

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 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 Wyatt Jackson and Emily Swift.

The following Board members were present:

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –President
Bryan Douget – Vice President
Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Amanda Baca
Nikki Woods
Denise Arana
Greg Clifton

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
DuWayne Dunn, Director of Technology
Kristen Effenberger, CFO
Kelley Henderson, Director of Academics
Dawn Thomas, Principal High School
Lisa Presley, PEIMS Coordinator
Jalyn White-Wick, ARD Facilitator
Kelly Stroud, Communications/Librarian
Tyler Rowlett, Director of Operations
Joshua Kurz, Counselor
Rikki Merchant Coordinator of Federal/Special Programs
Michael Heinroth, Bond Projects
Dr. Andriel Brice, Counselor
Crayton Henry, Principal Jr. High
Shelley Rowlett, Benefits and Leave
Dru Vinson, Choir Teacher
Brianna Tegeler, Band Director
Chris Kocurek, HR Director
Angela Dodson, Teacher
Cristy McGaughey, Teacher
Kim Lockler, Counselor
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of SpEd Programs
Hillary Lemonds, Counselor

Also present for this meeting:

Parents and students for recognitions
Randy Boone, Weaver and Jacobs
Aaron Jackson
Roland Hendricks

Scott Swift
Emily Swift
Wyatt Jackson
Shaun Massey

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

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

INVOCATION

- Michael Heinroth

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Wyatt Jackson and Emily Swift, Elementary

ADOPTION OF AN ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS OF GENERAL ELECTION

Discuss and Consider Adoption of an Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of the Sweeny Independent School District May 2, 2026 General Election.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of Uniform Election. All voted aye (5, 0) (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods). Motion carried.

May 2026 Election Results		
Trustee, Position 1	# of Votes	% of Votes
Brittanie Hopkins	446	49.01%
Greg Clifton	464	50.99%
Trustee, Position 1	# of Votes	% of Votes
Denise Arana	482	53.62%
Trina Smith	417	46.38%
Trustee, Position 1	# of Votes	% of Votes
Amanda Baca	670	73.38%
Darian Lee	243	26.62%

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- Denise Arana
- Greg Clifton

RECOGNITIONS

- Choir – Mrs. Vinson
- Valedictorian – Belle Seibert; Salutatorian Kimberly Gartman – Ms. Thomas
- Band – Mrs. Tegeler
- Extra Mile – Mrs. Watkins

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Michael Heinroth – Band Support

PRESENTATION(S)

- Bond 2024 Update – Mr. Heinroth and Randy Boone of Weaver and Jacobs
- Strategic Plan Update – Mrs. Watkins
- Update Regarding 2026 Summer School Programming and Operational Status – Ms. Henderson

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from April 14, 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

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

REPORTS

- No questions

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discuss and Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sweeny ISD and Gulf Coast Center

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the MOU with Gulf Coast Center to provide coordinated, consent-based, on-campus mental health and related support services for eligible students, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to finalize and execute the agreement. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sweeny ISD and UTMB Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) Program

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the MOU with the University of Texas Medical Branch to implement the Youth Aware of Mental Health (YAM) Program for 9th grade student at Sweeny High School beginning in Fall 2026, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to finalize and execute the agreement. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Student Out of State Travel – American Expeditions Trip

MOTION was made by Mrs. Fields-Bell, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve and acknowledge the East Coast tour schedule for June 3-June 7, 2026, as an enriching academic opportunity that supports historical and cultural learning beyond the classroom. All participants have met the payment requirements, appropriate travel arrangements and supervision have been secured, and there is no financial impact to the District. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of New and Additional Positions – Communications Coordinator, Band Director, Cybersecurity Coordinator, and PEIMS Specialist

- Communications Coordinator – MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve adding Communication Coordinator position to the district staffing plan for 2026-2027 school year as presented. All voted aye. (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.
- Band Director - MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve adding Band Director position to the district staffing plan for 2026-2027 school year as presented. All voted aye. (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.
- Cybersecurity – MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Woods to approve adding Cybersecurity position to the district staffing plan for 2026-2027 school year as presented. All voted aye. (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.
- PEIMS Specialist – MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve adding PEIMS Coordinator position to the district staffing plan for 2026-2027 school year as presented. All voted aye. (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Consider and Approval the 2026-2027 Compensation Plan

Tabled

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

Discuss and Consider Action to Align the 2027 Graduation Date within the Adopted 2026-2027 Academic Calendar
MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve aligning the 2027 graduation date within the adopted 2026-2027 Academic Calendar. Moved from Thursday May 27, 2027 to Friday, May 28, 2027. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Secondary Course Offering – Environmental Systems
MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the secondary offering course offering – Environmental Systems for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Action Regarding Police Unit
MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to approve the release of the 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe accepting the TASB settlement offer of \$21,434.00. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Summer Work Schedule
MOTION was made by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Baca to approve the resolution for payment of at-will employees during adjusted summer work schedule as discussed and presented. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider 2025-2026 TASB Continuing Education Credits (CEC) for Board Members
All Board members completed the required TASB Continuing Education Credits: Donna Bohlar Schroeder, Bryan Douget, Debra Fields-Bell, Amanda Baca, Brittanie Hopkins, Trina Smith and Nikki Woods completed the required training for May 2025-April 2026 as presented by Board President.
MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Fields-Bell to accept the Continuing Education Reports for each of our SISD Board Members for May 2025-April 2026 as presented by Board President. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:17 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 Teacher Contracts, Including Reducing or Modifying Contract Terms as Needed
- 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 Section 551.071 and 551.129 of the Texas Gov't Code, Consultation with the District's Attorney Concerning Legal and Procedural Issues Related to High School Assistant Principal's Resignation Agreement
- Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Consider and Discuss High School Assistant Principal's Resignation Agreement
- Pursuant to Texas Gov't Code 551.074 – Deliberate Regarding the Hiring of Sweeny High School Assistant Principal(s)

Board Reconvened at 9:12 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

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

Consider and Take Possible Action Regarding Teacher Contracts Including Reducing or Modifying Contract Terms as Needed

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the contractual recommendations for district personnel and presented. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve High School Assistant Principal's Resignation Agreement

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Woods to approve the High School Assistant Principal's resignation agreement and authorize the Superintendent to take any all action necessary to effectuate same. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider the Hiring of Sweeny High School Assistant Principal(s)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the recommendation of Karey Brown and Philip Salazar for Assistant Principal(s) of Sweeny High School as presented and recommended. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Mrs. Woods – Requested a Special Meeting to Reorganize the Board

Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary