

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 Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the J P Cowen Cafeteria, 400 W. 4th St., Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Jeff Allen, Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Matt Weaver, Reggie Spencer

Others Present: Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison

1. Call to Order

Board President Mark Garcia called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm and announced that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

Brenda Valdez read the Board Social Contract.

2. Public Forum

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

3. Bond Update

Mr. Spencer, the Board members and other staff toured the construction site prior to the meeting. Mr. Spencer presented several ideas for alleviating the drainage issues at the tennis courts. Mr. Spencer also reported on some other issues he has been looking at on other campuses and possible ways to address those problems, including additional fencing at East Ridge and SHS, drainage concerns at the Southeast main entrance and replacing signage and window film at Southeast. The CTE and gym construction is moving along and currently on-time for completion.

4. Action Items

A. Consider and act on filing for a Low Attendance Waiver with TEA.

Mr. Spencer explained to the Board the steps involved and the reasoning behind apply for the Low Attendance Waiver. Dennis Cumbie made the motion, seconded by Matt Weaver to file for the Low Attendance Waiver with TEA, motion passed 7-0.

B. Discuss and possible action on Schneider Electric Energy Services contract.

Jeff Allen made the motion for Mr. Spencer to take the necessary steps to cancel the contract with Schneider Electric, seconded by Matt Weaver, motion passed 7-0.

5. Superintendent Reports

A. Monitoring Calendar Reports

Mr. Spencer reported that we are good and within policy to possibly move 3rd grade back to East Ridge, but also **emphasized it is not happening now**. Mr. Spencer stated he has visited all campuses and many classrooms and has noticed everybody is working hard and focusing on learning not just tests and scores. He also expressed his appreciation to the staff and students for their hard work.

6. 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.

*****The Board went into a Closed Session at 6:00 pm

*****The Board returned to Open Session at 7:15 pm

A. 551.074 Discuss Personnel Matters

B. Discuss/Reject/Approve contracts

Dennis Cumbie made the motion to approve contract presented during Closed Session, seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 7-0.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Act on Monthly Minutes

B. Act on Financials

C. Act on Investment Report

Dennis Cumbie made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 7-0.

8. Announcements

- A. Annual Announcement of Continuing Education for Board Members
- B. Team of Eight Training - Wed. May 14
- C. Special Called Board Meeting, Monday, April 28th @5:30 pm Admin Bldg
- D. Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 19th @ 5:30 pm - JPC
- E. Board Appreciation Plaque

On behalf of the Board and Sweetwater ISD, Mark Garcia presented a plaque of appreciation to Matt Weaver for his six years of service to the SISD School Board.

9. Adjourn

Domingo Castillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary