

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 8, 2024

A meeting was called to order by Secretary Amy Picha 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. Robin Boswell and Ray Peagler were absent.

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

Gallagher Construction presented their plans regarding campus renovations and cost-effective options, if chosen as construction manager. A thorough presentation may be anticipated at the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, detailing campus-wide updates.

The minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and reviewed. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes; Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the payment of bills and budget status; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

There were no budget amendments at this time.

The Board then discussed and considered Gallagher Construction as Program Manager for future construction projects. Jeff Points made a motion to approve Gallagher Construction as the SHISD Program Manager; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved; motion carried.

The District's policy on Student Discipline FO (Local) was then discussed. Dr. Pohl recommended that this policy match the Student Code of Conduct. Per this policy, the SHISD Board of Trustees prohibits corporal punishment. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the Local policy FO as presented by Dr. Pohl; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The District's policy on Employee Local Leave DEC (Local) was presented by Dr. Pohl. An update to this Board policy will reflect the Employee Handbook, allowing employees to earn 5 paid local leave days per school year and accumulate up to 15 days. This also removes the annual payment for unused local leave. Amy Picha made a motion to accept the updates to the District's policy on Employee Local Leave; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct was presented to the Board. No changes were made regarding corporal punishment. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the Code of Conduct as presented; Amy Picha seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The 2024-2025 Student and Parent Handbook was then presented; it was noted that no significant changes were made. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve; Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The 2024-2025 Employee Handbook was presented to the Board. It will reflect the newly approved changes to the Local Leave policy DEC (Local) with no other significant updates. Jessica Kusak made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The 2024-2025 TTESS Calendar was presented and discussed. This calendar allows for professional development plans, observations and end of year conferences with appraisals. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 TTESS Calendar as presented; Amy Picha seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

A quote from H&H Door Company was presented to the Board for the repairs to the front electric gates for the total amount of \$19,806.56. It was deemed a lightning strike was the cause of the gate failure; an insurance adjustment was made to aid in payment for repairs for the amount of \$12,297.44. The remainder will be paid out of the general fund. Amy Picha made a motion to approve the payment for repairs; Johnny Turk seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The Board then discussed the endorsement of the TASB Board of Directors candidate, Margaret Pruett for the 2024-2027 term. Nathan Wenske made a motion to endorse Ms. Pruett as a member of the TASB Board of Directors; Amy Picha seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

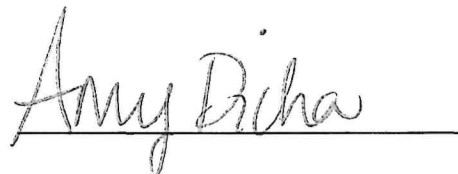
The TASB Risk Management Fund contribution and coverage summary was presented by Dr. Pohl. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the TASB Risk Management Fund Renewal for the 2024-2025 school year; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

In the Superintendent's report, anticipated enrollment is 155. The Board was updated on construction projects and the need to have an asbestos sampling and inspection. Quotes will be obtained from local agents for buildings to be demolished. A safety update was provided; Dr. Pohl and Mrs. Page attended the Texas School Safety Center Annual Conference and TEA provided a baseline vulnerability meeting. HQIM leadership training took place on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, and AJ Louderback met with local superintendents to assess their needs and concerns regarding public education and vouchers. The 2024-2025 Master Schedule was reviewed, and the US Department of Education audit was presented, which monitors grant and stipend programs. The next board meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Amy Picha made a motion to enter closed session at 6:54pm, seconded by Jessica Kusak. As per the agenda, the Board discussed student transfers. The Board reconvened at 7:09pm. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the transfer recommendations as discussed in closed meeting; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried. Amy Picha made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved; the meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.



Ray Peagler, Board President



Amy Picha, Board Secretary