

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 11, 2023

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.

Mrs. Cook and her 6th grade Social Studies class recited the pledges and presented to the Board their 3-D European landmark projects.

RMA, SHISD's architectural firm, presented to the Board the 2024 Bond Options with estimated costs and building plans. This presentation assumed a \$0.50 tax rate increase and included 3 options for new construction and renovations. This presentation may be requested from the SHISD office for review.

The minutes from the November 13th meeting were read and reviewed. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes; Robin Boswell seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

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

There were no budget amendments.

Texas Property Code 6.03(k) provides that each taxing unit shall consider and vote for the Lavaca County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Johnny Turk made a motion that the SHISD Board proceed with casting their votes for the Appraisal District Board members; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved, the motion carried, and the Board proceeded to determine their vote by resolution. Nathan Wenske made a motion to pass and approve the resolution; Robin Boswell seconded. All approved, and the resolution carried.

The TASB Risk Management Fund was proposed to the Board. The proposal listed a summary of auto, liability, property and workers' compensation coverages. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the contribution and coverage as presented; Johnny Turk seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

The District & Campus Improvement Plan for 2023-2024 was presented to the Board by members of the SHISD Planning and Decision-Making Committee; those presenting included Dr. Candace Pohl (superintendent), Bethany Page (teacher), Erica Cook (teacher), and Kim Shannon (teacher). The document will be posted on the SHISD website and includes a comprehensive needs assessment with data documentation, priority problem statements, and sweet home performance goals with strategies. Robin Boswell made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 District & Campus Improvement Plan as presented; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

In the Superintendent's report, current enrollment is 148, and the campus Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 96.58%. Maintenance updates were provided: the sensor for the exit gate has been replaced and plumbing issues on campus were addressed. Regarding safety updates, SHISD passed an Intruder Audit on December 4, 2023; a vulnerability audit and safety trainings are anticipated in the future. Facilities Planning updates were also provided, and it was noted that February 16, 2024 is the deadline to file for a place on the May general election ballot. Sweet Home School has been graciously donated 3 LifeVac devices for use in a choking emergency; these will be located in the Nurse's office and in the AED cabinets in the workroom and cafeteria. The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 5pm.

Ray Peagler made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:42pm. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:15pm with a motion by President Ray Peagler and seconded by Jessica Kusak. No actions were taken related to closed session

discussions. Ray Peagler then made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved; the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Ray Peagler, Board President

Amy Picha, Board Secretary