

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 28, 2023

A special meeting was called to order by President Ray Peagler at 5:30pm. A quorum was present, the meeting was duly called, and notice of meeting had been posted for the time and manner by law. Jeff Points and Robin Boswell were absent.

The budget amendments for the 2022-2023 fiscal year were presented to the Board. Amendments noted were Function 35 Food Services and the addition of Function 81 Facilities Acquisition and Construction for the facilities assessment. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the budget amendments; Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved; motion carried.

Dr. Pohl presented to the Board the 2023-2024 projected budget of \$1,825,062.00 for both the General Fund (199) and Food Services (240). Of note, the revenue estimation is more conservative with a lesser ADA value than that used in 2022-2023. Because of the lower proposed tax rate, projected M&O revenue is less; these funds will in turn be provided by the state. SHISD has added 1 FTE and has adjusted the school leadership function to account for a part-time assistant principal. The transportation projected expense has been significantly decreased, as the bus routes have been consolidated from 2 routes to 1. The funds for the security function, which includes the Guardian program and mandated infrastructure updates will be covered mainly by a safety grant provided by the state. Function 81 Facilities/Construction will be carried over as well in anticipation of future repairs/construction, based upon the results of the facilities assessment by RMA. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as presented; Johnny Turk seconded. All approved; motion carried.

Next, the 2023-2024 tax rate was presented to the Board. This year's proposed tax rate for maintenance and operations is \$0.6828, as compared to last year's M&O rate of \$0.9144. A motion was presented by Nathan Wenske as: This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate. A motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate does not require the language about 'tax increase' as stated in §26.05(b) of Property Tax Code. Jessica Kusak seconded the motion. All approved; resolution to set the 2023-2024 tax rate carried.

The next regular board meeting will be September 11, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Johnny Turk made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.



Ray Peagler, Board President



Amy Picha, Board Secretary