

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 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 Invocation was led by B.J. McCurdy and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Senior, Bri Amey. All Board Members were present except Mrs. Fields-Bell and Mr. Douget.

The following Board members were present:

Earl Mathis, President
Connie McAda, Vice President
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Peggy Ellis
Jan Reddoch

The following Board Members were absent:

Debra Fields-Bell
Bryan Douget (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent
Amy Pope, Assistant Superintendent
Charolet Kremmer, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning
Les Kluttz, Executive Director of Support Services
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and Board
Amy Carter, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Bertsch, Director of Technology
Mark Manley, CTE Director
Michael Heinroth, Principal Elementary School
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of SPED/LSSP
Will Mader, Principal High School
Leah Liserio
Angela Ritter
David Smothers, Principal Jr. High
John Ideus, Chief – SISD Police
Amber Stowers
Linda Leopold
Cristy McGaughey
Pat Hargett
Kirsten Callahan
Laura Genella
Joy Hopkin
Josh Rush
Drusilla Vinson

Also present for this meeting:

Art Chandler, County News
B.J. McCurdy, New Shores Baptist Church
Regina Kluttz
Chance Leopold
Analynn McGaughey
Sam Gregson, Cummings Westlake
Tom Dalton, Praxair

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

FFA Cook-off Team
High School Choir
Bri Amey
Greg Poole, Jigsaw School Finance Solutions, LLC
Sara Leon, Powell and Leon, LLP
Darrick Eugene

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:01 PM

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

- Consultation with legal counsel regarding Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Independent School Dist. in the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Galveston Division, Civil Action No. G:17-cv-00123, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074
- Discuss Professional Staff Resignations Texas Government Code 551.074
- Consultation with legal counsel regarding an Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Praxair, Inc. pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code Texas Government Code 551.087
- Discuss growth staffing units for first and second grade at Sweeny Elementary Texas Government Code 551.074

OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:20 p.m. The presiding officer will verify that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law.

INVOCATION

B.J. McCurdy, New Shores Baptist Church

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior, Bri Amey

RECOGNITION(S)

- FFA Cook-Off Team – Presented by: Josh Rush

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATION(S)

- High School LIFE Hour – Presentation by Will Mader and Amber Stowers

CONSENT

- Approval of minutes from August 14 and August 20, 2018 Board Meetings
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 616
- Approval of Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 682
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 698
- Approval of Budget Amendments
- Approval of Purchases Over \$50,000

313 AGREEMENT AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS (MRS. CARTER)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY BBFA (LEGAL) AND (LOCAL)

Earl Mathis – No conflict	Connie McAda – No conflict
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder – No conflict	Bryan Douget – No conflict
Peggy Ellis – No Conflict	Jan Reddoch – No Conflict
Debra Fields-Bell – Absent	

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT FROM PRAXAIR, INC. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE; AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR COMPLETENESS AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO APPROVE ANY REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION BEYOND THE 150 DAY BOARD REVIEW PERIOD AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

MOTION made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept the Application for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property from Praxair, Inc., pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code; to authorize the Superintendent to review the Application for completeness and submit the application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts; and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve any request for extension of the deadline for Board action beyond the 150-day Board review period, as may be required. All vote aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RETAIN ATTORNEYS/CONSULTANTS POWELL & LEON, LLP AND JIGSAW SCHOOL FINANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN THE REVIEW AND PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION FOR VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT FROM PRAXAIR, INC. PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to retain Powell & Leon, LLP and Jigsaw School Finance Solution, LLC to assist the District in the review and processing of the Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Praxair, Inc. pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM SWEENEY ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR HEADPHONES FOR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT (MRS. CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to accept the donation from the Sweeney ISD Education Foundation for the Athletic headphones. 4 voted aye, 2 opposed (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder and Mr. Mathis) (4, 2) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MATAGORDA COUNTY FOR K-9 ASSISTANCE (CHIEF IDEUS)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to accept the administrative recommendation to authorize Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Matagorda County Sheriff's Department Deputy Philip Hester for the purpose of providing a certified drug search canine services for psychological deterrence to illegal activities on Sweeney ISD property. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TASB POLICY UPDATE 111 (MRS. POPE)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to add, revise, and delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 111. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

IMMEDIATE AID TO RESTART SCHOOL OPERATIONS GRANT AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS (MRS. POPE)

1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF IMMEDIATE AID TO RESTART SCHOOL OPERATIONS GRANT
MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Douget to accept the 2018-2020 Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations for a total of \$118,265.00. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.
2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF HURRICANE HARVEY REPLACEMENT VEHICLES (ACTIVITY BUS AND FORD EXPLORER) WITH AID TO RESTART SCHOOL OPERATIONS GRANT FUNDS
MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve the purchase of an activity bus and an additional white fleet vehicle. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN WALSH GALLEGOS RETAINER PROGRAM (DR. HILL)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Dr. Reddoch to grant Superintendent authority to renew SISD membership in Walsh Gallegos Retainer Plan. All voted aye. (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SWEENEY ISD BOARD GOALS (DR. HILL)

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve Sweeny ISD Board Goals. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SWEENEY ISD BOARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (DR. HILL)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the updates to the Board of Trustee Operating Procedures. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Hill – We are watching the tropical activity. We meet as an Executive Team tomorrow to review the Safety Plan. We will be prepared.

Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Earl Mathis

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder