

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, June 15, at 5:30 pm at the Puckett-Dudensing CTE Building, 1205 Ragland, Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matthew McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Reggy Spencer

Members Absent: Kathy Hall

Others Present: Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davidson, Administrative & Campus leadership, students & community members

1. Call to Order

Board President, Kelly Sheridan, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and announced that a quorum of 6 members were present. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Tasha Soto read the Board Social Contract.

Student Recognition – Mr. Spencer introduced Tapley Allen & Ryan Galindo and their boat captain, Brandon Galindo, who advanced to the State Fishing competition.

2. Public Forum

No one was present or had requested via email to address the Board during Public Forum.

Public Hearing: Title 1

Mrs. Bills reported on the Title one campuses are provided additional funds to be used to go above and beyond the basic educational needs of the campus. The funds may be used to supplement teaching & paraprofessional positions.

3. Bond Update

Mr. Spencer shared with the board work that is continuing with some of the problems at the gym & CTE building following the recent rains. Specifically, roof drains, flower beds being washed out and drainage issues at the west side of the gym, in the back. He is hoping we can get new dugouts for the softball field. He also stated the volleyball workouts have been taking place in the new gym. It will be ready for competitions when the season begins. Also, work is continuing on getting new locks & keys for all campuses, this should simplify access for all staff members.

4. Action Items

A. Consider and Approve Credit by Exam Dates 2026-2027

Mr. Spencer noted that the dates on the application form had been updated for the 2026-2027 academic year. Tasha Soto made the motion to accept the updated form, seconded by Matt McKay, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matt McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto & Brenda Valdez.

B. Consider and approve adding the Superintendent to the banking signature card.

Mrs. Bills explained that 2 signatures are necessary, one being CFO and the other either the Board President or Superintendent. Domingo Castillo made the motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Dennis Cumbie, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matt McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto & Brenda Valdez.

C. Consider and Approve Local Policy Update 127

Mr. Spencer explained that TASB updates Board Policy, we must approve local updates. Brenda Valdez made the motion to approve the updates, seconded by Matt McKay, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matt McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto & Brenda Valdez.

D. Consider and Approve rescinding resignations

Mr. Spencer informed the Board of 3 staff members that had requested to rescind their resignations: Charity McQuirk, Destiny Osteen and JoeBob Ussery. Domingo Castillo made the motion to rescind these resignations, seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matt McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto & Brenda Valdez.

E. Discuss and take action on the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Mr. Spencer explained to the Board the reasons behind requesting the change to the calendar. The greatest impact will come from moving the last day of school and graduation up one week. Dennis Cumbie made the motion to accept Mr. Spencer's recommendation for the calendar change, seconded by Domingo Castillo, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matt McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto & Brenda Valdez.

5. Superintendent Reports

- A. Curriculum
- B. Finance
- C. Accountability
- D. Maintenance & Operations

Mr. Spencer presented each Board member with a handout showing the Preliminary 2026 Accountability Data and outlined the campus improvements. He also noted the financial improvements, including the balanced budget.

5. 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.

A. 551.074 Discuss Personnel Matters

There was no closed session.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Act on Monthly Minutes
- B. Act on Financials

Brenda Valdez made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Tasha Soto, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matt McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto & Brenda Valdez.

7. Announcements

Mr. Spencer reminded the Board there would be several Board meetings during August, one of which would be for Team of Eight Training.

8. Adjourn

Domingo Castillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm.

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary