

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 8, 2024

A meeting was called to order by President Ray Peagler at 5:30pm. A quorum was present, the meeting was duly called, and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner as required by law. All board members were present.

The pledges of allegiance were recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

The SHISD track was renovated in the summer of 2023 thanks to generous donors of our Sweet Home community. Special recognition was given to these benefactors, including Chandler Drilling, The Grand Theater, Kirk Harrell, Rock Hard Materials, Sweet Home PTO, Sweet Home Sand & Gravel, and Weaver & Jacobs.

The minutes from the March 18th meeting were read and reviewed. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Nathan Wenske made a motion to accept the payment of bills and budget status; Robin Boswell seconded.

Budget amendments were discussed, and it was presented to the Board that Function 53, Data Processing, needs to be amended due to a server purchase, insurance increases, and the website contract for 2023-2024. This account will no longer be utilized for the remainder of this school year. Robin Boswell made a motion to approve the budget amendments; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The Junior High Master Schedule was presented to the Board, with the proposal to add high school courses for the 2024-2025 school year. These courses include Principles of Health Science and Spanish I and would be offered to 8th graders toward high school credit and GPA. With the offering of these courses, SHISD would have access to Career & Technical Education (CTE) funds through Perkins grants, albeit minimal at this time until our program expands. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the addition of high school courses as presented; Robin Boswell seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Based upon the TEA Financial Compliance Division's review of SHISD's annual financial and compliance report, SHISD has \$171,000 committed for construction purposes. Per TEA, although these funds can be legally committed at the discretion of the Board, there is potential for a fund deficit if all of these committed funds are spent, and expenditures exceed revenues in a subsequent year. Dr. Pohl recommended a resolution to the Board to decommit the \$171,000 in the general fund balance as unassigned funds. Robin Boswell made a motion to approve the resolution; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the resolution carried.

In the Superintendent's report, current enrollment is 148, and the campus Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 97%. The Board was updated on the School Safety & Security Committee (SSSC) spring meeting and that our emergency operations plan had been approved. SHISD has been awarded an additional \$150,000 in Cycle 2 of the Safety Grant. An update to our server was provided. Lastly, Board members were educated on the Safe and Supportive Schools Program (SSSP) and Navigate 360, which utilize mental health and safety best practices to achieve physical and psychological safety on campus. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Ray Peagler made a motion to enter closed session at 7:07pm, seconded by Jessica Kusak. As per the agenda, the Board discussed the employment of personnel and contract renewals. The Board reconvened at 7:41pm. Johnny Turk made a motion to extend contracts to professional staff as recommended by Dr. Pohl; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried. Ray Peagler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved; the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Ray Peagler, Board President

Amy Picha, Board Secretary