

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 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 Josh Bynum and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Mr. Way.

The following Board members were present:

Bryan Douget – President
Trina Smith
Brittanie Hopkins
Nikki Woods

The following Board Members were absent:

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –Vice President
Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Amanda Baca

The following staff members were present:

Terri Watkins, Interim Superintendent
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and the Board
Ulysses Velez, Chief of Police Sweeny ISD
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of SpEd Program
DuWayne Dunn, Director of Technology
Chris Kocurek, Director of Human Resources
Kristen Effenberger, CFO
Tyler Rowlett, High School Principal
Lisa Presley, PEIMS Coordinator
Michael Heinroth, Director of Operations
Kelley Henderson, Director of Academics
Jalyn White-Wick, ARD Facilitator
Derek “Doc” Cook, Athletic Trainer
Amyee Byrd, Elementary Teacher
Dawn Thomas, Principal Designee High School
Matt Way, Principal Elementary
Starr Fitch, Elementary School
Bus Drivers

Also present for this meeting:

Josh Bynum, First United Methodist Church
Whitley Ebner, The Facts

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

INVOCATION

- Josh Bynum, First United Methodist Church

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Mr. Way

RECOGNITIONS

- Extra Mile: Bus Drivers – Stuff the Bus
- Extra Mile: Derek “Doc” Cook – water to Elementary during evacuation

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- Extra Mile: Kristin Effenberger – work on budget
- Safe Schools Training 100% Complete at all campuses/departments
- Bond Savings

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Amyee Byrd – Elementary building issues
- Starr Fitch – Elementary Kitchen Issues

PRESENTATION(S)

- Federal/Special Programs Required Annual Review

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from August 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and August 26, 2025 Special Board Meeting
- 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
- Approval of T-Tess Calendar and Certified Appraisers
- Approval of Annual Purchasing Cooperative Agreements
- Approval of 2024-2025 Brazoria County Extra Curricular Status and Adjunct Faculty Agreement
- Approval of Sweeny ISD and Brazosport College Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Dual Credit Agreement
- Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sweeny Independent School District and the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol – BACODA
- Approval of Renewal of Membership in Walsh Gallegos' Retainer Program
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) 2025-2026
- Approval of Unused Education Foundation Grant Funds
- Approval of Education Foundation Fall Grants

MOTION was made by Mrs. Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Woods to approve items A-O on the Consent Agenda. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discuss and Consider Stipends

MOTION was made by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve stipends to add to the 2025-2026 Compensation Plan (BBQ Stipend \$2,500; High School Tennis Assistant \$2,000; District Translator \$500). All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Changes to Policy CDC (LOCAL)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the changes to Policy CDC (LOCAL) as presented: Approval thresholds: Principals/Directors: Up to \$1,999; Superintendent: \$2,000-\$19,999; Board of Trustees: \$20,000+. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

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Discuss and Consider Transfer of Funds

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve the transfer of all funds from Fund 680 and 681 to General Fund 199 as presented. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Accepting Donation of Library Books to the Elementary School

MOTION was made by Mrs. Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve accepting the donation of library books to the Elementary school as presented. All voted aye (4, 0) Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:34 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
- Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 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 7:01 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.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

Board adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary