

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Sweetwater Independent School District

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater Independent School District was held on Monday, March 2, at 5:00 pm at the Puckett-Dudensing CTE Building, 1205 Ragland, Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Jeff Allen, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Reggy Spencer

Members Absent: Domingo Castillo

Others Present: Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison, Mindi Jeter, Peggy Elliott, Carolyn Mullican, Kevin Stoker, Scott Cottenior, Marina Wilcox, Jake Lawrence (Government Capitol)

1. Call to Order

Mark Garcia, Board President, called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum of 6 members were present. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

A. Board Social Contract

Mark Garcia read the Board Social Contract.

2. Public Forum

No one was in attendance or had requested via email to address the Board.

3. Bond Update

Mr. Spencer reported a bid he had received to seal the cracks in the concrete in the new gym and listed the bid amount as \$70,000. He passed a copy of the bid around to the Board so they might see the details of the work to be done.

4. Action Items

- A. Consider and take action to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of the Sweetwater Independent School District Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2026; and Containing Other Related Matters.

Jake Lawrence our Government Capital representative appeared before the Board to report on the Bond Sale that was held earlier in the day. Mr. Lawrence emphasized how happy he was with the outcome of the Bond sale. Sweetwater ISD's bond rating is an A+ Special and our interest rate will be 3.709%. Mr. Lawrence asked the Board if they had any questions, none were voiced.

Dennis Cumbie made the motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Tasha Soto, motion passed 6-0 Board members voting in favor of the motion were: Jeff Allen, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez.

5. Superintendent Reports

- A. Curriculum – Mr. Spencer reported that \$417,000 was spent this year on curriculum.
- B. Finance -- Mr. Spencer again reminded the Board that we have lost students from enrollment number this time last year. For every student lost it is \$7,000 per student. Difficult decisions may have to be made to make up this loss, such as reducing staff.
- C. Accountability -- Mr. Spencer informed the Board he would be attending a meeting on Tuesday Mar. 3 at ESC 14 and would be meeting with TEA reps, and that we are 6 weeks away from testing. Mrs. Elliot reported to the Board on a recent visit several administrators made to Floydada ISD to observe and visit with teachers & students on the Engage2Learn program Floydada uses. Sweetwater ISD has decided to implement this program.
- D. Maintenance & Operations

6. Closed Session: Closed Session will be held for purposes permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code Section 551 Subchapters D and E.

****The Board went into a Closed Session at: 5:25 pm

****The Board returned to Open Session at 6:10 pm

- A. 551.074 Discuss Personnel Matters

No action was taken following the Closed Session

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Act on Monthly Minutes
- B. Act on Financials
- C. Act on Certification of Unopposed Candidates
- D. Act on Cancellation of Election Dist. 3, 5
- E. Act on Food Service Management Company Renewal

Dennis Cumbie made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Tasha Soto, motion passed 6-0. Board members voting in favor of the motion were: Jeff Allen, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez.

8. Announcements

Mr. Spencer announced to the Board that they would be attending the Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio June 10-13. Mrs. Allen will be getting registration & hotel information soon. Mr. Spencer said this would be a very busy week with various sports activities and programs. He also informed the Board that we would be having all doors in the district re-keyed and we would implement a new policy that only staff members would have keys and under no circumstances would community members be given keys,

9. Adjourn

Tasha Soto made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary