

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Special Public Hearing Meeting on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Dr. Garrison called the meeting to order. Peggy Ellis gave the invocation. All Board Members were present except Willie Myles and Donna Bohlar-Schroeder.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Glenn Garrison, President
Dr. Jan Reddoch, Vice President
Peggy Ellis
Mark Gregurek
Earl Mathis

The following Board member was absent:

Willie Myles
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder

The following staff members were present:

Randy Miksch, Superintendent
Vincent Strother, Executive Director of Business Services & Support Services
Martha Finley, Recording Secretary

Guests:

Becky McManus – Jigsaw School Finance Solutions, LLC
Kevin O’Hanlon – O’Hanlon, McCollom & Demerath
Greg Poole – Jigsaw School Finance Solutions, LLC
Chaney Moore – Chevron Phillips Chemical Company

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Dr. Garrison opened the Public Hearing at 2:01 p.m. and read the Board Policy CE (LOCAL) which states how the annual hearing is conducted. He announced this meeting was opened to the public. Kevin O’Hanlon informed the Board of a new Section 8.15 - Development of District Technical Training Programs that had been added since their last meeting. He then passed out Financials (Estimated Financial impact of the Chevron Phillips #281 & #283 Projects Property Value Limitation) and First-Year M&O Tax Benefits for SISD which he explained to the Board. Dr. Garrison said that for the record and the benefit of the Public ..that over the lifetime of the agreement the school district is picking up about 2.5 million on the state requirement of \$100/per student weighted average daily attendance and given our current number of students of about 1800. The Company’s benefit during that same period of time is 44 million on one and 27 on the other for a net benefit of 71 million. From the school districts viewpoint, we very much appreciate the Company’s willingness to consider the side letter and the things it will do for us. We are a declining enrollment school district which means we send more and more money to the state and the best way to avoid that declining enrollment is to offer something that no one else does or offer something of value that help bring us transfer students This program is of mutual benefit. You have a work force that it aging out in technical positions and we have a population, to many of whom go to college, get a serious college debt,

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and then are unemployable when they graduate. Our business is to try to keep that from happening and therefore we are interested in what you are offering. If we can attract transfer student we will be able to reverse our downward slide of enrollment and therefore keep more local revenues here in Sweeny and that is what we are trying to do..... Dr. Garrison asked is there anyone that has anything to add to this Public Hearing. He announced this 3 times. There was none and the Public Hearing was ended at 2:16 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:17 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T. CODE 551.087 (DELIBERATION CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING:

- A. Application of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP, for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. (*Texas Comptroller Application Number 281*)
- B. Application of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. (*Texas Comptroller Application Number 283*)
- C. Application of Phillips 66 Company for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. (*Texas Comptroller Application Number 286*)
- D. Potential application of Phillips 66 Company for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code for Freeport Liquefied Petroleum Gas Terminal and Support project.

The Board reconvened at 2:33 pm.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE BOARD FINDINGS AND VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT BASED ON APPLICATION FOR A LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES SUBMITTED BY CHEVRON PHILLIPS CHECMIAL COMPANY, LP (TEXAS COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NUMBER 281) AND

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MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek and seconded by Mr. Mathis, I move that the Board approve the Board Findings and Value Limitation Agreement based on the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes submitted by Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP (Texas Comptroller Application #281 and #283. All voted aye. (5-0) Motion carried.

PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY 313 VALUE LIMITATION EXTENSION CONSIDERATION - Mr. Miksch said that they are not ready to move on this and we need to continue our negotiations – we need to extend this agreement until April 30th. MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch and seconded by Mrs. Ellis that the Board approve the Resolution extending the 151-day time limit for final Board action on the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes submitted by Philips 66 Company. All voted aye (5-0) Motion carried.

HB 1200 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – Mr. Miksch said that Mr. Adair has another project that they would like to do another application for 313 Texas Economic Development Project. They ask the Board to support them in their application. Dr. Garrison said this is an application to the Comptroller’s Office. MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis,

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seconded by Mrs. Reddoch to support the Board to approve the resolution and that the Board President and Board Secretary be authorized to execute the resolution. All voted aye. (5-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE ADDITION OF "EXTENDED BEREAVEMENT LEAVE" TO BOARD POLICY DEC (LOCAL) –

Mr. Miksch stated that it has become necessary to add a Bereavement Leave Policy to our DEC (Local) because of an unfortunate situation that happened recently to one of our employees and the death of her son, and she was out of sick leave or time for bereavement. We have modeled this policy after the extended leave policy. Mr. Mathis asked if this is retroactive. Mr. Miksch said yes because it is still December. Dr. Garrison asked about the donation of days to other individuals? Mr. Miksch said we do have a sick leave bank, but that this employee unfortunately had not signed up for the sick leave bank because she was home on maternity leave.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mrs. Reddoch, I recommend that the Board of Trustees approved the addition of the "Extended Bereavement Leave" to Sweeny ISD's Local DEC Policy as presented. Dr. Garrison said that he has complete and total sympathy for this individual and since we have a policy that allows you to buy substitute time already in place Dr. Garrison said from a business prospective this it is bad thing to do to change your policy to accommodate a circumstance rather than the circumstances to accommodate a policy. Discussion followed. All voted aye. (5-0) Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Dr. Glenn Garrison

Jan Reddoch