

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 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 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
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder - Secretary
Jan Reddoch
Debra Fields-Bell
Bryan Douget
Amanda Baca

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
Michael Heinroth, Director of Admin/Innovative Services
Charolet Kremmer, Exec. Director of Teaching and Learning
Marc Way, Chief of Police
Rodney Koy, SISD Police
Tyler Rowlett, Principal High School
Kelly Stroud, Communications
Clayton Odom, Athletic Director
Bianca Heinroth, Benefits and Payroll
Rikki Merchant, Teaching and Learning
Amber Stowers, Instructional Technology and Testing
Kristin Effenberger, Financial Coordinator
Denise Papillion, Principal Jr. High

Also present for this meeting:

Haley Turner, Walsh Gallegos
Morgan Beam, Walsh Gallegos
Ken Hysten
Rick Sheffield
Cassandra Woods
Tristan Mong
Tammy Mong

Meeting called to order at 6:01 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.

- Conduct Student Expulsion Appeal Hearing, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code Section 551.082, 551.0821
- Deliberation and Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Student Expulsion Appeal Hearing, Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.071, 551.082, 551.0821

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

- Deliberate Regarding the Hiring of Contractual Personnel, Non-Contractual Personnel and Staff Resignations Texas Gov't Code 551.074
- Deliberate Regarding Local Certification Request Under District of Innovation (DOI) Texas Gov't Code 551.074
- Deliberate Regarding Reorganization of the Board Texas Gov't Code 551.074

OPEN MEETING was called to order at 8:38 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

- Mr. Mathis

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Mr. Mathis

ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – ACTION IF ANY, RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION STUDENT EXPULSION APPEL HEARING

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to uphold the student expulsion order and deny appeal. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – 8:40 p.m.

- Federal Programs Hearing – Mrs. Vandaveer
The public was given 3 opportunities to ask questions or comment. There were no questions or comments from the public. The Public Hearing closed at 8:45 p.m.

RECOGNITIONS

- None – moved to a later date

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATION(S)

- Title III – Mrs. Vandaveer

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from July 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 616
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- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 619
- Consider Board Approval of Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 682
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 698
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Construction Invoices
- Consider Board Approval of Budget Amendments
- Consider Board Approval of Purchases over \$50K

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

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING OF CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to accepting hiring of professional contractual personnel as presented and recommended.

Anthony, Gary	Sweeny Jr. High	Classroom Teacher Social Studies
Centilli Freshour, Jeroladette	Sweeny High School	Classroom Teacher Social Studies
Gardner, Hailey	Sweeny High School	Classroom Teacher English
Gideon, Annaliza	Sweeny Jr. High	Instructional Coach
Hancock, Laura	Sweeny Elementary	Classroom Teacher
Luedecke Cynthia	Sweeny Jr. High	Classroom Teacher Social Studies
Roberts, Janet	Sweeny Jr. High	Classroom Teacher English

All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER LOCAL CERTIFICATION REQUEST UNDER DISTRICT OF INNOVATION (DOI)

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the District of Innovation local certification designation for the 2021-2022 school year as recommended. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS 2021-2022 ONRAMPS PROGRAM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Baca to approve the University of Texas 2021-2022 OnRamps Program Interlocal Agreement as presented and recommend. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FROM THE STATE

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve for the 2021-2022 school year, to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.151199(c)(4) to the Superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approve of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSING A 2021 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS 2021-2022 BUDGET AND THE 2021 PROPOSED TAX RATE

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. McAda to propose a 2021 tax rate of \$1.0364 per \$100, with \$0.8847 per \$100 designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.1517 per \$100 designated for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness, and that the Board schedule and publish notice for a public meeting to discuss the 2021-2022 budget and the 2021 proposed tax rate for August 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 2021-2022 SWEENY ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the 2021-2022 Sweeny ISD Student Code of Conduct as presented. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN SWEENY ISD AND HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Mathis to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hall County Sheriff's Office. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2021-2022 SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as presented by the Superintendent. 6 voted aye. Mrs. Fields-Bell voted nay (6, 1). Motion carried.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SWEENEY ISD TEXAS TEACHER EVALUATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEM (T-TESS) FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Dr. Reddoch to accept the 2021-2022 Sweeny ISD Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System Calendar. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEXAS PRINCIPAL EVALUATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEM (T-PESS) APPRAISAL CALENDAR FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mr. Mathis to approve the 2021-2022 Texas Principal Evaluation and Support System (T-PESS) calendar as presented and recommended. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder nominated Mr. Mathis as President, Mr. Mathis nominated Mrs. McAda as Vice President, and Mrs. McAda nominated Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder as Secretary.

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell for the Board officers to stay as is: President: Earl Mathis; Vice President: Connie McAda; and Secretary: Donna Bohlar-Schroeder. All voted aye (7, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

COVID-19 UPDATE

- None

FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

Board adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Earl Mathis

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder