

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 18, 2024

A meeting was called to order by President Ray Peagler at 5:32pm. 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. Amy Picha was absent.

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

Mrs. Wenske and her Kindergarten class exhibited a Prickly Pear presentation on Texas facts.

The minutes from the February 12th meeting were read and reviewed. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

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

There were no budget amendments.

The current deployable nurse grant from Region 3 was not renewed at this time. Possibilities of other grants may be incoming to offset this amount. In the meantime, Region 3 and Sweet Home ISD have agreed upon a collaborative agreement, referred to as a memorandum of understanding (MOU), to continue deployable nursing services for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the MOU with Region 3 for April and May 2024 nurse contracted services; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The Small Rural School Achievement grant, which is awarded to SHISD annually, aims to provide rural schools with financial assistance to fund initiatives aimed at improving student academic achievement. One allowable expense under this grant is staff compensation. Dr. Pohl presented to the Board a one-time stipend of \$1,000 to staff, as SHISD had an excess of \$7,000 from the 2022-2023 school year, in addition to this year's funds. Robin Boswell made a motion to approve the one-time \$1,000 stipend for all staff; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Texas schools are required to offer and teach the TEKS for Languages Other than English (LOTE). Dr. Pohl presented the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) course catalog to the Board, which provides SHISD the option to offer a LOTE course for high school credit to our 8th graders without hiring additional staff. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the TXVSN Course Catalog Agreement; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

In the Superintendent's report, current enrollment is 150. The Region 3 School Board Conference is set for May 16th. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Ray Peagler made a motion to enter closed session at 6:53pm, seconded by Jeff Points. The Board reconvened at 7:18pm with a motion by Ray Peagler and seconded by Johnny Turk. Robin Boswell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved; the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Ray Peagler, Board President

Amy Picha, Board Secretary