

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Dr. Glenn 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:

Glenn Garrison, President
Jan Reddoch, Vice President
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary
Connie McAda
Mark Gregurek – left at 8:25 p.m.
Earl Mathis
Peggy Ellis

The following Board members were absent:
none

The following staff members were present:

Randy Miksch, Superintendent
Dr. Donna Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Federal & Special Programs
Michael Heinroth, Principal, Sweeny Elementary School
Michael Saul, Principal, Sweeny Junior High School
Brain Brooks, Principal, Sweeny High School
Martha Finley, Recording Secretary

Also present for this meeting:

Steve Daylor – PBK
Trey Schneider – PBK
Brett Miksch
Renee Mitchell
Tierra Thompson

GRADUATION CEREMONY – A graduation ceremony was held for Tierra Thompson. Mr. Miksch, Mr. Brooks, and Mrs. Reddoch performed the ceremony. All Tierra’s friends and family were present.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - None

CONSENT AGENDA – MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve Consent Agenda Items A – H. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

PERSONNEL – MOTION was made by Mr. Gregurek, seconded by Mrs. McAda, to approve the employments of Alaina Bell and Curtis Schmidt as teachers subject to reassignment for the 2014-2015 school year. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

TAX RESALE PROPERTY ACCOUNTS # 8402-0039-000, # 0077-0078-000, #7690-0044-000, # 0073-0011-000 and # 0073-0011-110 – Mr. Miksch presented the information and said that three of the properties met the board’s criteria and two of the properties were declined because the offers were only 10% to 12% of the appraised value.

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MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. McAda, to approve the offers on Property Accounts # 8402-0039-000, # 0077-0078-000, and # 0073-0011-110, and declining the offers on property # 7690-0044-000 and # 0073-0011-000. All voted aye. (7-0) Motion carried.

Dr. Garrison introduced Mr. Steve Daylor and Mr. Trey Schneider with PBK. Mr. Schneider gave an update with slide show presentation of the first 5 packages for construction: security vestibules (two at Elementary and one at Jr. High), two playground areas, cold food storage facility, and baseball and softball fields. Dr. Garrison had questions and concerns regarding the security of the Jr. High vestibule. Discussion followed. Dr. Garrison asked that PBK redesign the Jr. High vestibule for better flow of traffic and security issues. Mr. Schneider said PBK could redesign it to be similar to the Elementary vestibules. The baseball and softball fields were presented and there was discussion about the size of the fields, location of the entrance, parking, possible detention pond, etc. PBK will come back with pricing information regarding the possible changes the Board inquired about.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION -

Mrs. Reddoch would like to restore the Art Programs at the elementary and high school. Discussion followed. The art program will be added to the agenda of the next Board meeting, on August 25, 2014, for consideration and discussion. The surrounding area schools were contacted about their art programs and Mr. Miksch presented the results. Discussion followed. Dr. Garrison would like to see if there is a demand for Art at the High School. He also wanted to know what the cost would be for a certified art teacher and program at the Elementary level?

There was also discussion about the following items: Honors classes, GPA weight of classes, and G/T classes. Dr. Garrison would like the Board to have a conversation and decide what is "fair". Then make the decisions as to exactly what they would like to see changed in each of these areas and then ask administration to make the changes. Discussion followed.

UIL insurance fees are paid by the district. Dr. Garrison thinks that it is reasonable to ask students in this district to pay a modest fee to defray cost (possibly \$50). Mrs. McAda asked what if they don't pay? Mrs. Ellis asked what is the cost per student? Discussion followed.

Board Goals were discussed.

Mr. Gregurek left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

SISD STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK 2014-2015 – Mr. Miksch said the handbook really didn't change except for electronic cigarettes, which are prohibited.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to approve the Sweeny ISD Student-Parent Handbook 2014-2015 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

SISD EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK 2014-2015 – MOTION to approve the Sweeny ISD Employee Handbook 2014-2015 as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER PROPOSING A 2014 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE 2014-2015 BUDGET AND THE 2014 PROPOSED TAX RATE – Mr. Miksch presented the information. He also said there will be a public meeting on August 25, 2014.

MOTION was made by Dr. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Mathis, the Board vote to proposed a 2014 tax rate of \$1.2117 per \$100, with \$1.0400 per \$100 designated for the purpose of maintenance and operations, and \$0.1717 per \$100 designated for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness and that the Board schedules and publish notice for a public meeting to discuss and consider approving the 2014-2015 budget and the 2014 proposed tax rate for August 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Sweeny Independent School District Board Room, 1310 N. Elm Street, Sweeny, Texas.

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The amounts above are based on the effective tax rate calculations performed by the Brazoria County Tax Office. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ATTENDANCE CREDITS FROM THE STATE – Mr. Miksch presented the information and explained Chapter 41 provides school districts with five options to equalize property wealth He indicated that we recommend going with option 3.

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Reddoch, the Board approve the attached *Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits* with the Commissioner of Education, and authorize the Board President and Secretary and the Superintendent to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Superintendent to submit a letter of intent to the Commissioner of Education regarding actions underway by the District to affect Option 3. All voted aye (6-0) Motion carried.

DISTRICT AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOALS/OBJECTIVES – Dr. Thompson presented the information. MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis, to approve the 2014-2015 Sweeny ISD District and Campus Improvement Plan Goals and Objectives as presented and recommended. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

PDAS Calendar/Appraisers for 2014-2015 – MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mr. Mathis, to approve the Sweeny ISD 2014-2015 Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) Calendar along with the roster of certified Sweeny ISD PDAS appraisers as presented. All voted aye (6-0) Motion carried.

2014 TASA/TASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY – Dr. Garrison asked if anyone was interested in attending the TASA/TASB convention. Mr. Mathis volunteered to be the delegate. No one volunteered to be the alternate. MOTION was made by Mrs. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, for the Board to appoint Mr. Mathis as the delegate to the 2014 TASA/TASB Delegate Assembly, TASA/TASB Convention, convening in the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center Dallas, Texas on September 26-28, 2014. All voted aye. (6-0) Motion carried.

REPORTS – no questions

MISCELLANEOUS – Mr. Miksch gave the results of the Accountability Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Garrison adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Dr. Glenn Garrison

Donna Bohlar-Schroeder