

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, in person at the Sweeny ISD Board Room, 1310 N Elm, Sweeny, Texas. Mrs. Amanda Baca called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Mr. Heinroth and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Mr. Rowlett.

The following Board members were present:

Amanda Baca – Vice President
Nikki Woods
Denise Arana
Greg Clifton

The following Board Members were absent:

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder –President
Debra Fields-Bell – Secretary
Bryan Douget

The following staff members were present:

Terri Watkins, Superintendent
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and the Board
Ulysses Velez, Chief of Police Sweeny ISD
Kristen Effenberger, CFO
Dawn Thomas, Principal High School
Jalyn White-Wick, ARD Facilitator
Tyler Rowlett, Director of Operations
Michael Heinroth, Bond Projects
Crayton Henry, Principal Jr. High
Chris Kocurek, HR Director
Matthew Way, Principal Elementary
Kelley Henderson, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
DuWayne Dunn, Director of Technology
Kelly Stroud, Communication
Dr. Andriel Brice, Counselor
Jamie Bagwell, Sweeny ISD/Brazosport College
Dru Vinson, Choir
Sandi Vandaveer, Director of Federal/Special Programs
Frank Jones, Instructional Coach
Stephanie Trevino, Director of Child Nutrition
Amand Parker, Assistant Principal Elementary
Karey Brown, Assistant Principal High School

Also present for this meeting:

Mark Menchaca, PBK
JT Patton, Five Stones Safety
Sonni Miller, Gulf Coast Center

Meeting called to order at 5:59 p.m.

INVOCATION

- Michael Heinroth

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PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

- Tyler Rowlett

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED at 6:02 p.m.

Public Hearing – 2026-2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate Hearing

The public was asked three (3) times if there were any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Public Hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

PRESENTATION(S)

- Bond Projects Update
- STAAR Scores Presentation

CONSENT

- Consider Board Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and August 3, 2026 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
- Consider Board Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BACODA/Youthworks
- Consider Board Approval of Brazoria County Adjunct Agreement with Sweeny ISD
- Consider Board Approval of Resolution For Changing the Authorized Representative for the District's Investment and Banking Accounts

MOTION was made by Mr. Clifton, seconded Mrs. Woods to approve items A-I on the Consent Agenda. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

- No questions

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Discuss and Consider Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits from the State

MOTION was made by Mrs. Arana, seconded by Mr. Clifton to take action for the 2026-2027 school year, to delegate contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) 11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, 48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit. (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Adoption of Sweeny ISD Budget for 2026-2027

MOTION was made by Mr. Clifton, seconded by Mrs. Baca to adopt the 2026-2027 proposed revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, and Debt Service Fund. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

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Discuss and Consider Setting Sweeny ISD Tax Rate for 2026

This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate

MOTION was made by Mr. Clifton, seconded by Mrs. Woods to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate does not require the language about "tax increase" as stated in §26.05(b) of Property Tax Code. I move that the Board adopt a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7054 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the 2026 tax year, to be assessed and collected by the tax assessor and collector as follows, depending upon the outcome of the voter-approval tax rate election:

If the Proposition is voter-approved on November 3, 2026, the District's total tax rate will be \$0.8371, and shall be assessed as follows:

\$0.70540/\$100 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.13170/\$100 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

If the Proposition is not voter-approved on November 3, 2026, the District's total tax rate will be \$0.8371, and shall be assessed as follows:

\$0.68540/\$100 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and

\$0.15170/\$100 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Order Calling Voter-Approved Tax Rate Election

MOTION was made by Mrs. Arana, seconded by Mr. Clifton to approve the 2026 Order Calling Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election on November 3, 2026 to approve a tax rate that includes an M&O rate that exceeds the voter-approval threshold. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County

MOTION was made by Mr. Clifton, seconded by Mrs. Woods to approve joining with other political subdivisions and the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County for elections. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Band Hall Renovation Contract Due to Damage Caused by Chill Water Lines

MOTION was made by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Arana to approve contracting with SBR to complete the Sweeny High School Band Hall renovations to be paid with available Bond 2024 funds not to exceed \$175,000.00 All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Out of State Travel for Sweeny ISD Choir/Band Students

MOTION was made by Mr. Clifton, seconded by Mrs. Baca to approve the out-of-state travel for choir/band students to travel to Orlando, Florida from June 1-6 as presented. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval of School Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2026-2027 School Year

MOTION was made by Mrs. Arana, seconded by Mrs. Woods to approve the proposed meal prices and change procedure for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. 2026-2027 adult meal prices: breakfast \$3.75; lunch \$5.50 All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Approval to Purchase Fivestones Safety Proposal and Five-Year Funding Structure

MOTION was made by Mrs. Woods, seconded by Mrs. Arana to approve the FiveStones Safety proposal and selected five-year funding structure, subject to final scope confirmation, legal review, and procurement requirement. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Sweeny ISD and Brazosport College

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MOTION was made by Mrs. Arana, seconded by Mrs. Woods to approve the Dual Credit Agreement between Brazosport College and Sweeny ISD as presented. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

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

MOTION was made by Mrs. Arana, seconded by Mr. Clifton approve the MOU with Gulf Cost Center for care coordination and referral services, effective September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider 2026-2027 Compensation Plan Adjustment

MOTION was made by Mrs. Arana, seconded by Mr. Clifton to Approve the adjustments to the 2026-2027 Compensation Plan. All voted aye (Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Arana and Mr. Clifton) (4, 0) Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:51 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 Tex. Gov't Code 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 9:16 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 9:16 p.m.

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, President

Debra Fields-Bell, Secretary