

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 in person at the Sweeny ISD Board Room, 1310 N Elm, Sweeny, Texas. Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Michael Heinroth and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Katielyn Bradshaw and Lexi Clifton.

The following Board members were present:

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –President
Bryan Douget – Vice President
Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Brittanie Hopkins
Nikki Woods
Trina Smith
Amanda Baca

The following Board Members were absent:

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
Kristen Effenberger, CFO
Tyler Rowlett, Director of Operations
Kelley Henderson, Director of Academics
Dawn Thomas, Principal High School
Matt Way, Principal Elementary
Crayton Henry, Jr. High Principal
Shelley Rowlett, Benefits and Leave
Stephanie Trevino, Child Nutrition Director
Rachel Clifton, Jr. High Registrar
Kelley Bradshaw, Elementary Asst Principal
Derek Cook, Athletic Trainer
Laurie Delesandri, Athletic Secretary
Kelly Stroud, Communications

Also present for this meeting:

Ryan Pacher, Walsh Gallegos
Michael Heinroth
Daron Gilliam
Tina Gilliam
Agatha Sanchez
Katielyn Bradshaw
Lexi Clifton
Wes Folse
Guests of Mrs. Watkins
Bianca Watkins
Desiree Watkins
Mario Watkins
Javonna Holmes

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Tameka McDaniel
Lindsey Holmes
Lynn Smith
Cedric Smith
Vanessa Mathis
Michael Simmons
Ray and Victoria McClain

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

- Michael Heinroth of OLPH

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Katielyn Bradshaw and Lexi Clifton, Elementary School

RECOGNITIONS

- Top Dog – High School
- Extra Mile – Mrs. Watkins

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Agatha Sanchez – Recent Community Sexual Assaults

PRESENTATION(S)

- None

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2026 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 Order of School Board Election
- Consider Board Approval of Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County
- Consider Board Approval of Donation from Sweeny ISD Education Foundation for Spring Bright Minds Grants
- Consider Board Approval of the Engagement Letter from KM&L, LLC, Certified Account Firm

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve items A-J on the Consent Agenda. All voted aye (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

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Discuss and Consider Property Casualty Insurance

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to accept the insurance renewal proposal for property and casualty insurance as presented. All voted aye (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Resolution to Compensate Staff Members for Day Missed Due to Inclement Weather - January 26, 2026

MOTION was made by Mrs. Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Woods to adopt the attached resolution authorizing pay during closure as presented. All voted aye (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Elementary School Library Books

MOTION was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve Elementary School library books as presented. All voted aye (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Delaying Implementation of Teacher Certification Requirements

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget approve the plan to delay teacher certification requirements by school year 2029-2030 as allowed by TEA. All voted aye (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:21 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 Government Codes 551.076 and 551.089. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
- 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 Tex. Gov't Code Sections 551.701 and 551.129, Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Legal Issues Related to Senate Bill 11 from the 89th Legislative Session and Related Matters.
- Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.074, Consider and Discuss Hiring Superintendent and Approval of Superintendent Contract
- Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code sections 551.701 and 551.129, Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Issues Related to Employment and Contract of New Superintendent.

Board Reconvened at 6:38 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

Discuss, Consider, and Take Possible Action on a Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 11 from the 89th Legislative Session Relating to Daily Prayer Time.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Douget to move not to adopt the Senate Bill 11 Resolution as presented regarding daily prayer time. We appreciate the intent behind SB 11, but in our community we're already a step ahead — we're not behind on prayer, we're already there. Moments of reflection and prayer have long been part of our school culture and events. Because these practices are already in place, we're choosing to reject not out

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of opposition, but out of confidence in what we're already doing well. All voted aye. (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Consider and Take Possible Action to Hire Superintendent and Approve Superintendent Contract.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Douget to move that the Board Hire Terri Watkins as the Superintendent of Schools and approve the terms of the Superintendent contract as discussed in closed session. All voted aye. (Mr. Douget, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Smith) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Statement from Board President: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Terri Watkins as our permanent Superintendent. Over the past 9 months serving as Interim Superintendent, she has demonstrated steady leadership, clear communication, and a strong commitment to our students, staff, and community. The Board is confident in her vision and ability to continue moving the district forward, and we look forward to supporting her in this role.

Thank you to all from Mrs. Watkins

FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

Board adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary