

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, December 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the J P Cowen Cafeteria, 400 W. 4th St., Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Jeff Allen, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Brenda Valdez,
Tasha Soto (arrived @5:53), Matt Weaver (arrived @6:05), Dr. Deidre Parish

Others Present: Casey Bills, Janell Martin, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison,
Scott Cottenior

1. Call to Order (5:34 pm)

Mark Garcia called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the pledges to the American & Texas flags.

A. Board Social Contract – Brenda Valdez read the Board Social contract.

2. Public Forum

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

3. Bond Update (5:36 pm)

Dr. Parish reported on a recent tour of the construction site that she and several board members went on. There was also a Visioning Committee meeting held that Dennis Cumbie attended and reported that the bronze plaques will be placed inside the CTE building honoring the individuals the building is being named after.

4. Consider and act on the Sweetwater Education Foundation's gift of \$12,000 for Learning Enrichment Opportunity grants (5:38 pm)

Dennis Cumbie reported on the fund raisers the Educational Foundation had this fall and that the teachers have already applied for this year's grants. Also this year the Education Foundation plans to award some student scholarships. Dennis Cumbie made the motion to accept the Education Foundation donation, seconded by Jeff Allen, motion passed 4-0.

5. Superintendent Reports (5:41 pm)

A. Monitoring Calendar Reports

Janell Martin presented a powerpoint on Goal 3 that deals with College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR). Mrs. Martin answered questions from Board members before turning the program over to Scott Cottenior, SHS principal. Mr. Cottenior highlighted the CCMR programs & current statuses.

B. LASO Grant for TEA Bluebonnet Learning materials, formerly called Amplify, Eureka, and Carnegie (6:02 pm)

Mrs. Martin reported on the LASO Cycle 3 grant application, which is a continuation of our strong foundation implementation. We should know by mid-February if we will receive the LASO Cycle 3 grant.

C. Student Advisory Councils and Student Experience Profile (6:06 pm)

Dr. Parish handed out results of a recent survey the students on the Student Advisory Councils completed showing their priorities and what they hope to gain by graduating from Sweetwater ISD.

D. A report of Intruder Detection Audit findings will be discussed (6:08 pm)

Krystal Woolard reported that SHS recently had an Intruder Audit. The audit showed one faulty door, but it has since been repaired.

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.

A. 551.074 Discuss Personnel Matters

B. TEC 39.030(a) Assessment Instruments

***** The Board went into a Closed Session at: 6:09 pm

*****The Board returned to Open Session at: 7:13 pm

7. Consider and act on Superintendent Evaluation (7:13 pm)

Matt Weaver made the motion to approve the Superintendent evaluation that was discussed during the Closed Session, seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 6-0.

8. Consent Agenda (7:13 pm)

- A. Act on Monthly Minutes
- B. Act on Financials
- C. Act on SISD SRO job description
- D. Act to add SRO job description to appendix of SISD Student Code of Conduct
- E. Act on SISD District Improvement Plan
- F. Consider and act on FNAA(LOCAL) and GKDA(LOCAL) policy updates

After a question for clarification of the policy updates, Matt Weaver made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Tasha Soto, motion passed 6-0.

9. Announcements (7:15 pm)

- A. Board Legislative Subcommittee meeting on Jan. 6 at 3:00 with Amy Dodson
- B. Upcoming Board Meetings-Tues., Jan. 14, 5:30 pm
- C. May 3, 2025 Board Trustee Election. First day to file Jan. 15, 2025
- D. Superintendent Coffee Jan. 16, 2025, 7:30-9:30, Argos
- E. February Board meeting on Feb. 17 - President's Day, School Holiday
- F. LC Leadership on February 26 (LC = Leasor Crass)

10. Adjourn

Tasha Soto made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary

