

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Dr. Garrison called the meeting to order. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were recited and Dr. Garrison gave the invocation. All Board Members were present.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Glenn Garrison, President  
Jan Reddoch, Vice President  
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary  
Mark Gregurek  
Willie Myles  
Peggy Ellis  
Earl Mathis

The following Board members were absent:

None

The following staff members were present:

Randy Miksch, Superintendent  
Vincent Strother, Executive Director of Business Services & Support Services  
Brian Brooks, Principal, Sweeny High School  
Michael Saul, Principal, Sweeny Junior High School  
Michael Heinroth, Principal, Sweeny Elementary School  
Martha Finley, Recording Secretary

Also present for this meeting:

Evette Gregurek  
Kathy Wolford  
Jackson Skubal  
Gary Skubal  
Anthony Maenza – BCN  
Robert Worley  
Aubrey Haines  
Tom Holt  
William Hunter

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Gregurek, to approve the minutes for Regular Board Meeting on January 14; Special Board Meetings on January 17 & 30, 2014; and Consent Agenda Items B-G as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

TAX RESALE PROPERTY ACCOUNTS # 0073-0030-000 AND # 7785-0081-000 – Mr. Strother said that property account # 0073-0030-000 for \$1250 meets the board's criteria; property account #7885-0081-000 for \$10,000 does not meet the board's criteria but is within Sweeny city limits and should be given special consideration to get that property back on the tax role.

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Gregurek, to accept the offers on property account # 0073-0030-000 and property account # 7885-0081-000 since it is within Sweeny city limits. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

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Dr. Garrison said we may want to reset resale guidelines (tax resale property) in the future.

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY – Mr. Strother said that House Bill 1, Third Called Session, 2006, made many election-related changes. School districts must now have joint polling places on Election Day with either a city or the county in elections. The cost is not known at this time but should be consistent with the prior year which was less than \$3,000.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve joining with other political subdivisions and the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Brazoria County for joint elections. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

ORDER SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FOR MAY 10, 2014 – Mr. Strother said that in accordance with the Texas Education Code, Sweeny ISD's annual School Board Trustees Election must be held on the second Saturday in May. The second Saturday in May falls on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the month. The last day to deliver notice of the election is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee positions # 1, # 5, and # 7 are up for election for a full three-year term.

MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mr. Myles, for approval of a 2014 Order and Notice of Election on May 10, 2014 to fill positions # 1, # 5, and # 7 for a full three-year term on the Sweeny Independent School District Board of Trustees. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY CAMPUS COOLING TOWER EXPENDITURE – Mr. Strother informed the board that parts of the cooling tower at the Elementary campus are in need of repair. The failed components have a useful life of 10 years and are currently 9 years old. The Maintenance Department has made repair inquiries with several companies, but all referred them to Hunton Specialty Products. The quote to repair the necessary components totals \$44,301. Total replacement of the cooling tower would be \$150,000. Since the quote is over \$25,000 the Board must approve the cost before a transaction may take place.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, I move to approve the Elementary cooling tower repair costs in the amount of \$44,301. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER AMENDING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Mr. Miksch stated that on January 28<sup>th</sup>, school was closed because of impending bad weather; therefore we must make up the day. After speaking with several other county Superintendents, they made the decision to close the school because of the coming bad weather. The problem was not getting the students to school but getting the students home. He discussed the possibility of changing the make-up day from Good Friday to Presidents' Day with the campus administrators and they thought that was the best option. He then informed the community of the possible change and the majority of the people were for the change. Mrs. Reddoch said there were a few parents that are upset but we have to consider the full school district. We do apologize to the parents for the inconvenience.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mr. Myles, that the Board approve amending the 2013-2014 school calendar by designating Monday, February 17, 2014 as a bad weather make-up day and also include a provision that no student, who has perfect attendance, will lose their perfect attendance standing because of that day. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR ADMINSTRATORS

**The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.**

Section 551.072

For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third party.

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Section 551.074 For the purpose of considering the appointment, Employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, Or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

**The Board reconvened to Regular Session at 7:08 p.m.**

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Gregurek, to approve the contract extensions through June 30, 2016 for the following SISD Administrators as presented and recommended:

Donna Thompson – Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Compliance & Special Programs  
Vincent Strother – Executive Director of Business Services & Support Services  
Brian Brooks – Principal, Sweeny High School  
Michael Saul – Principal, Sweeny Junior High School  
Michael Heinroth – Principal, Sweeny Elementary School  
Les Kluttz – Assistant Principal, Sweeny High School  
Brett Miksch – Assistant Principal, Sweeny Junior High School  
Will Mader – Assistant Principal, Sweeny Elementary School  
Vickie Finch – Assistant Principal, Sweeny Elementary School

All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

PERSONNEL-RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENT/TERMINATIONS – MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Reddoch, to accept the resignation of Carey O’Rarden effective June 6, 2014 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION BY THE DISTRICT APPROVING THE SALE OF THE DISTRICT’S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY (SURFACE ONLY), TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS, IN A 21.802 ACRE TRACT SITUATED IN THE CHARLES BREEN SURVEY, A-46, BRAZORIA, COUNTY, TEXAS

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Gregurek, I move that the Board adopt the Resolution by the District approving the sale of the real property (surface only) described in Exhibit A to the Resolution, and under the conditions outlined in the Resolution regarding residential development of the property, and I further move that the Board authorize the Superintendent or his designee, to publish notice of the sale and to receive sealed bids for the purchase of the same. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

Mr. Strother stated that he has been contacted by Mr. Worley – H&H Ventures Developers out of Houston, regarding the property. He was contacted in November or December and they have shown an interest for several months.

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2014-2015 SWEENEY ISD CALENDAR PROPOSAL – Mr. Miksch reported that the proposed calendar was taken to the campuses. This calendar is close to the 2013-2014 school calendar with the exception of the makeup days being Presidents’ Day and Memorial Day. The calendar also includes:

Teachers are “on duty” 187 days;  
Students have 178 instructional days;  
SISD is allowed 10 staff development/in-service/workdays/which includes  
3 days obtained by waiver, and  
Spring Break must coincide with Brazosport College’s Spring Break  
which will be March 9-13, 2015.

Dr. Garrison would prefer that we use the first make up day as President’s Day and add another day to the end of the school year for the second make up day. He does not feel that Memorial Day should be used as a bad weather make up day. Discussion followed. Mr. Miksch said that we will make Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the second bad weather make up day.

No action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS - Mr. Myles informed the board that the Policy Review Committee will report at the next meeting.

Mr. Miksch requested that the Board place, on their calendar, February 24<sup>th</sup> for a Special Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. for the Bond issue. He then gave the members of the board a packet to review. The Facilities Committee will also need to meet and that date and time will be announced later.

Mr. Miksch thanked the principals and administrators for all that they do. Also teachers and staff do a great job – “It’s just a good place to be” – District of Choice. He appreciated all that the Board does for the District.

Dr. Garrison wants the Board to set their goals for next year. He asked the Board if he could contact Mr. Nemir to see if he would be available to come for a Board Training to take place after the meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board was in favor of the training.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Glenn Garrison

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Donna Bohlar-Schroeder