

**MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of the Sweeny Independent School District met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 in the All-Purpose Meeting Room of the Administration Building located at 1310 Elm Street, Sweeny, TX. Mr. Mathis called the meeting to order. The Invocation was led by Wayne Vison of His Grace Assembly of God and the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags were led by Julissa Martinez & Jenna Campbell – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in Ms. Julian’s classroom. All Board members were present except Bryan Douget.

The following Board members were present:

Earl Mathis, President  
Connie McAda, Vice President  
Donna Bohlar-Schroeder, Secretary  
Peggy Ellis  
Jan Reddoch  
Debra Fields-Bell (left after Executive Session)  
Bryan Douget (arrived during Executive Session)

The following Board Members were absent:

The following staff members were present:

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent  
Amy Pope, Assistant Superintendent  
Charolet Kremmer, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning  
Amye Kibodeaux, Secretary to Superintendent and Board  
Amy Carter, Chief Financial Officer  
Kelly Bertsch, Director of Technology  
Michael Heinroth, Principal Elementary School  
David Smothers, Principal Jr. High  
Angela Ritter  
Will Mader, Principal, High School  
Leah Liserio  
Sandi Vandaveer  
Karen Wilson  
Paulette Ericson  
Lisa Virgel  
Curtis Schmidt  
Dru Vinson  
Kirsten Callahan  
Christen Kersh  
Pat Hargett  
Sharon Griggs  
Kirby Julian  
Addie Kingston  
Heather Fine  
Joy Hopkins  
Pam Stewart  
Stephanie Herzog

Also present for this meeting:

Art Chandler, County News  
Students being recognized  
Parents of students being recognized

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Mike Darlow, Perdue Brandon  
Chad Herzog  
Kimberly Bow, Stantec  
Laura Sachtleben, Stantec  
Melissa Turnbaugh, Stantec  
Doug Joder, Stantec  
Ben Odom  
Lewis Wilks  
Ben Morse  
BJ, McCurdy, New Shores Baptist Church  
Wayne Vinson, His Grace Assembly of God  
Lauren Campbell  
Megan Smith  
Ronnie Smith  
Sheila Alfrey  
Carol Raynor  
Christie Barrick  
Ginger Verzwylvelt  
Angie Webb

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:02 PM**

**Texas Government Code Section 551.001 Closed meeting will be held for the purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.**

- Consultation with legal counsel regarding pending litigation appeal and proposed settlement in the matter styled Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Independent School Dist., et al in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Case 18-41104, pursuant to \*Texas Government Code 551.071.
- Discuss Administrator Contracts \*Texas Government Code 551.074
- Discuss and Review Staff Resignations \*Texas Government Code 551.074
- Discuss Hiring of Non-contractual Personnel – Child Nutrition \*Texas Government Code 551.074

**OPEN MEETING was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The presiding officer will verify that the meeting has been duly called and notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law.**

**INVOCATION**

Wayne Vinson, His Grace Assembly of God

**PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Julissa Martinez – 4<sup>th</sup> Grader  
Jenna Campbell – 4<sup>th</sup> Grader

**ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Consider and take possible action regarding pending litigation appeal and proposed settlement in the mater styled Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Independent School Dist., et al in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Case 18-41104  
MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Douget to approve the proposed settlement in the matter of Lisa Smith v. Sweeny Independent School District currently pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Case number 18-41104 as discussed in Executive session, and to authorize the Superintendent to effectuate the same. All vote aye (6, 0) Motion Carried.

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- Discuss and Consider Administrator Contracts

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to accept extending/continuing Administrative contractual personnel as presented and recommended. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

RECOGNITION(S)

- Teachers of the Month (Addie Kingston, Stephanie Herzog & Rebecca Walters)
- Brag Board (Kristi Hilton, Brian Darden, Angie Webb, LaBarron Burden, Sharon Griggs, Stephanie Holley, Heather Fine, Pat Hargett & Curtis Schmidt)
- Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizens Award (Nic Nail)
- Jr High Band – All Region Band

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

- B.J. McCurdy – Thank you to Board, Dr. Hill, Administration, Teachers and Staff

PRESENTATION(S)

- FFA Update – Moved to March Meeting
- Long Range Financial Planning Update (Mrs. Carter)
- Gifted and Talented Update – Moved to March Meeting
- FREE 2B ME Program (Mrs. Pope along with Christen Kersh and Lisa Virgel)

CONSENT

- Approval of minutes from January 15, 2019 and January 29, 2019 Board Meeting
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 616
- Approval of Capital Projects Accounts Payable Fund 682
- Approval of Bond Issue Accounts Payable Fund 698
- Approval of Budget Amendments
- Approval of Purchases over \$50,000
- Approval of Quarterly Investment Report

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATED SISD LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE PRIORITY ONE ITEMS (DR. HILL, STANTEC & LAN)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the updated list of priority one items of the SISD Long Range Facilities Plan as presented by the Superintendent. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDER CALLING FOR SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION (MRS. CARTER, MR. DIETZ & MR. WILKS)

MOTION was made by Dr. Reddoch, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to approve the order calling a bond election. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT AND CONTRACT (MRS. CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder to approve a one year delinquent tax contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. ending March 17, 2020 and the annual collections report as presented. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY (MRS. CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. McAda, seconded by Mr. Douget 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 (6, 0) Motion carried.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDER FOR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION (MRS. CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Reddoch to approve a 2019 Order and Notice of Election on May 4, 2019 to fill positions #3 & #4 for a full three year term on the Sweeny Independent School District Board of Trustees. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY TAX AND CASUALTY INSURANCE (MRS. CARTER)

MOTION was made by Mrs. Bohlar-Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. McAda to accept the insurance proposals as presented and recommended. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE SHARED POSITION OF DEAN OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SWEENY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE (MRS. KREMMER)

MOTION was made by Mr. Douget, seconded by Mrs. Ellis to authorize the Superintendent to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between Angleton, Brazosport, Columbia Brazoria and Sweeny Independent School Districts and Brazosport College to share the services for one full-time Dean of Students and College Partnerships. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CANINE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH INTERQUEST CANINE (CHIEF IDEUS)

MOTION was made Mrs. McAda, seconded by Dr. Reddoch authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract for services with Interquest Canine Company for the purpose of providing Certified Drug Search canine services for psychological to illegal activities on Sweeny ISD property. All voted aye (6, 0) Motion carried.

REPORTS

No questions

MISCELLANEOUS

None

**Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**

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Earl Mathis

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Donna Bohlar-Schroeder