

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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 Cassidy Anderson and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Mia Parra, Jay Johnson & Aidan Garcia.

The following Board members were present:

Earl Mathis, President
Connie McAda, Vice President
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Jan Reddoch
Peggy Ellis
Debra Fields-Bell (Arrived at 7:32 PM)
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
Denise Papillion, Principal Elementary School
David Smothers, Principal Jr. High
Marc Way, Chief of Police SISD
Jessica Loggins
Debra Setzer
Amy Carter, Chief Financial Officer
Charolet Kremmer, Ex Dir of Teaching and Learning
Kevin Frankum
Les Kluttz, Bong Program Manager
Linda Leopold
Will Mader, Principal High School
Diane McNeill
Bus Drivers being recognized
Sandi Vandaveer

Also present for this meeting:

Students being recognized
Parents of students being recognized
Ken Setzer
Cathy Hall
Teresa Wishert
Ben Odom
Jason Bailey
Amanda Baca
BJ McCurdy

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

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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.

- Discuss Superintendent Evaluation *Texas Gov't Code 551.074
- Discuss Professional Staff Resignations "Texas Gov't 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.

INVOCATION

- Kassidy Anderson – Jr. High Student

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Jr. High Students of the Month: Mia Parra, Jay Johnson & Aidan Garcia

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**
MOTION was made by Mrs. Ells, Seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve the updated Board and Superintendent 5 year contract beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

RECOGNITION(S)

- CPAs Helping Schools – Grant Award to Linda Leopold (Kathy Rodriguez)
- Jr. High Students of the Month: Mia Parra, Jay Johnson & Aidan Garcia (Mr. Smothers)
- All Region Band (Mrs. Mitchel and Mrs. Loggins)
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art (Mrs. Setzer)
- Bus Drivers (Mrs. Pope)
- Congratulations to Amy Carter for becoming a TASBO Certified Texas School Business Specialist

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

Debra Fields-Bell arrived at 7:32 P.M.

PRESENTATION(S)

- Swearing in of New SISD Police Officer (Chief Way)
- District Goals Progress Report (Dr. Hill with Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Carter & Mrs. Kremmer)
- Bond Oversight Update (Mrs. Baca)
- Local Assessment Update (Mrs. Kremmer)
- TEA Required Reading Academies (Mrs. Kremmer)

CONSENT

- Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2020 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

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- Approval of Bond Construction Invoices
- Approval of Budget Amendments
- Approval of Purchases over \$50K
- Approval of the Engagement Letter from KM&L, LLC, Certified Public Accounting Firm

Motion was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve consent items A-L. All voted aye (7, 0)
Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER GRANTING EASEMENT TO TEXAS NEW MEXICO POWER FOR TRANSFORMER (MRS. CARTER/MR. KLUTTZ)

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Fields Bell to approve the electric distribution line easement as presented. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF B-TEL VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VIOP) AGREEMENT (MRS. CARTER/MR. KLUTTZ)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve entering agreement with B-Tel hosted cloud phone services. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE (MRS. CARTER WITH BEN ODOM)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to accept the insurance proposals as presented and recommended. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTINGENT FEE CONTRACT WITH PERDUE BRANDON FIELDER COLLINS AND MOTT, LLP PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.30 OF THE TAX CODE, SAID CONTRACT BEING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT GOVERNMENT RECEIVABLES OWER TO SWEENY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NOTICE OF SAID CONTRACT IS POSTED WITH AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2254 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE (MRS. CARTER WITH JASON BAILEY)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owned to Sweeny Independent School District and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR (MRS. POPE)

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the 2020-2021 Sweeny ISD Calendar as presented and recommended by the Sweeny ISD Calendar Development Committee. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE ADDITION OF A SPECIAL EDUCATION DEAF INTERPRETER SPECIALIST (MRS. POPE)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Dr. Reddoch to approve the additional position of Special Education Deaf Interpreter Specialist. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM (MR. MATHIS)

Tabled – No action

REPORTS

- No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

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- Mr. Douget requested information on Education Foundation budget balance. Mr. Mathis said we can have it listed as a future agenda item as an update.

Board adjourned at 10:00 PM

Earl Mathis

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder