our District".

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Reddoch adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Jan Reddoch in absentia of Dr. Garrison

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder