

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 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 Candyce Watkins and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Covey Schuerg.

The following Board members were present:

Bryan Douget – President
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –Vice President
Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Trina Smith
Amanda Baca

The following Board Members were absent:

Brittanie Hopkins
Paul Kibodeaux

The following staff members were present:

Daniel Fuller, Superintendent
Nicole Larson, Director of Education Foundation and Communications
Ulysses Velez, Chief of Police Sweeny ISD

Also present for this meeting:

Kelly Fuller
Neal Bess Jr.
Jessica Follett
Candyce Watkins
Covey Schuerg

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

- Candyce Watkins, Sweeny FCA

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Covey Schuerg

PUBLIC HEARING - Began: 6:05 p.m.

Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

The public was given 3 opportunities to ask questions or comment. There were no questions or comments.

Public Hearing closed: 6:17 p.m.

PRESENTATION(S)

- Education Foundation Bright Minds Grant Impact
- 2024 Bond Update

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:40 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

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

- Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.074, Deliberate Regarding Mid-Contract Resignations
- Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code 551.071, for the Purpose of a Private Consultation with the Board's Attorney on any or all Subjects or Matters Authorized by Law

Board Reconvened at 8:20 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

- Neal Bess Jr. – Stadium Concerns

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and November 19, 2024 Special Board Meeting
- Consider Board Approval of revised August 13, 2024 Board Minutes
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 619
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 624
- Consider Board Approval of Bond Construction Invoices
- Consider Board Approval of Budget Amendments
- Consider Board Approval of Purchases over \$50K
- Consider Board Approval of Accepting the Donation from the Education Foundation for Phillips 66 CTE Donation
- Consider Board Approval of Accepting Donation from the Education Foundation for Phillips 66 Robotics Donation
- Consider Board Approval of Annual Review of Investment Policies and Investment Strategies
- Consider Board Approval of Walk of Honor Donation

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve items A-K on the Consent Agenda. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discuss and Consider the 2024-2025 Compensation Plan and the Addition of Sweeny ISD Education Foundation Advisor Position

Tabled due to legal discoveries

Discuss, Consider and Take Possible Action on Mid-Contract Resignations

- Jr. High Math – Released
- High School Math/Coach – Not released – no good cause determined
- Non-Certified – Released
- High School Counselor – Released

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Baca to approve the mid-contract resignations as presented per policy DFE (LEGAL). All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried

Discuss and Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Audit Report

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report as presented by the independent auditing firm of KM&L as presented and recommended. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried

Discuss, Consider and Take Action to Adopt a Resolution of the Board to Employ or Accept Chaplains as Volunteers

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. Smith to not permit a District campus to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students at this time. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

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Discuss and Consider Sweeny High School GATA Network Btel Match Donation

MOTION was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the monetary match donation from Btel to the GATA Network. All voted aye (5, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Payroll Frequency

MOTION was made to continue review of Bi-monthly payroll frequency. 4 voted aye; Mrs. Baca abstained (4, 1) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

Board adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Bryan Douget, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary