

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 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 – **arrived 6:02 p.m.**
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Mark Gregurek
Peggy Ellis
Earl Mathis
Willie Myles

The following Board member was absent:

none

The following staff members were present:

Randy Miksch, Superintendent
Donna Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Federal & 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
Martha Finley, Recording Secretary

Also present for this meeting:

Mark Manley
William Hunter
Aaron Doughty – Phillips 66
Kevin O’Hanlon – O’Hanlon
Dan Casey – Moak, Casey & Associates
Bob Adair – Phillips 66
Sam Williams
Connie McAda
Windy Byrd
Alton Ward
Any Packard
Anthony Maenza - BCN

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY FOR AN APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO THE CHAPTER 313 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE. (TEXAS COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NUMBER 286) – Mr. Miksch said that we have an application submitted on a 313 Agreement which is an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property that went to the Comptroller’s office. Mr. Strother stated that the project’s total investment is \$600 million, resulting in a relative level of investment per qualifying job of \$30 million. This will bring in 2.5 million for the school district and we still get the I&S side of taxes. Dr. Garrison read the Board Policy CE (Local) which states how the annual hearing is conducted. He opened the Public Hearing and announced is there anyone from the public that would like to comment?

William Hunters asked how does this compare with standard evaluations? What kind of a deal is this for Phillips?

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Mr. Kevin O’Hanlon with O’Hanlon, McCollon & Demerath, gave a detailed explanation of the 313 Texas Tax Code and the 313 application process and requirements. Students and tax payers all benefit from this agreement. Mr. Aaron Doughty is part of the commercial management team for these projects with Phillips 66, said that we appreciated the opportunity for this partnership. He described some of the new projects that Phillips is working on for the near future.

Dr. Garrison asked is there anyone else that would like to say anything on the hearing portion, two more times, and closed the hearing.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE BOARD FINDINGS AND VALUE LIMITATION AGREEMENT BASED ON THE APPLICATION FOR A LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES SUBMITTED BY PHILLIPS 66 COMPANY, LP (TEXAS COMPTROLLER APPLICATION NUMBER 286 –

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mr. Myles, I move that the Board approve the Board Findings and Value Limitation Agreement based on the Application for a Limitation an Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes submitted by Phillips 66 Company, LP (*Texas Comptroller Application Number 286*). All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:23 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.

- Property

The Board reconvened back into Regular Session at 7:06 p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC – none

CONSENT AGENDA - Approval of Minutes
Bond Issue Account Payable Fund 692
Bond Issue Account Payable Fund 698
Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 680
Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 681
Budget Amendment
Delinquent Tax Attorney Report

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on March 18, 2014 and the Special Board Meeting on March 25, 2014 and include all Items B-G as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STEM CURRICULUM – Mr. Miksch introduced Windy Byrd and Mark Manley, teachers at Sweeny Jr. High School, to give a presentation on the STEM Curriculum. Mr. Manley said that with HB5 the focus changed from Middle School Career & Technology courses to Career Development & Career Planning. He said that after researching options for CTE courses at Sweeny JH, we believe Pitsco Synergy Module labs would help us meet the new direction of HB5. Pitsco labs provides students with Hands-On, Project Based STEM Curriculum that utilizes cooperative learning and incorporated multi-media instruction. This curriculum will be used to enhance and transform the current 7th grade CTE class, offers 8th grade an elective and has the potential as an elective for select 6th graders. SJH would like to implement this program at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Discussion followed

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MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mr. Myles, to approve the Implementation of the STEM Curriculum through Pitsco Synergy Module labs at Sweeny Junior High. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

PERSONNEL - MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the employment of Christen Fuchs as a teacher for the 2014-2015 school year subject to reassignment. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carrier.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADDING SOCCER TO THE UIL SPORTS PROGRAMS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR – Mr. Miksch said earlier this school year soccer was approved by the UIL in our classification. Therefore, we completed an interest survey to see how many of our students would be interested in playing soccer. There were 43 girls and 45 boys who indicated they would play if the sport was offered. We feel there is enough interest to begin the program. The initial costs are around \$21,000 for equipment, but does not include travel or coaches. He recommends that we play a varsity schedule the first year, with one boys' coach and one girls' coach. Discussion followed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Mathis, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, I move that the Board approve the addition of soccer to the UIL sports program at Sweeny High School for the 2014-2015 school year. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

TAX RESALE PROPERTY – ACCOUNT # 8402-0039-000 – Mr. Strother said that the Property Tax Resale Committee of Brazoria County received one offer on the property for \$8,000, which is 72% of the value, and recommends the Board accept the offer.

MOTION was made by Mr. Myles, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to accept the offer on property account # 8402-0039-000. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

REPORTS – No questions – Mr. Miksch informed the Board that Mr. Manley and Mrs. Byrd would be taking 8 high school students and 5 junior high students on an overnight trip to Waco, TX for State TSA competition on April 10-12, 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS – Mr. Miksch asked about sending invitations to the Board candidates. Dr. Garrison said yes, and the questions will be sent to their e-mail addresses. Mr. Mathis asked if the baseball program would be able to add a third team? The administration will report back to the board. Mrs. Reddoch said that she would like to see Art back in the school district. A lot of people make their living through art. It is a way for students to express themselves. Discussion followed. The administration will report back on this also.

Mr. Myles said that he has enjoyed his stay on the Board and would be moving on to the new season.

Dr. Garrison stated at the earliest opportunity we will have a presentation from someone about other possibilities for the development of housing here in Sweeny.

Mr. Miksch said that the District Track meet is tomorrow and we will be hosting the Area Track Meet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Glenn Garrison

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder