

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 in person at the Sweeny ISD Board Room, 1310 N Elm, Sweeny, Texas. Mr. Douget called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Mr. Fuller and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Mr. Fuller.

The following Board members were present:

Bryan Douget – President
Amanda Baca
Brittanie Hopkins
Paul Kibodeaux

The following Board Members were absent:

Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Trina Smith
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –Vice President

The following staff members were present:

Daniel Fuller, Superintendent
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent/Board, Recording Secretary
Nicole Larson, Dir of Communications and Education Foundation
Matt Way, Principal Elementary School
Ulysses Velez, Chief of Police SISD
DuWayne Dunn, Director of Technology
Chris Kocurek, Director of HR

Also present for this meeting:

Kelly Fuller
Meghan Beytebiere, Walsh Gallegos
Meredith Walker, Walsh Gallegos
Ann Strother
Jacob Strother

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

- Mr. Fuller, Superintendent

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Mr. Fuller, Superintendent

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget Hearing: Started at 6:01 p.m.

The public was asked three (3) times if there were any questions or comments on the Budget Hearing. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Public Hearing ended at 6:10 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Texas Government Code Section 551.001 Closed meeting will be held for the purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074, Deliberate Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, Resignation or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee
- Virtual Executive Session Pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.129 of the Texas Government Code (Virtual Attorney Consultation) Regarding Pending Litigation Against the District, Civil Action No: 3:23-cv-271, Pending in the United States District Court of the Southern District of Texas
- Consultation with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.129 of the Texas Government Code Related to Any Agenda Item

Board Reconvened at 7:06 p.m. The presiding officer will verify that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Ann Strother – Homeschool participation in sports

CONSENT AGENDA

Consider Board Approval of Budget Amendments

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve item A of the consent agenda. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discuss and Consider Adoption of Sweeny ISD Budget for 2024-2025

MOTION was made by Mr. Kibodeaux, seconded by Mrs. Baca to adopt the 2024-2025 proposed revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, and Debt Service Fund. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Setting Sweeny ISD Tax Rate for 2024

This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Douget to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate does not require the language about "tax increase" as stated in §26.05(b) of Property Tax Code. I move that the property tax rate remain the same as 2023 by the adopting a tax rate of \$0.8731, whereas, \$0.7214 per \$100 will be designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations and \$0.1517 per \$100 designated for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

Consider and Take Possible Action on Civil Action No: 3:23-cv-271, Pending in the United States Court for the Southern District of Texas

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the resolution and authorize the Superintendent to execute any agreements as discussed in closed session. 3 voted aye, Mr. Kibodeaux abstained (3, 1) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Update to the 2024-2025 Compensation Plan

MOTION was made by Mrs. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kibodeaux to approve the updates to the 2024-2025 Compensation Plan as presented including the Jumbotron. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2024

Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Bryan Douget, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary