

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 12, 2024

A meeting was called to order by President Ray Peagler at 6:00pm. 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. Jessica Kusak was absent.

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

The minutes from the July 8th meeting were read and reviewed. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Amy Picha made a motion to accept the payment of bills and budget status; Robin Boswell seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

There were no budget amendments at this time.

The District's annual professional learning plan was then discussed for 2024-2025, which remains unchanged from the previous year. An outline of required trainings for all district employees per TASB and Senate Bill 1267 was provided. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the SHISD professional learning plan as presented; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

A joint election agreement for November 5, 2024, was presented to the Board, which allows for local schools to conduct their elections as a joint election with Lavaca County. Robin Boswell made a motion to approve the joint election agreement with Lavaca County for November 2024; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

A resolution by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension requesting approval for extracurricular status of the Lavaca County 4-H Organization for 2024-2025 was presented to the Board. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the resolution for 4-H as extracurricular status; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the resolution carried.

An adjunct faculty agreement on behalf of the Lavaca County Extension staff was then considered. This appointment would name Natalie Knesek and Shannon DeForest as adjunct faculty for SHISD, thus allowing for student participation in programs provided by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve Ms. Knesek and Mr. DeForest as adjunct faculty for SHISD; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Dr. Pohl presented a resolution approving and designating Deborah A. Sevcik, PCC, as SHISD's certified tax assessor-collector for 2024-2025 to calculate the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approved tax rate for 2024. Ray Peagler made a motion to adopt the resolution naming Ms. Sevcik as the SHISD tax assessor-collector; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Dr. Pohl presented Roloff, Hnatek & Co., L.L.P., as the certified auditors for SHISD for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve Roloff, Hnatek & Co. as the 2024 SHISD certified auditor; Johnny Turk seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

In a cost-saving measure, Roloff, Hnatek & Co offered a remote audit in lieu of on-site fieldwork and a memo to the Board instead of a live presentation of the audit results. In choosing these options, SHISD may realize a benefit totaling \$1,550. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve Roloff & Hnatek's remote audit process; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The scope of work approval, as provided by Gallagher Construction, was tabled at this time.

The date for the public meeting to discuss the budget and anticipated tax rate was proposed for Monday, August 26th at 5:30pm. Robin Boswell made a motion to accept and announce the Budget and proposed tax rate public meeting for August 26th; Amy Picha seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The SHISD proposed tax rates to be published were then presented to the Board. These include the proposed: M&O tax rate of \$0.6758 and I&S tax rate of \$0.4375 for a total tax rate of \$1.1133. Ray Peagler made a motion to approve and publish the proposed total tax rate of \$1.1133; Robin Boswell seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

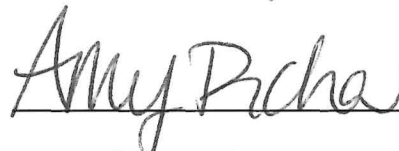
A quote in the amount of \$9,597.50 for Eduphoria, a TEKS-based data hub and curriculum support service covering all grades and content areas, including STAAR preparation, was presented to the Board. The expense for this 1-year subscription will be covered with funds received from the LASO grant. Jeff Points made a motion to approve the purchase of Eduphoria from the LASO grant; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

In the Superintendent's report, anticipated enrollment is 156. The Board was updated on the proposed budgets for the Maintenance and Operations Fund, the Food Service Fund, and the Interest & Sinking Fund. The next special board meeting to discuss these budgets and proposed tax rate is scheduled for August 26, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Ray Peagler made a motion to enter closed session at 6:55pm, seconded by Johnny Turk. As per the agenda, the Board discussed student transfers. The Board reconvened at 7:47pm. Jeff Points made a motion to accept the transfer recommendations as discussed in closed meeting; Johnny Turk seconded. All approved and the motion carried. Ray Peagler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Points seconded. All approved; the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.



Ray Peagler, Board President



Amy Picha, Board Secretary