

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 virtually via Zoom and in person at the Sweeny ISD Board Room, 1310 N Elm, Sweeny, Texas. Mrs. McAda called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Father Preston of OLPH Catholic Church and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Pristine Hysten.

The following Board members were present:

Connie McAda, Vice President  
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary – (Virtual attendance)  
Jan Reddoch  
Debra Fields-Bell

The following Board Members were absent:

Randy Miksch  
Bryan Douget  
Earl Mathis

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  
Tanya Edwards, Child Nutrition Director  
Bianca Cunningham  
Amber Stowers, Instruction Tech/Testing  
Rikki Merchant  
Matt Way

Michael Heinroth, Director of Admin/Innovative Services  
Denise Papillion, Principal Elementary  
Tyler Rowlett, Principal High School  
Les Kluttz, Bond Program Manager  
David Smothers, Principal Junior High  
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of Special Programs  
Jackie Hornback  
Kelley Henderson  
Charles Barnett  
Garland Johnson  
Stephanie Holley

Also present for this meeting:

Tommye Ann Heinroth  
Pristine Hysten  
Father Preston, OLPH Catholic Church  
Lance Andrews  
Jim Way  
Haley Turner, Walsh Gallegos  
Devin Randon  
Adam Troy Davidson  
Vincent Strother  
Robbie Bevill  
Corinna Richardson, The Facts  
Ken Hysten  
Etsuko Hysten  
Floyd Ray Bess  
Veronica Bess  
Maribel Patino  
Angela Anderson

Kassidy Anderson  
Chase Morgan  
Kattie Lemus  
Kyle Morgan  
Morgan McCain  
Jennifer Lee  
Ema Lee  
Dallas Mullins  
Violet Weeks  
Recognitions for Life Ready Learner  
"Robbie"  
Jessica Follett  
Morgan Beam, Walsh Gallegos  
Loretha Edison  
Rev Dews  
H. Johnican  
Cassandra Woods

**Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:04 PM**

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

- Discuss Commercial or Financial Information Received from Chevron Phillips Chemical Company with Whom the District May be Commencing Economic Development Negotiations (Texas Govt Code 551.087)
- Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Request for Public Information Related to Prior Lawsuit (Texas Govt Code 551.071)
- Deliberate Regarding Contract Extension for Campus Administrator(s) (Texas Govt Code 551.074)
- Deliberate Regarding the Naming of Sweeny Junior High Assistant Principal (Texas Govt Code 551.074)

**OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:09 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**

- Father Preston – OLPH Catholic Church

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

- Pristine Hysten

**RECOGNITIONS**

- 2020 Classlink Award of Excellence, Amber Stowers – Presented by Amy Pope
- April Life Ready Learners – Presented by Charolet Kremmer  
Staff:

April 2021	
Person of Integrity	Charolet Kremmer
Person of Integrity	Floyd Ray Bess
Collaborative Leader	Camille Johse
Empathetic Citizen	Ungelia Whiteside
Resilient Achiever	Stephanie Holley
Solution-Oriented Contributor	Gena Herrera
Digital Literacy Learner	Stephanie Gartman
Innovative Thinker	Garland Johnson

Students:

April 2021	
Resilient Achiever	Sergio Patino
Solution-Oriented Contributor	Chase Morgan

April 2021	
Person of Integrity	Pristine Hysten
Collaborative Leader	Calon Amey
Empathetic Citizen	Ema Lee

April 2021	
Digital Literacy Learner	Kassidy Anderson
Innovative Thinker	Evan Cunningham

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Tommye Ann Heinroth – Public Information Request/Walsh Gallegos
- Dallas Mullins – Choices/Masks

PRESENTATION(S)

- Reading Academy Update – (Moved to May agenda)
- Sweeny Reads/Imagination Library Update – (Move to May agenda)
- Instructional Coach Program Update – (Moved to May agenda)

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2021 and March 29, 2021 Special Board Meetings
- 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 – None to approve
- Consider Board Approval of Budget Amendments
- Consider Board Approval of Purchases over \$50K – None to approve
- Consider Board Approval of Amended Joint Contract for Election Services and Order of Election

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve items A-J on the consent agenda as presented. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION RELATED TO PRIOR LAWSUIT

No action

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR(S)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept as recommended by Administration. David Smothers. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER HIRING OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Dr. Reddoch to accept hiring of professional contractual personnel as presented and recommended. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

Andrews, Lance	Sweeny Elementary	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science
Andrews, Shelby	Sweeny High School	Life Skills
Bailey, Brenna	Sweeny Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade ELA
Edwards, Eboni	Sweeny Elementary	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA
Epherson, Raquel	Sweeny Elementary	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade ELA
Gott, Rebecca	Sweeny Elementary	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math
McCurdy, Jamie	Sweeny Elementary	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA
Reichardt, Payton	Sweeny Elementary	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Math
Woodard, Shontel	Sweeny Elementary	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade ELA

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER NAMING SWEENY JUNIOR HIGH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. McAda to reassign Crayton Henry to the Assistant Principal role at Sweeny Junior High. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to accept the resignation of Randy Miksch, Board Member Position 7, and effective April 13, 2021. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SWEENEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BOND, SERIES 2021; LEVYING A TAX PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve the order authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of Sweeny Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021; levying a tax and providing for the security and payment of such bonds; and enacting other provisions relating thereto. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH KIMBERLING, MCFARLAND AND ASSOCIATES, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND FRAUD EXAMINERS FOR 10-YEAR FINANCIAL EXAMINATION OF SWEENEY ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Dr. Reddoch to approve agreement with Kimberling, McFarland and Associates PC as presented. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TEXAS ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS (TEKS) CERTIFICATION

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. McAda to approve the TEKS certification as presented for the 21-22 school year. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SISD BOARD POLICY CDA (LOCAL) REGARDING SWEENEY ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION INVESTMENTS

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. McAda to approve SISD Board Policy CDA (LOCAL regarding Sweeny ISD Education Foundation. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SWEENEY ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION BY-LAWS

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve the updated Sweeny ISD Education Foundation Bylaws, which were adopted at the last Sweeny ISD Education Foundation Meeting on April 7, 2021 as resented and recommended. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAY 2019 BOND IMPROVEMENTS TO SWEENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KITCHEN

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve the improvement projects at the Elementary School kitchen as recommended by SISD Administration. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER 2021-2022 NON-ATHLETIC STIPENDS

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Dr. Reddoch to approve the 2021-2022 non-athletic stipends as recommended. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POLICY UPDATE 116

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell 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 116 as presented and recommended. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD APPROVAL FOR START/END DATES FOR SWEENEY ISD STAFF FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept Start/End dates for Sweeny ISD staff for 2021-2022 school year. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve the alignment of Sweeny ISD Spring Break with Brazosport College as approved in their April Board meeting. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CAMPUS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

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MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve per pupil campus allocations as presented and recommended. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK STUDY ON JUNE 1, 2021

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to schedule a Special Work Study Meeting on June 1, 2021 at 6pm for Purpose of Reviewing Board Operating Procedures/District Goals/Priorities. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER BOARD MEMBER CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept the Continuing Education Reports for each of our SISD Board Members for May 2019-May 2021 as presented by the Board President. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

COVID -19 Update

- Update by Dr. Hill

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Mrs. Bohlar-Schroder – Discuss and Consider the Hiring of New Legal Counsel for the Board

**Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

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Earl Mathis

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Donna Bohlar-Schroeder