

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Mr. Mathis called the meeting to order. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited and Mr. Mathis gave the invocation. All Board Members were present except Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder.

The following Board members were present:

Earl Mathis, President
Connie McAda, Vice President
Peggy Ellis
Debra Fields-Bell
Glenn Garrison
Jan Reddoch

The following Board Members were absent:

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent
Gerald Nixon, Director of HR/PR
Amy Pope, Executive Director of Curriculum, Compliance & Special Programs
Les Kluttz, Executive Director of Support Services
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and Board
Amy Carter, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Bertsch, Director of Technology
Jackie Hornback, Payroll/Benefits
Kathy Wolford, Director of Child Nutrition
Darin Presto, Director of Accountability, Analytics & Achievement
Brett Miksch, High School Principal
Michael Saul, Jr. High Principal
Michael Heinroth, Elementary Principal
Joey Olguin, Dean of Students
Jalyn White-Wick, Teacher
Jenna Crowell, Teacher
Mark Manley, CTE Coordinator
John Ideus, SISD Chief of Police
Sandra Vandaveer, Director of SpEd/LSSP
Daron Gilliam, Maintenance
Stewart Crouch, Maintenance
Marsha Brown, Teacher
Steven Slaughter, Teacher

Also present for this meeting:

Art Chandler, County News
Robert Williams
Angela Dodson
David Dodson
Angela Ritter
Loretha Edison
Karen Dooley, TASB

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Robert Williams – House Bill 21

Loretha Edison – Thank you from Greater Mount Zion Church

RECOGNITION

Les Kluttz recognized Daron Gilliam and Stewart Crouch of Support Services

HR STAFFING & OPERATIONS REVIEW FINDINGS

Presentation by Karen Dooley of TASB

RECOGNITION

Mark Manley – Technology Student Association (TSA) students

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:15 PM

Texas Government Code Section 551.001 Closed meeting will be held for the purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Discuss and Consider Board approval of hiring of professional contractual personnel (Texas Government Code 551.074) New Hires

Discuss and Consider Board approval of local certification request for Health Science Teacher at Sweeny High School (Texas Government Code 551.074)

New Hires

Board reconvened from Executive Session into Open Session at 7:47 PM

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Garrison to accept hiring of professional contractual personnel as presented and recommended. All vote aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF LOCAL CERTIFICATION REQUEST FOR HEALTH SCIENCE TEACHER AT SWEENEY HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept local certification request for Health Science teacher as presented and recommended. All voted aye.

BUDGET UPDATE (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

Information presented

SURPLUS PROPERTY UPDATE (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

Information presented

TRE TIMELINE (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

Information presented

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 616
- Consider Board Approval of Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 682
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 698
- Consider Board Approval of Purchases Exceeding \$50,000.00
- Consider Board Approval of Budget Amendments

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- Consider Board Approval of Quarterly Investment Report

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison to approve items A-G. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WELLNESS POLICY UPDATE (PRESENTATION BY AMY POPE)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the TASB Wellness policy as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEXAS PRINCIPAL EVALUATION & SUPPORT SYSTEM (T-PESS) APPRAISAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve the 2017-2018 Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (T-PESS) calendar as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF SWEENEY ISD TEXAS TEACHER EVALUATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEM CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018 (T-TESS) (PRESENTATION BY GERALD NIXON)

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept 017-2018 Sweeny ISD Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System Calendar. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INNOVATIVE COURSES AND PROGRAMS (PRESENTATION BY MARK MANLEY)

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the innovative courses as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CTE COURSES FOR STATE AND LOCAL CREDIT (PRESENTATION BY MARK MANLEY)

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve courses as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FROM THE STATE (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approved the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits with the Commissioner of Education, and authorized 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 Option 4. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO PROVIDING FOR THE DEFEASANCE OF SERIES 2012 BONDS (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the resolution calling for the defeasance and redemption of certain Sweeny Independent School District unlimited tax refunding bonds, series 2012; directing the redemption of such bonds; and containing other matters related thereto. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSING A 2017 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 2017-2018 BUDGET AND THE 2017 PROPOSED TAX RATE (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to propose a 2017 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 2017-2018 budget and the 2017 proposed tax rate for August 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Sweeny Independent School District Board Room, 1310 N Elm Street, Sweeny, Texas. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SISD SAFETY AND SECURITY AUDIT (PRESENTATION BY JOHN IDEUS)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to accept the findings and recommendations in the audit to promote safety and security awareness in the District. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SWEENY ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR 2017-2018
(PRESENTATION BY GERALD NIXON)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept 2017-2018 Sweeny ISD Student Code of Conduct. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER STAFF INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT (PRESENTATION BY AMY CARTER)

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to increase the insurance supplement by \$120 per year for all full-time non-administrative personnel, and \$60 per year for all part-time non-administrative personnel. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER STAFF PAY FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell that the Board approve the 2% incentive as presented and recommended but holding back on individuals that have already been adjusted or will be adjusted. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD OF TRUSTEES GRADUATION DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION POLICY FMH (LOCAL)

No action. To postponed until the next regular Board meeting per Mr. Mathis.

REPORTS

No questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Ellis suggested having a “Bulldog Hall of Fame”

Future agenda items:

Brand our District/Petro Chem Academy (showcase) with TASB

Board Self-Assessment to be added to Board Workshop on September 26, 2017

Advanced Academics

Board adjourned at 9:42 PM

Earl Mathis

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder