

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 virtually via Zoom and in person at the Sweeny ISD Board Room, 1310 N Elm, Sweeny Texas. Mr. Mathis called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Dr. Jan Reddoch and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Victoria Van Allen.

The following Board members were present:

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

The following Board Members were absent:

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent
Amy Pope, Assistant Superintendent
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and Board
Kelly Stroud, Communications
Charolet Kremmer, Teaching & Learning
James Schumann, CFO
Michael Heinroth, Director of Admin/Innovative Services
Les Kluttz, Bond Program Manager
Donica Green
Shannon Permenter
Marty VanDyke
Heather Raynor
Melissa Salazar
Denise Papillion, Principal Elementary
Tyler Rowlett, Principal High School
Shelley Rowlett, HR Specialist
Kim Lockler
Kim Slaughter
Glenn Johnson
Mark Manley, CTE Coordinator
David Smothers, Jr. High Principal
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of Special Programs
Mike Saul, Assistant Principal Elementary
Jackie Hornback, Payroll/Benefits
Crayton Henry
Diane McNeill

Also present for this meeting:

Brett Miksch
Mali Hanley
David Campbell
Brooke Ryan
Trent Odom

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Joel Meador
Raymond Woods
Cassandra Woods
Devin Lemon
Dale Lemon
Nikki Woods
Clarence Woods
Sandra Ware
Chad Holmes
Margo Masters
Billy Hamilton
Ron Stewart
Pam Stewart
Cindy Doolan
Andrea Roquemoire
Bobby Hamilton
Alice Franks
Clem Franks
Terrence Franks
Micah Franks
Wendy Irwin
Chaney Moore
Dirk Perrin
Victoria Van Allen
Corinna Richardson, The Facts
Shane Minks
Devin Randon
Byron Randon

Meeting called to order at 6:09 PM

BOARD MEMBER OATH

- Administer Oath for Newly Elected Board Member(s), Randy Miksch – Mr. Mathis

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:14 PM

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

- Deliberation Regarding Teacher Contract Status, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074
- Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Teacher Contract and Other Subject Matters as Permitted by Law, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, 551.129
- Discuss Professional Staff Resignations, Staff Transfers and Hiring of Professional Contractual Personnel, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074

OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:42 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

- Dr. Reddoch

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PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Victoria Van Allen

RECOGNITION(S)

- Retirees/Service Awards
 - Diane McNeill – 30 year Clock Service Award
 - Sandra Ware – 30 year Clock Service Award/Retirement Bell
 - Alice Franks – 35 year Rocking Chair Service Award/Retirement Bell
 - Billy Hamilton – Retirement Bell 21 years
 - Ron Stewart – Retirement Bell 32 years
 - Margaret Masters – Retirement Bell 22 years
 - Rose Carreon – Retirement Bell 23 years
 - Cindy Doolan – Retirement Bell 6 years

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- Public Hearing: Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) – Mrs. Schumann
The public was given 3 opportunities to speak and/or ask questions after Public Hearing. There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Douget to accept hiring of professional contractual personnel as presented and recommended. 6 voted aye, Mr. Miksch voted nay (6, 1) Motion carried.

Luedecke, Cynthia – Junior High Interventionist
Odom, Clayton – Athletic Director/Head Football Coach

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION TO ADOPT ONE OR MORE RESOLUTIONS DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF SURPLUS FUNDS IN THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL FUND TO DISTRICT COMMITTED FUND BALANCE

MOTION was made by Mr. Miksch, seconded by Mrs. McAda to approve the resolution authorizing transfer of surplus funds to Committed Fund Balances as presented. All vote aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATION(S)

- Read and Rise AND Imagination Library Overview/Proposal – Mr. Heinroth and Ms. Roquemore

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RETAIN CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST THE DISTRICT IN PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FROM CHEVRON PHILLIPS CHEMICAL COMPANY LP

MOTION was made by Mr. Miksch, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to retain O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo and Moak Casey & Associates to assist the District in processing the application from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP. 6 voted aye, Mr. Mathis abstained due to conflict of interest/employer) (6, 1) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO: ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF CHEVRON PHILLIPS CHEMICAL COMPANY LP FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION FOR COMPLETENESS AND SUBMIT TO THE COMPTROLLER; AND 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. Bohlar-Schroeder to accept the Application of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property; authorized the Superintendent to review the application for completeness and submit to the Comptroller; and authorize the Superintendent to enter into any agreement to extend the deadline for Board action beyond 150 days subject to Board ratification. 6 voted aye, Mr. Mathis abstained due to conflict of interest/employer) (6, 1) Motion carried.

CONSENT

- Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and November 17, 2020 Special Board Meeting
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 616
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- Approval of Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 682
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 698
- Approval of Construction Invoices
- Approval of Budget Amendments
- Approval of Purchases Exceeding \$50,000 – None
- Approval of Annual Review of Investment Policies and Investment Strategies
- Approval of Certified Appraisal Roll for 2020
- Approval of Resale Offer on Account 2510-0048-150 & 7400-0021-120

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve consent items A-L as presented and recommended. All vote Aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONTINUED

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER COURSE OFFERINGS: ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

MOTION was made by Mr. Miksch, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the course additions and changes as options for students in the 2021-2022 school year. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SWEENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TARGETED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MOTION was made by Mr. Miksch, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve the Sweeny Elementary School Targeted Improvement Plan as presented and recommended. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mr. Douget – Board has put a lot of time and effort into projects. How is it going? Dr. Hill advised we came in under budget by 9% and discussed some of the projects and what coming in under budget meant for us.
- Mr. Miksch – Where do we stand on COVID guidelines. Update from Dr. Hill on new recommendations from CDC. Mr. Miksch had questions about how contact tracing works. Dr. Hill advised it's a case by case.
- Congratulations to Byron Randon on his book

Board adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Earl Mathis

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder