

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 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 Charles Barnett and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Emma Lee.

The following Board members were present:

Earl Mathis, President  
Connie McAda, Vice President  
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary  
Jan Reddoch  
Peggy Ellis  
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  
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and Board  
Kelly Stroud, Communications  
Charolet Kremmer, Teaching & Learning  
James Schumann, CFO  
Michael Heinroth, Director of Admin/Innovative Services  
Denise Papillion, Principal Elementary  
Will Mader, Principal High School  
Les Kluttz, Bond Program Manager  
Tanya Edwards, Director of Child Nutrition  
David Smothers, Principal Junior High  
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of Special Programs  
Bianca Cunningham, Child Nutrition  
Marc Way, Chief of Police  
Mark Manley, CTE

Also present for this meeting:

Neal Bess, Jr.  
LaBarron Burden  
Agatha Sanchez  
Corinna Richardson, The Facts  
Haley Turner, Walsh Gallegos  
Nikki Woods  
Hattisha Johnican  
Steven Wolverton  
Lindsie Jones  
Raymond Woods  
Cassandra Woods  
Kerrie Miksch  
Devin Randon

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

- Deliberation Regarding Proposed Contract Termination, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074
- Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Proposed Contract Termination, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.071
- Deliberation Regarding Security Devices and Security Audits Texas Gov't Code 551.076
- Discuss professional Staff Resignations and Hiring of Professional Contractual Personnel, Texas Gov't Code 551.074

**OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:24 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

- Charles Barnett

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Emma Lee, Senior

RECOGNITION(S)

- Mrs. Ellis – Appreciation for time served on the Board of Trustees – Presentation by Dr. Hill

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Neal Bess, Jr. – Not being notified prior to questioning Grandson and teacher termination
- LaBarron Burden – Notice of Termination Rebuttal
- Agatha Sanchez – Community Feast

DISCUSSION AND ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to accept hiring of professional contractual personnel as presented and recommended. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROPOSE THE TERMINATION OF A TEACHER TERM CONTRACT

No Action

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SISD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. McAda to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a MOU with New Shores Church, Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

PRESENTATION(S)

- Swearing in of Sweeny ISD Police Officer, Rodney Koy – Chief Way
- Enrollment Report – Mrs. Kremmer
- Sweeny Elementary COVID-19 Update – Ms. Papillion
- Sweeny Jr. High COVID-19 Update – Mr. Smothers
- Sweeny High School COVID-19 Update – Mr. Mader

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

CONSENT

- Approval of Minutes October 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 616
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- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 619
- 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

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve items A-I on the consent agenda as presented. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER DONATION FROM PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY OF \$100,000 FOR CATALYST

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to accept the donation from Phillips 66 Company of \$100,000 for Catalyst. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the 2020-2021 Sweeny ISD District Improvement Plan as presented and recommended. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CTE ADVANCED COURSES FOR ENDORSMENT PURPOSES

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda , seconded by Dr. Reddoch to approve that the District define Advanced CTE courses for endorsement purposes as, “Any CTE class other than Professional Communications, Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness, or any Principles or Fundamentals course unless students receive dual credit for them.” All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CTE INNOVATIVE COURSES

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the use of CTE Innovative Courses as indicated in the “2021 Recommended Advanced CTE Courses for Endorsements” presentation. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

- None

**Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

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Earl Mathis

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Donna Bohlar-Schroeder