

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 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 Crayton Henry and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Tyler Rowlett.

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
Dawn Thomas, Principal High School
Lisa Presley, PEIMS Coordinator
Kelly Stroud, Communications/Librarian
Tyler Rowlett, Director of Operations
Rikki Merchant Coordinator of Federal/Special Programs
Crayton Henry, Principal Jr. High
Chris Kocurek, HR Director
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of SpEd Programs
John Seibert, Athletic Director

Also present for this meeting:

Taylor Walton, The Facts Newspaper

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

INVOCATION

- Crayton Henry

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Tyler Rowlett

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- Michael Zavala – Out of District Transfer denial

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Budget Amendments

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

PRESENTATION(S)

- 2026-2027 Budget Update

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discuss and Consider Proposing a 2026 Tax Rate and Scheduling a Public Hearing to Discuss 2026-2027 Budget and the 2026 Proposed Tax Rate

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mrs. Arana to vote to propose a 2026 tax rate of \$0.8571 per \$100, with \$0.7054 per \$100 designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.1517 per \$100 designated for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness, and that the Board schedule and publish notice for a public meeting to discuss the 2026-2027 budget and the 2026 proposed tax rate for August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of an Interest and Sinking (I&S) Tax Rate Exceeding the Minimum Required Debt Service Rate Pursuant to SB 1453

MOTION was made by Mrs. Baca, seconded by Mr. Douget to move that the proposed debt rate of 0.1517 be approved for tax year 2026. This proposed debt rate represents a 0.02979 increase from 0.121910, which is the debt rate calculated to raise the minimum amount required to service debt in the next fiscal year. The purpose of the additional revenue generated by the proposed debt rate is to: be used for an early payment of debt. By approving this proposed debt rate, the governing body retains the authority to adopt a lower debt rate at final adoption. All voted aye (Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Fields-Bell, Mr. Douget, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (7, 0) Motion carried.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- None

Board adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary