

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 11, 2023

A meeting was called to order by President Ray Peagler at 5:37pm. A quorum was present, the meeting was duly called, and notice of meeting had been posted for the time and manner by law. All board members were present.

Mrs. Maples and her 1st grade class presented to the Board current lessons on the letter 'A,' including songs, cooking and applesauce prepared by the class.

The minutes from the August 14 meeting and August 28 special meeting were read and reviewed. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes for both, with timeline corrections to the August 14 meeting. Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Under Review of payment of bills and budget, it was noted that the fiscal school year 2022-2023 was complete and closed out. The Board then discussed preferred financial documents for future meetings.

There were no budget amendments.

The Board discussed the need to hold a public meeting prior to the release of the final School FIRST Rating. At this meeting, a financial management report will be released explaining the district's rating and performance under each indicator for the current and previous year's ratings. A motion was made by Ray Peagler to hold the public meeting prior to our regular board meeting on October 10, 2023; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved, and the motion carried. Notice will be placed in local newspapers Wednesday, September 27.

As a member of TASB, SHISD is able to have a voice in issues facing Texas public schools. By attending the TASB Delegate Assembly, SHISD may participate in the democratic process governing TASB. A motion was made nominating Johnny Turk as SHISD's Official Voting Delegate and Nathan Wenske as the alternate to the 2023 TASB Delegate Assembly; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

The Board next considered the approval of the adjunct faculty request; approval of this request allows SHISD students to be considered 'in attendance' when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member to the school district. A resolution was presented to the Board naming Natalie Knesek and Shannon DeForest as adjunct faculty members. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the faculty requests; Robin Boswell seconded. All approved; resolution carried.

Another resolution was also presented for the Board to consider the extracurricular status of the 4-H organization, which allows participants to be subject to attendance and academic eligibility. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the resolution; Nathan Wenske accepted.

In the Superintendent's report, the Board was updated on the progress of the FIRST report which will be discussed in detail at the next public meeting, October 10, 2023. The STAAR scores for Spring 2023 were discussed, and it was noted that these scores could not be compared to previous year's scores as the test was in a different format (online, different types of questions). The goal now will be to work on the gaps to increase the number of 'meets' and 'masters' groups.

The school safety and security committee meeting was held on August 31, 2023, and the required security updates were discussed. The school will receive \$200,000 in a school safety grant to update the campus in order to meet state mandates. Dr. Pohl met with Weaver & Jacobs for estimates in campus modifications to become compliant with mandated safety specifications. The fences will be deemed compliant with modifications. Thus, funding may be shifted

to other safety features campus wide, including camera updates, security films on windows, radios with possible booster for law enforcement communication, and Guardian Program elements.

website has been updated and launch is expected between mid-September and early October. Morgan Buildings has donated a 9x22 air conditioned building for book fair. The Board legislative update will be on September 21, and the next board meeting is October 10, 2023.

Ray Peagler made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:54pm to discuss transfer applicants. The Board came out of closed session at 7:33pm with a motion made by President Ray Peagler. A motion was then made by Nathan Wenske to approve transfer applicants for 5th and 6th grades, per Dr. Pohl's recommendation. Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved; motion carried.

Amy Picha made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved; the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Ray Peagler 10/10/23

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