

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, April 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Puckett-Dudensing CTE Building, 1205 Ragland, Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Jeff Allen, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Reggy Spencer

Members Absent: Domingo Castillo

Others Present: Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison, Mindi Jeter, Carmen Crane, campus principals, parents, staff & students being recongnized.

1. Call to Order

Board President Mark Garcia 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.

A. . Board Social Contract

Mark Garcia read the Board Social Contract

2. Public Forum

No one was in attendance or had requested via email to address the Board.

3. Bond Update

Mr. Spe3ncer introduced J D Coffee and Hill Holloway from Teinet Construction who answered questions from Mr. Spencer and the Board. They reported that there are still some Bond projects that have not been completed. Some of which have been added to the original project list, including the outdoor shades to be

added at the East Ridge playground. Mr. Spencer will meet with J D Coffee next week to discuss the remaining final projects.

Additionally, Mr. Spencer reported that lights had been purchased from Colorado ISD as they made renovations. It is hoped SISD will be able to use those at the track field as we go forward with possible renovations to the track in order to hold track meets in Sweetwater. The current track surface was installed in 2020 and is in very bad shape.

Mr. Spencer introduced Bob Shipley from Hellas Construction who outlined the various level of repair that could be done and the approximate cost of each. Mr. Shipley and Mr. Spencer answered questions from the Board. Mr. Cumbie asked for a rough estimate to re-do the entire track, including drainage issues that need to be fixed. Mr. Shipley will work up an estimate on this and report back to Mr. Spencer.

Mr. Spencer is getting estimates on the four sided dropdown scoreboard for the gym, and possible spray on insulation for the Ag barn.

Mr. Valdez asked about the previously discussed auditorium renovations. The estimated cost to do everything that was on the list would be 2-3 million dollars. Projects may have to be done little at a time.

4. Superintendent Reports

A. Student Recognition:

Mr. Spencer introduced the cast, crew and sponsors of the One-Act Play, Mark Garcia presented certificates to each. This group has advanced to the Regional contest, something that has not happened since 2016.

Mr. Spencer introduced the students who had advanced to the state Powerlifting meet, including State Champion, Blaine Maestas.

Advancing to the State Tennis tournament is: Yler Ramirez.

Everyone in attendance applauded these students as they were recognized and given their Certificates of Recognition.

B. Curriculum

C. Finance

D. Accountability

E. Maintenance & Operations

Mr. Spencer gave the Board an update on moving the 3rd graders to the SIS campus and moving the kindergarten and Pre-K students to East Ridge. According to data, the third grade group will be very strong. The Southeast campus will now house Early Headstart and will be fully federally funded. Mr. Spencer praised the principals for accepting the challenge and teachers and staff for “stepping up” as well.

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

****The Board went into a Closed Session at 6:17 pm

****The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 pm.

7. Consider and Act on Contracts

Tasha Soto made the motion to approve the contracts for the 2026-27 school year that were discussed in Closed Session, seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 5-1 abstention. Voting in favor were: Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Jeff Allen abstained from voting.

8. Consent Agenda

- A. Act on Monthly Minutes
- B. Act on Financials
- C. Act on Budget Amendment
- D. Act on Electricity Provider Contract

Mrs. Bills asked that the Electricity Provider Contract be pulled from the Consent Agenda, due to the the provider not getting the data to us in time for the Board meeting. Tasha Soto made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda without the Electricity Provider Contract, seconded by Kelly Sheridan, motion passed 6-0. Voting for the motion were: Jeff Allen, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez,

9. Announcements

A. Special Called Meeting to canvass election results, Thursday, May 7th, 8:30 am SISD Admin Office.

Mr. Spencer explained that this would be a very short meeting and is required following the election to accept the election results.

Mr. Spencer also recognized Jeff Allen and Mark Garcia for their years of service to the SISD Board of Trustees. Both Mark and Jeff were presented plaques of appreciation for their dedication and service.

10. Adjourn

Dennis Cumbie made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary