

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 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 Jim Way and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Braxton Jones.

The following Board members were present:

Bryan Douget – Vice President
Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Nikki Woods
Trina Smith
Amanda Baca

The following Board Members were absent:

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –President
Brittanie Hopkins

The following staff members were present:

Terri Watkins, Interim Superintendent
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
Dawn Thomas, Principal Designee High School
Matt Way, Principal Elementary
Dru Vinson, Choir Teacher
Jaylyn White-Wick, ARD Facilitator

Also present for this meeting:

Jim Way
Gay Way
Braxton Jones
Randy Boone, Weaver and Jacobs
Mark Menchaca, PBK
Students/Parents for recognitions
The Facts Representative

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

INVOCATION

- Jim Way

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Braxton Jones

RECOGNITIONS

- Choir

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- Extra Mile

PUBLIC HEARING: Opened at 6:08 p.m.

Public Hearing: Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) – Mrs. Effenberger

The public was asked three (3) times if there were any comments or questions regarding the Public Hearing.

Question: What is Kristin Effenberger's title: CFO. There were no other questions.

PUBLIC HEARING Closed at 6:19 p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PRESENTATION(S)

- Bond Presentation – Mr. Heinroth/Weaver and Jacobs/PBK

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from November 11, 2025 Regular 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
- Consider Board Approval of Annual Review of Investment Policies and Investment Strategies
- Consider Board Approval Resolution for Changing the Authorized Representatives for the District's Investment Banking Accounts.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve items A-H on the Consent Agenda. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Smith) (5, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Consider and Take Possible Action on the Resolution to Cast the District's Votes for Brazoria County Appraisal District

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to adopt a resolution to case 91 votes to Wayman Hutchings to served on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Smith) (5, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

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
- 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
- Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.129, consultation with school attorney concerning pending litigation concerning a special education student and possible settlement of matter

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styled *TEA Docket No. 061-SE-1025 Kimiya D., b/n/f Ashley H. v. Sweeny Independent School District* (Before a Special Education Hearing Officer)

- Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.0821, deliberation concerning a public-school student wherein personally identifiable information will necessarily be revealed.

Board Reconvened at 7:07 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.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consider and take possible action in the matters styled *TEA Docket No. 061-SE-1025 Kimiya D., b/n/f Ashley H. v. Sweeny Independent School District* (Before a Special Education Hearing Officer).

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Woods to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School District's Attorney for the Interim Superintendent of the School District's Attorney to Proceed, as discussed in closed session, in the matter of *TEA Docket No. 061-SE-1025 Kimiya D, b/n/f Ashley H vs. Sweeny Independent School District* and to accept the mediated settlement agreement. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Smith) (5, 0) Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Mrs. Fields-Bell: Board Intends to consider Mrs. Watkins employment contract and any extension or decisions thereto at the next meeting.

Board adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary