

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 10, 2025

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Bethany Page (Assistant Principal)

Public Present: Mike Hoelscher (community member), Brayden Griffin (Gallagher Construction)

1. Call to Order

Ray Peagler called this regular meeting of the board to order at 5:32pm. Board members present at the start of the meeting include: Ray Peagler, Nathan Wenske, Amy Picha, Robin Boswell, Jessica Kusak, and Johnny Turk. 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.

Brayden Griffin gave an update on the bond design process after the floor plan approval. The surveyor should be on campus Thursday for building layouts; it is expected to take 1 to 2 months to design the project.

AP Bethany Page gave the Board a district technology update. The district had several cyber attacks, for which an action plan was presented by Mrs. Page.

Jeff Points arrived at 5:37pm.

In the Superintendent's report, enrollment is 148, and the ADA was 91% for January. A lower-than-normal attendance school-wide was noted and attributed to wide-spread illness. The Board was presented the 2024 State of the District by Dr. Pohl, noting staff collaboration, parent engagement and plans for the district's future.

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 January Lonestar Investment Report
 - i. Construction Bond Funds: \$23,055.20 interest (January); total \$5,977,664.78
 - ii. SHISD General Operating Account: \$3,323.00 interest (January); total \$861,575.10
 - iii. Total vested balance: \$6,839,239.88; yield 4.56% interest
- e. Action on amendment to the SHISD District of Innovation Plan
 - i. Exempting the District from the requirement for transfers to be for a one-year period
- f. Action on Board Policy FDA (LOCAL) Update regarding Student Transfer Agreement
 - i. Per SHISD DIP, the District is exempt from requiring transfers to be for a one-year period.
 - ii. Violations of the terms of the transfer agreement may result in revocation of the agreement during the school year or a transfer request not being approved the following year.
- g. Action on revising the 2025-2026 SHISD Student Transfer Agreement
 - i. Revisions in accordance to previously approved DIP and Board Policy FDA (LOCAL)

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. The 2025-2026 SHISD Academic Calendar was then presented for discussion. Three versions were provided to the DEIC, staff members and the Board. A majority vote for Draft B (More Early Release Fridays) was garnered from both the DEIC and staff. Jeff Points made a motion to approve Draft B, in alignment with the DEIC and staff member votes; Nathan Wenske seconded. All approved and the motion carried.
- b. A proposed draft blueprint of the new Pre-K – 5th grade building and cafeteria was presented for approval of the exterior structure. Nathan Wenske made a motion to approve the PK-5 exterior in order to proceed to the design process; Jessica Kusak seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

4. Executive/Closed Meeting

- a. Ray Peagler made a motion, seconded by Nathan Wenske, to enter into closed session at 6:39pm to discuss student enrollment and superintendent evaluation and contract as per the agenda.

5. Action from Executive/Closed Meeting

- a. Johnny Turk made a motion to approve the superintendent’s contract as discussed in closed session; Jeff Points seconded. All approved and the motion carried.
- b. There were no actions regarding student enrollment.

6. Future Business

Ray Peagler reminded the board that the next special board meeting would be held on February 24, 2025 and that a board workshop will ensue afterward.

7. Adjourn Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Ray Peagler and seconded by Jeff Points, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:26pm.

Ray Peagler, Board President

Amy Picha, Board Secretary