

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 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.

The following Board members were present:

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

The following Board Members were absent:

All present

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent  
Gerald Nixon, Executive Director of HR  
Amy Pope, Executive Director of Curriculum, Compliance & Special Programs  
Brett Miksch, Principal, Sweeny High School  
Michael Heinroth, Principal, Sweeny Elementary School  
Michael Saul, Principal, Sweeny Jr. High School  
Mark Manley, Teacher Jr. High  
Les Kluttz, Ex Dir Support Services  
Amye Kibodeaux, Recording Secretary  
Allen Schoppe, Business Office  
Kelly Bertsch, Director of Technology  
Jackie Hornback, Payroll/Benefits  
Sandra Vandaveer, Director Special Education/LSSP  
Linda Leopold, Teacher Elementary  
Donna Thompson, Curriculum & Development Coordinator  
Kim Rayl, Teacher High School  
Tracie Arnold, Teacher Elementary  
Christen Kersh, High School Teacher  
Amber Stowers, High School Tech  
Samantha Kuykendall, Teacher High School

Also present for this meeting:

Agatha Sanchez  
Paul Kibodeaux  
Haley Turner, Walsh Gallegos  
Jenny Massey  
Emily Chapelle, Pitsco  
Michelle Turbett  
Dan Turbett  
Ashlynn Turbett, Valedictorian  
Caitlin Westjohn, Salutatorian

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR (PRESENTATION: CAMPUS PRINCIPALS)

Presentation made by campus Principals. Elementary: Shannon Ashworth, Jr. High: Paige Pate, and High School: Christen Kersh.

SHS VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN (PRESENTATION: BRETT MIKSCH)

Presentation by Brett Miksch. Valedictorian: Ashlynn Turbett and Salutatorian: Caitlin Westjohn.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, READING, ENGINEERING, ART AND MATHEMATICS – STREAM (PRESENTATION: AMY POPE AND EMILY CHAPELLE OF PITSCO)

Presentation by Amy Pope and Emily Chapelle. There was Discussion.

Dr. Garrison arrived to meeting at 6:30 PM

**Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:45 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Texas Government Code 551.071 - Private consultation with the Board's attorney(s) regarding any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; including Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Indep. Sch. Dist., et al, Case 3:17-cv-00123, Southern District-Galveston

Texas Government Code 551.074 - Consider Board approval for additional employees who are being recommended to receive one-year employee probationary contracts, one-year employee term contracts, 2 year Administrator contracts and employees who have resigned or are not being recommended for non-renewal.

Texas Government Code 551.074 - Discuss and consider Board approval of accepting professional staff resignations, hiring of professional contractual personnel and posting of professional vacancies.

**Board reconvened from Executive Session into Open Session at 8:46 PM**

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE BEING RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE ONE-YEAR EMPLOYEE PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS, ONE-YEAR EMPLOYEE TERM CONTRACTS, 2 YEAR ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RESIGNED OR ARE NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR NON-RENEWAL

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept additional employees who are being recommended to receive one year employee probationary contracts, one year employee term contracts, two year administrator contracts for 2018-2019 and employees who have resigned or are not being recommended for non-renewal as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (7 ,0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING PROFESSIONAL STAFF RESIGNATIONS AND HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

Approved by Superintendent, no action from Board.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CTE HEALTH SCIENCE TEACHER

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting an additional High School CTE Health Science Teacher. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING HIGH SCHOOL PART-TIME ART TEACHER

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting a High School part-time Art Teacher. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING ELEMENTARY FULL-TIME ART/STREAM TEACHER

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting an Elementary full-time Art/STREAM Teacher. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING HIGH SCHOOL WOODSHOP/DISTRICT CTE COORDINATOR

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting a High School Woodshop/District CTE Coordinator. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING COORDINATOR FOR ADVANCED ACADEMIC/GRANT WRITING

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting a Coordinator for Advanced Academic Grant Writing. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING ELEMENTARY LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting an Elementary Library Media Specialist. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL OF POSTING DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTABILITY, ANALYTICS AND ACHIEVEMENT

MOTION was made by Mr. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept the approval of posting a Director of Accountability, Analytics and Achievement. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSENT

- Consider Board's approval of minutes from April 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, April 17, 2017 Special Board Meeting (Candidates Night)
- Consider Board's approval for 2015 bond fund 616
- Consider Board's approval for Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 682
- Consider Board's approval for Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 698
- Consider Board's approval of budget amendments

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the Consent Agenda items A-E as presented. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

2017-2018 BUDGET PLANNING UPDATE (PRESENTATION: ALLEN SCHOPPE)

Presentation by Allen Schoppe. There was discussion.

LEAVE DAYS COMMITTEE UPDATE (PRESENTATION: GERALD NIXON)

Presentation by Gerald Nixon. There was discussion.

TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (PRESENTATION: ALLEN SCHOPPE)

Presentation by Allen Schoppe. There was discussion.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION TO HAVE A FINANCIAL ADVISOR PRESENT SWEENEY ISD – UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017 AT THE JUNE 2017 BOARD MEETING – (PRESENTATION: ALLEN SCHOPPE)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to move forward on preparing preliminary paperwork so that bond sale will be ready by next meeting. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried.

Dr. Garrison left meeting at 9:35 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY UPDATES FOR DISTRICT OF INNOVATION (PRESENTATION: AMY POPE)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the use of TASB making edits for the policy review committee in order to match policy with District of Innovation. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION DELCARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY (PRESENTATION: ALLEN SCHOPPE)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to adopt a resolution to declare the property as “surplus” and no longer necessary for school district purposes and authorize staff to proceed with the “notice and publication” requirements of Section 272.001 of the Local Government Code to affect the sale of the land. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

UPDATE: CONSIDER APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO TXDOT AND BRAZORIA COUNTY FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF FM 524, FM 521 AND COUNTY ROAD 316

MOTION made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar Schroeder to approve the resolution thanking Dennis Bonnen for consideration of approving resolution for traffic control at the intersection FM 524, FM 521 and County Road 316. All vote aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

No questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 PM**

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Glenn Garrison

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Donna Bohlar-Schroeder