

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

~~April 14, 2025~~ MAY 12, 2025

Board Members Present: Ray Peagler (Pres), Nathan Wenske (VP) [5:33pm arrival], Amy Picha (Sec), Robin Boswell, Jessica Kusak, Jeff Points, Johnny Turk [5:45pm arrival]

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Dr. Candace Pohl (Superintendent), Shara Steffek (teacher), Amber Kopecky (teacher/parent), Erica Cook (teacher/parent), Kendra Wenske (teacher/parent), Veronica Sluka (teacher)

Public Present: Olga Whittley (parent), Kelly Renken (parent), Jordan Sluka (parent), PJ Delarosa (parent), Madison Beard (parent)

1. Call to Order

Ray Peagler called this regular meeting of the board to order at 5:30pm. Board members present at the start of the meeting include: Ray Peagler, Amy Picha, Robin Boswell, Jessica Kusak, and Jeff Points. 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.

Shara Steffek and her 8th graders, along with Amber Kopecky and her pre-K students, presented their favorite memories of Sweet Home School.

Nathan Wenske arrived at 5:33pm.

Jordan Sluka spoke on concerns regarding process reviews and diagnostic tools used by the school and co-op.

Johnny Turk arrived at 5:45pm.

2. Administrative Reports

- a. Dr. Pohl gave an update on the bond project's design phase: SHISD is 50% into the design phase and currently working toward 75%, with a projected goal to be complete with the design process by August.
- b. In the Superintendent's report, enrollment is 149, and the ADA was 96.6% for April.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Action on minutes
 - i. April 14, 2025 regular Board meeting
- b. Action on budget amendments
 - i. There were no budget amendments at this time.
- c. Action on bills paid
- d. Action on April Lonestar Investment Report
 - i. Construction Bond Funds: \$21,945.19 interest (April); total \$6,042,794.79
 - ii. SHISD General Operating Account: \$2,640.76 interest (April); total \$670,440.19
 - iii. I&S Tax Collection Account: \$838.73 (April); total \$230,950.87
 - iv. Total vested balance: \$6,944,185.85; yield 4.43% interest
- e. Action on the decision to select a depository contract through competitive bidding
 - i. SHISD's depository contract expires August 31, 2025, with a requirement to renew every 2 years, either by bid or request for proposals. This process must be started at least 60 days prior to the expiration date.
- f. Action on approving a 5th-8th grade Beginner Band course
- g. Action on approving the 7th grade CTE course, General Employability Skills

- h. Action on retaining Leon Alcala, PLLC, for future district counsel services for various projects

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

4. Action/Discussion Items

5. Executive/Closed Meeting

- a. Ray Peagler made a motion, seconded by Jessica Kusak, to enter into closed session at 6:01pm to discuss student transfers as per the agenda.
- b. At 7:30pm, Ray Peagler made a motion to exit closed session, seconded by Johnny Turk.

6. Action from Executive/Closed Meeting

- a. Regarding Student transfers, Johnny Turk made a motion to accept transfer recommendations as presented in closed session; Nathan Wenske seconded. The motion passed 6-0 with 1 recusal.

7. Future Business

Ray Peagler reminded the Board that the next regular board meeting would be held on June 9, 2025, and that a special meeting for Board training is planned for June 30.

8. Adjourn Meeting

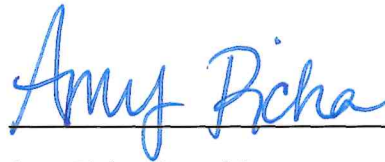
Upon motion duly made by Nathan Wenske and seconded by Robin Boswell, the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:31pm.



Ray Peagler, Board President



Nathan Wenske VP



Amy Picha, Board Secretary