

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 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 Kirby Phillips- NHS Chaplain and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Kamrynn Moore - SJH

The following Board members were present:

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

The following Board Members were absent:

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent
Amy Pope, Assistant Superintendent
Charolet Kremmer, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and Board
Amy Carter, Chief Financial Officer
Kelly Bertsch, Director of Technology
Michael Heinroth, Principal Elementary School
David Smothers, Principal Jr. High
Mark Manley, CTE Coordinator
Angela Ritter
Will Mader, Principal, High School
Amyee Byrd
Daniel Johnson, Assistant Principal, Elementary
Connie Welch
Leah Liserio
Shannon Ashworth
Brittany Schuerg
Sandi Vandaveer

Also present for this meeting:

Art Chandler, County News
Kamrynn Moore, Student
Kirby Phillips, Student
Chris Cisneros, Phillips 66
Dan Casey, Moak Casey & Associates
Kevin O'Hanlon, O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo
Sam Gregson, Cummings Westlake
Ethan Eisenberg, Phillips 66
Willie Bell, Jr.
Aaron Welch

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:02 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 pending litigation appeal and proposed settlement in the matter styled Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Independent School Dist., et al in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Case 18-41104, pursuant to *Texas Government Code 551.071. Consultation with legal counsel regarding an Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Phillips 66. Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. *Texas Gov't Code 551.087
- Consultation with legal counsel regarding an Application for Value Limitation Agreement from Phillips 66. Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code. (*Texas Gov't Code 551.087)
- Discuss Hiring of Non-Contractual Personnel - Mechanic (*Texas Government Code 551.074)
- Discuss and Review Staff Resignations (*Texas Gov't Code 551.074)
- Discuss Superintendent Evaluation (*Texas Government Code 551.074)

OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:18 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

Kirby Phillips – NHS Chaplain

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Kamrynn Moore - SJH

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Consider and take possible action regarding pending litigation appeal and proposed settlement in the matter styled Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Independent School Dist., et al in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Case 18-41104.

NO ACTION

- **313 AGREEMENT AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING UPDATE TO BOARD POLICY CCG

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve policy CCG (Local) as amended. All voted aye. (7, 0) Motion carried

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO POLICY BBFA (LEGAL) AND (LOCAL)

Mr. Mathis has a conflict of interest due to his employment with Chevron Phillips. Mr. Mathis will abstain from all votes related to 313 agreement. No other Board Members had any conflict of interested.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT PHILLIPS 66'S APPLICATION FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR COMPLETENESS AND SUBMIT TO THE COMPTROLLER, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION BEYOND 150 DAYS SUBJECT TO BOARD RATIFICATION

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MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to accept the Application for an Appraised Value on Qualified Property from Phillips 66, 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 50 day Board review period, as may be required. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried (Mr. Mathis abstained from vote)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RETAIN ATTORNEYS/CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN THE REVIEW AND PROCESSING OF THE APPLICATION FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE FROM PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mr. Douget to retain Moak, Casey & Associates and O’Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo to assist the District in processing the Phillips 66 Company Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried (Mr. Mathis abstained from the vote)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR VALUE LIMITATION WITH PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY, COMPTROLLER AGREEMENT NO. 1185

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the Amended Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from Phillips 66 (Comptroller Application Number 1185). All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried (Mr. Mathis abstained from the vote)

RECOGNITION(S)

- Board Member Recognitions – Board Appreciation Month

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATION(S)

- FFA Update – Moved to Feb Meeting
- Catalyst Program (Dr. Hill and Mrs. Kremmer)
- 2018-2019 Fall Submission Disaggregation of Students & Out-of-District Transfer Trends (Mrs. Kremmer)

CONSENT

- Approval of minutes from October 9, 2018 Board Meeting
- 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

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT AND WORK ORDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWEENEY ISD AND LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS AND NEWNAM (LAN) FOR THE DISTRICT’S SWEENEY ISD 2019 BOND PROGRAM (MRS. CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the Master Agreement and Work Order Agreement between Sweeny ISD and Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam (LAN) for the District’s Sweeny ISD 2019 Bond Program. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR (MRS. POPE)

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MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the 2019-2020 Sweeny ISD Calendar as presented and recommended by the Sweeny ISD Calendar Development Committee (Calendar Option A). All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COURSE OFFERINGS: ADDITIONS AND CHANGES (MRS. KREMMER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the course additions and changes as options for students in the 2019-2020 school year. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SWEENY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE DISTRICT (MRS. KREMMER)

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to authorize the Superintendent to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between Sweeny ISD and Brazosport College allowing students who successfully complete college Preparatory Mathematics to enroll in freshman-level credit bearing coursework at BC without having to complete developmental education in this area. All voted aye except Mrs. McAda (6, 1) Motion carried.

REPORTS

No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mrs. Ellis – The Walk of Honor Paver Project is now online.
- Dr. Hill – The Walk of Honor was the recipient of \$500 DOW Grant (Dollars for Doers) thanks to Mrs. McAda for writing the grant.
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Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Earl Mathis

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder