

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 13, 2025

Board Members Present: Ray Peagler (Pres), Nathan Wenske (VP), Amy Picha (Sec), Robin Boswell, Jeff Points, Johnny Turk

Board Members Absent: Jessica Kusak

1. Call to Order

Ray Peagler called this regular meeting of the board to order at 5:31pm. All board members were present at the start of the meeting. 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.

Mrs. Jenny Pohler and her Gifted and Talented (GT) class gave a presentation titled, 'Connecting the Chains of Life' to the Board. Dr. Pohl recognized the Sweet Home School Board for their work, leadership and commitment to improving SHISD. There were no public comments.

In the Superintendent's report, enrollment is 148, and the ADA was 96.3% for December. A lower-than-normal attendance school-wide was noted and attributed to illness and holiday vacations. The Board was updated on the academic calendar, including proposed electives and changes to the master schedule and athletics. A construction update was provided by ABAS.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Action on minutes
- b. Action on budget amendments
 - i. There were no budget amendments at this time.
- c. Action on bills paid
- d. Action on December Lonestar Investment Report
- e. Action on 2024-2025 Superintendent Evaluation tool
- f. Action on the Lavaca County Hazard Mitigation Plan for SHISD
 - i. This plan addresses natural hazards that affect the area and the goal is to minimize/eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property. The approval of the plan will open the district to eligibility for grant funds through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant programs.
- g. Action on the February 24, 2025 board workshop date

Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items a-g; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

3. Action/Discussion Items

- a. It was presented to the Board to consider an alternate geotechnical engineer based on competence and qualifications for the campus renovations project. Jeff Points made a motion to rescind the previous board action to hire Terracon as the Geotechnical Engineer; Johnny Turk seconded. All approved and the motion carried.
- b. The proposed contract was presented to the Board to consider Professional Service Industries (PSI) to conduct a geotechnical exploration for the campus renovations project. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve PSI as the new geotechnical engineer based on their demonstrated competence and qualifications, including delegation of authority to the superintendent. Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

4. Next Meeting

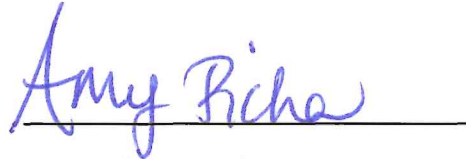
Ray Peagler reminded the board that the next regularly scheduled board meeting would be held on February 10, 2025 and that a board workshop will be on February 24, 2025 at 5:30pm.

5. Adjourn Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Nathan Wenske and seconded by Jeff Points, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:23pm.



Ray Peagler, Board President



Amy Picha, Board Secretary