

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Dr. 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 except Earl Mathis

The following Board members were present:

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

The following Board Members were absent:

Earl Mathis, Vice President

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent Loan Finalist
Gerald Nixon, Interim Superintendent
Amy Pope, Executive Director of Curriculum, Compliance & Special Programs
Michael Saul, Principal, Sweeny Jr. High School
Michael Heinroth, Principal, Sweeny Elementary School
Brett Miksch, Principal, Sweeny High School
Sandra Vandaveer, Director SpEd/LSSP
Amye Kibodeaux, Recording Secretary
Amy Carter, Bookkeeper
Jackie Hornback, Payroll/Benefits
Shelley Rowlett, PEIMS
Mark Manley, Jr. High Teacher
Kimberlie Rayle, High School Teacher
Cristy McGaughey, High School Teacher
Daniel Johnson, Jr. High Assistant Principal

Also present for this meeting:

Tawana Caldwell
Adam Davidson
Paul Kibodeaux
Mike Darlow, with PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott, LLP

Meeting called order at 6:00 PM

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Mike Darlow with PerdueBrandonFielderCollins&Mott, LLP gave presentation

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda Items A-G as presented. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:14 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.074

Discuss and consider hiring Superintendent and approval of Superintendent Contract.

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071

attorney consultation regarding legal issues related to hiring of Superintendent and contract terms and other matters as permitted by law.

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.074

Discuss duties and responsibilities of Board Members

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:40 PM

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HIRING OF SUPERINTENDENT AND APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell that the Board hire Dr. Tory Hill as the Superintendent of Schools and approve the terms of the Superintendent contract as discussed in closed session. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

No action

PERSONNEL – EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept, with regrets, the resignations of Sharon Dulak and Sherry Stratton as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

TEKS VERIFICATION FORM

Information only. Board Signatures needed. No action.

2016-2017 SWEENY ISD CALENDAR PROPOSAL

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve the 2017-2018 Sweeny ISD calendar presented and recommended by the Sweeny ISD District Planning Council. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLACE/DATE/TIME/QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES NIGHT

MOTION made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell that Board take the opportunity to ask questions and find out information on Board Candidates at Candidates Night, scheduled for April 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the High School Cafeteria. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

TAX RATIFICATION FOR ELECTION

No Action – there was discussion – to be put on April 11, 2017 agenda

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON OTHER NIGHTS TO INTRODUCE SUPERINTENDENT

No action – there was discussion. Dr. Hill plans to attend Pink Lady Luncheon and the Chamber Banquet, has attended Rotary meetings and is in the process of scheduling meetings with staff and community members. It was suggested Dr. Hill attend Open Houses, PTA meetings, Little League Opening Day, any city/school organizational meetings.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON LEAVE DAYS POLICY

No action – Mrs. Hornback and Mr. Nixon have ideas but would like Dr. Hill to make suggestions before presenting. Item will be on April 11, 2017 agenda

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON SURPLUS PROPERTY LIMITATIONS

No action – there was discussion. It was suggested that the homes be single family dwellings, not duplexes. As many as possibly 9 homes could be built and property would need to be re-platted. It was also suggested that the homes be built 30-40 feet from the DAEP Building. Item will be on the April 11, 2017 agenda.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION: TRAINING WITH NEW SUPERINTENDENT, TEAM OF 8, SCHEDULE AND DISCUSS ITEMS FOR TRAINING

Workshop to be held May 23, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 PM

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION (WINTER GOVERNANCE) BOARD EVALUATION OF ITSELF

This information comes from the Winter Governance Seminar that Dr. Garrison and Mrs. Fields-Bell attended. There will be a workshop after June 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Open Session at 5:30 PM.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION: DISTRICT CULTURE AND BOARD VALUE

No action – goes along with Board Evaluation of itself.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON BUDGET FOR NEXT CALENDAR YEAR

No action – Dr. Hill advised we are beginning to look at preliminary budget and consulting with Alan Shoppe to come in a work at SISD a few days per week.

REPORTS

No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM

Glenn Garrison

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder