MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 virtually via Zoom. Mr. Mathis called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Pastor Roland Hendricks and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Mr. Mathis.

The following Board members were present:
Earl Mathis, President
Connie McAda, Vice President
Peggy Ellis
Jan Reddoch
Debra Fields-Bell

The following Board Members were absent:
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Bryan Douget

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
Kelly Stroud, Communications
Amy Carter, CFO
Michael Heinroth, Dir of Admin/Innovative Services

Also present for this meeting:
Pastor Roland Hendricks, GMZ
Randy Miksch
Lewis Wilkes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed 2020-2021 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate (Mrs. Carter)

The Public Hearing – Proposed 2020-2021 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate was presented by Mrs. Carter. The Community was given 3 opportunities to comment and or question. There were no comments or questions. Mrs. McAda asked about last year's tax rate verses this year's tax rate.

Public Hearing ended at 6:15 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:15 PM

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

- Discuss the Hiring of Chief Financial Officer Texas Gov't. Code 551.074
- Discuss Approval of Local Certification Request Under District of Innovation (DOI) for Jr. High and High School Staff. *Texas Govt. Code 551.074
- Discuss the Hiring of Professional Contractual Personnel. *Texas Govt. Code 551.074

OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:00 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.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE HIRING OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to accept non-contractual personnel as presented and recommended.

James Schumann

All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISUCSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOCAL CERTIFICATION REQUEST UNDER DISTRICT OF INNOVATION (DOI) FOR JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to accept hiring of professional contractual personnel as presented and recommended.

Troy Alexander High School American Sign Language I,II,III & IV
Britney Anderson Junior High Career Explorations
Windy Byrd High School Printing and Imaging Technology I & II
Robert Cash High School Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness
Garland Johnson Junior High Tech Applications
Maria Meador High School Principles of Health Science & Practicum
Nichole Scoggins High School Medical Terminology and Health Science

All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

No action.

INVOCATION

- Pastor Roland Hendricks

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Mr. Mathis

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATION(S)

- Sweeny Connected Virtual Learning Update – Mrs. Kremmer
- Dual Credit Update (Mrs. Kremmer)
- COVID-19 Safety Update (Mr. Heinroth)

CONSENT

- Board Approval of Final Budget Amendment

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the Consent Agenda Item A as presented and recommended. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR LONG-TERM DE FACTO TRANSFER LEASE OF SWEENY ISD'S EDUCATIONAL BOARDBAND LICENSE – MRS. CARTER

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the Educational Broadband Service Long-Term De Facto Transfer Lease Agreement as presented. All vote aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

TAX RATE AND BUDGET ADOPTION ITEMS-MRS. CARTER

- DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF SWEENY ISD BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to adopt the 2020-2021 proposed revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, and Debt Service Fund. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

- DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING SWEEN YISD TAX RATE FOR 2020

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Mathis that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $1.0364, which is effectively a 4.8 percent increase in the tax rate. All voted Aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DEFEASANCE AND REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SWEENY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS; DIRECTING THE REDEMPTION OF SUCH BONDS; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – MRS. CARTER/LEWIS WILKES

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the Resolution Calling for the Defeasance and Redemption of Certain Outstanding Sweeny Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds; Directing the Redemption of Such Bonds; and Containing Other Matters Related Thereto. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FORT BEND ISD AND SWEENY ISD TO FACILITATE TEA READING ACADEMIES – MRS. KREMMER

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to authorize the superintendent to enter into the Support Agreement between Fort Bend ISD (Authorized Provider) and Sweeny ISD. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATES TO BOARD POLICY EIC (LOCAL) – MRS. KREMMER

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the revision of policy EIC(LOCAL) as recommended by the Sweeny ISD Policy Committee. 4 voted aye, Mrs. McAda voted nay (4, 1) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POLICY 115 UPDATE – MRS. POPE

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Mathis to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 115 and EXHIBITS as presented and recommended. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Dr. Hill –Hurricane Laura Update: Facilities will be closed Wednesday and Thursday due to the uncertainty of landfall. We will follow MOU for Safety Management.
- Dr. Hill – Acknowledgment: We are losing Amy Carter. She is truly an exception Financial Officer. She is one of the top in the State of Texas as far as CFO's. She has been a true asset and Dr. Hill wanted to thank her publicly.

Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Earl Mathis Donna Bohlar-Schroeder