MINUTES

At 6:00 p.m. the annual photo of the Board of Trustees and Superintendent was taken by Mr. Anthony Maenza of the Brazoria County News. The photo will appear in the "West of the Brazos" section to be run this August 2013.

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Dr. Glenn Garrison called the meeting to order. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited and Dr. Garrison gave the invocation. All Board Members were present.

The following Board members were present:
Glenn Garrison, President
Jan Reddoch, Vice President
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Willie Myles
Mark Gregurek
Earl Mathis
Peggy Ellis

The following Board members were absent:
None

The following staff members were present:
Randy Miksch, Superintendent
Dr. Donna Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Federal & Special Programs
Dan Schaefer, Executive Director of Business Services - Outgoing
Vincent Strother, Executive Director of Business Services - Incoming
Tommye Anne Heinroth, Recording Secretary

Also present for this meeting:
Donna Gregurek
Gary Eubanks
Linda Eubanks
Gary Woodard
Loretha Edison
Alan Gentiles
Tammi Chenault
Tina L. Allison
Jeremy Way

HONOR PAST BOARD MEMBERS – Dr. Garrison introduced and thanked former Board Members and then Mr. Miksch presented plaques to each: Mr. Gary Eubanks (2003-2012 Member and President), Gary Woodard (2010-2013), and Loretha Edison (2012-2013). Each were praised for their service to our District. We are very appreciative of their dedication to our personnel and students. Clarissa Petteway-Smith was out of town and could not attend.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - Mr. Jeremy Way addressed the Board in reference to the hiring of a new Ag teacher. Rumors and rumors but he doesn't like them. He and other FFA parents are concerned that a very good man, Brian Cummins, applied for the Ag position but was given no opportunity…passed over. Mr. Cummins has a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Agriculture. The job is to be given to someone with zero qualifications, no Ag experience. Ag is Mr. Cummins' life. Mr. Way told the Board he hopes they figure out what's going on and helps them out.

CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to approve Consent Agenda Items A-G as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

- Personnel

The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 6:37 p.m.

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Myles, to approve the personnel items. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried. Dr. Garrison stated for the record that the Ag teacher position was not on tonight's agenda. He then asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Heinroth asked if the full "Recommended Action" was going to be read and he replied "no."

Dr. Garrison said that in reference to the patron who addressed the Board earlier that the FFA position hiring was not on tonight's agenda and there's not been a recommendation from the staff regarding who they will hire.

TASB POLICY UPDATE 97, AFFECTING LOCAL POLICIES DBAA, DPB, AND GBBA – The Local policies included in Update 97 affect employment requirements and restrictions/criminal history and credit reports; personnel positions/substitute, temporary, and part-time positions; and school communications programs/news media relations.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the additions, revisions, or deletions as recommended by TASB Policy Service Update 97 affecting Local Policies DBAA, DPB, and GBBA and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 97 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY STAAR-EOC RESULTS – Dr. Donna Thompson gave everyone a handout titled "State Accountability Index 1: Student Achievement – STAAR Satisfactory Performance" containing information for Sweeny Elementary (3-5), Sweeny Junior High (6-8), and Sweeny High School (EOC and Exit Level TAKS). She then presented the information in full detail. These figures are preliminary. Each campus averaged 81%. There has been no way for our teachers to prepare for these particular tests – overall, we have done very well. Discussion followed. Mr. Miksch concluded that we have good teachers and they'll figure out how to help our students score even higher as these tests are administered in the future.

HB 1200 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – On April 9, 2013, an application for an appraised value limitation pursuant to HB 1200 was received from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP. Laws enacted during the 81st Legislature require the Board to "elect to consider the application" before the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts will process. As required by law, a copy of the application along with other required information will be forwarded to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Brazoria County Appraisal District.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Dr. Reddoch, to approve the resolution and that the Board President and Board Secretary are authorized to execute the resolution. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

2013-2014 BUDGET UPDATE – Mr. Dan Schaefer presented the budget information. Discussion included how to make SISD the "District of Choice" – housing, chemical plants, steel plant, encouraging more out-of-district transfer students to attend SISD, and working with the City to make things a little easier for our city to grow.

SWEENY JUNIOR HIGH'S TSA STUDENTS' OUT-OF-STATE TRIP – Mr. Miksch presented the information on behalf of Junior High TSA teacher/sponsor Mark Manley.

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve Sweeny Junior High TSA Sponsor Mark Manley and students Shelby Way, Ryan Ferguson, and Bobby Frankum to travel to Orlando, FL, to compete in the TSA National Contest June 27-July 2. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD AGENDA PRESENTATION AND BOARD CALENDAR DISCUSSION – Dr. Garrison conducted the discussion on each of these topics. Copies of a Pearland ISD Agenda and a Pearland ISD Board Calendar were given to everyone.

RE: Pearland ISD Agenda – He suggested that the Board go into Executive Session first (for Personnel always) and "Communication from the Public" would be acknowledged later.

RE: Pearland ISD Board Calendar – Dr. Garrison and Dr. Reddoch have discussed having a Board calendar – see handout.

Dr. Garrison then addressed having Board Member Committees. He hopes the Board Members will volunteer and that assignments will not be necessary. These are the committees:

A. Community in Schools Committee: promote mentorship with local churches, etc.; have students buy into community involvement; increases visibility of District personnel so passing a bond would be easier.
B. Policy Review Committee: Board Members will study the policies proposed by TASB more closely.
C. Technology and CATE: we need to be doing a better job.
D. Special Programs Committee: look at all special programs and bring ideas back to the Board. The Board would sponsor banquets to honor staff and students with their achievements.

Dr. Garrison will send out committees and their purposes.

Lastly, Dr. Reddoch requested that TASB's Bill Nemir return in reference to the Superintendent's evaluation.

2013 TASA/TASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY – The Board approved Mrs. Donna Bohlar-Schroeder as Delegate and Mrs. Peggy Ellis as Alternate to the 2013 TASA/TASB Convention-Delegate Assembly convening in Dallas on September 27-29, 2013. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

BOARD CONSIDERATION ON SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Dr. Garrison referred to the Board's Goals as the basis for the Superintendent's evaluation. He said this would constitute success.

A. Goals will be completed by the Superintendent.
B. TASB's Mr. Nemir will be asked to return to meet with the Board/Superintendent.
C. Superintendent turns in documents in January.

Dr. Garrison asked the Board members if they agree with this plan and they all answered "yes".

This item is to be placed on the July 9 Board Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION FROM SHAC COMMITTEE ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY-ABSTINENCE CURRICULUM – This agenda item was tabled by the Board at its Regular meeting on May 14 for further review. It was requested at that

time to be placed on the June 11 Board Agenda. The curriculums were in Dr. Thompson's office and everyone was encouraged to look at it at any time.

The comparison was again included in the Board Packet for the Board members to view: "Comparing the Curriculums for Human Sexuality Course" – Scott & White's "Wellness & Sexual Health" and "Big Decisions". Dr. Thompson said there was one correction to be noted in the motion before the Board tonight: "…Health classes at the Sweeny High School but the Junior High Faculty will decide how/what class the curriculum will be taught". She added that the Junior High will probably be taught in the PE classes, but that is yet to be decided. Discussion and comments followed. The SHAC Committee consists of approximately 23 people – SISD Administrators, teachers, and parents. They discussed this thoroughly before placing their recommendation before the Board.

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, to adopt Scott & White's "Wellness and Sexual Health" as the District's curriculum for human sexuality and abstinence to be taught within Health classes at the Sweeny High School and allow the Junior High School faculty to decide how and what class the curriculum will be taught. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

Dr. Garrison stated "for clarity" that in reference to the 6-7-8th graders, anyone can opt out of the class and that a teacher or counselor will teach the class.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dr. Garrison asked each Board Member if they had any future Agenda items. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Garrison adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Glenn Garrison Donna Bohlar-Schroeder