

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, August 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Puckett-Dudensing CTE Building, 1205 Ragland, Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Kathy Hall, Matt McKay, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Reggy Spincer **Absent:** Keyy Sheridan

Others Present: Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison, Carmen Crane, Scott Cottenior, Peggy Elliott, Benita Crain

1. Call to Order

Brenda Valdez, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the pledges to the American and Texas Flags. Tasha Soto read the Board Social Contract.

2. Public Forum

No one was present or had requested via email to address the Board or have a statement read.

3. Bond Update

Mr. Spencer reported that he and Coach Hodnett had met with a representative from Hellas about needed work on the track. In order to see what bond funds are available, once again, we have asked Teinert for a final bill before we can move forward with projects. A new sound system for the Bowl is needed at the cost of \$13,000. Softball and baseball field new scoreboard are here. Plans are underway to re-do the softball dugouts with cinderblock half walls.

4. Budget Workshop

A. 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Mrs. Bills reviewed the Budget by Function with the Board. This budget is \$600,000 less than last year's budget. Mrs. Bills stated that this is a healthy budget, that we will have the money to take care of our needs and we've created stability. Mr. Spencer stated we will have money to add to the Fund Balance. Mrs. Bills reported that again this year in Food Service we have made money, and that we have been able to see a profit in Food Service for the last seven years with Food Service Excellece, our current provider. This is very positive, Food Service is able to cover their own utilities. The Debt Service Bond payment will be \$3,349,169. In closing Mrs. Bills praised the Board and other administrators for their support in making this Budget a possibility.

B. 2026-2027 Proposed Tax Rates - Maintenance & Operations, Interest & Sinking

Mrs. Bills reported she has worked with the Nolan County CAD and the proposed tax rates are as follows: M & O = \$0.6933, I & S = \$0.2391, for a total Tax Rate of \$0.9324.

5. Action Items

- A. Consider and Approve the Board setting a public meeting date to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate.

The Board set the meeting to discuss and approve the budget and tax rate for Monday, August 31 at 8:00 am at the Administration Offices, 207 Musgrove St. Kathy Hall made the motion to set the meeting for August 31, seconded by Domingo Castillo, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Kathy Hall, Matt McKay, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez.

6. Superintendent Reports

- A. Curriculum
- B. Finance
- C. Accountability
- D. Maintenance & Operations

Mr. Spencer shared a handout and reviewed with the Board a summary of SISD's Overall Accountability Ratings. He cited the improvements in student achievement, school progress, academic growth, relative performance and closing the gaps. Sis and SMS are still listed as targeted improvement campuses.

Mr. Spencer reported on the delay in getting all the doors re-keyed. But we are making progress and are about 75% done.

7. 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

There was no Closed Session

8. Consent Agenda

- A. Act on Monthly Minutes
 - B. Act on Financials
 - C. Act on Adult Meal Prices

Domingo Castillo made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Matt McKay, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Kathy Hall, Matt McKay, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez.

9. Announcements

Mr. Spencer reminded the Board that the first competition in the new gym would be volleyball games to be played tomorrow (Tuesday 8/18) beginning at 4:00..

10. EISO Board Training by ESC 14

The EISO Traing was postponed until a later date.

11. Adjourn

Domingo Castillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary