

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 Wednesday, March 26, 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, Tash Soto, Brenda Valdez, Matt Weaver, Reggy Spencer, Interim Superintendent

Others Present: Janell Martin, Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison, Scott Cottenior, Peggy Elliott, Christi Riley, Mindi Jeter

1. Call to Order

Board President, Mark Garcia, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and announced that a quorum was present. Everyone in attendance stood and recited the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Dennis Cumbie read the Board Social contract.

2. Public Forum

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

3. Bond Update

Mr. Spencer reported on his recent walk through of the construction site and addressed some issues that need to be addressed. He suggested a possible concrete retaining wall be built to channel rain water runoff away from the tennis courts and to forego having landscaping due to the upkeep costs. Mr. Spencer questioned if the gym will have shower curtains or doors and will continue to pursue this concerns. He had also looked at the SMS gym floor that will be resurfaced as well as the new gym floor and the finishes he suggests. Both welding teachers have requested hand washing sinks in their classrooms, Mr. Spencer will discuss this with Teinert. Mr. Spencer noted that we are on track for

completion this summer. Mr. Castillo thanked Mr. Spencer for this thorough report.

4. Consider and act on the process to be used for naming the choir room according to Policy CW(LOCAL)

Jeff Allen spoke with the Board to consider CW Local option 2, naming the High School Choir room for Melody Squires, a long time choir teacher for SISD. Mr. Allen made the motion for Mr. Spencer to receive recommendations for naming the Choir Room for Mrs. Squires, Dennis Cumbie seconded the motion, motion passed 7-0.

5. Superintendent Reports

A. Campus Spotlight - East Ridge Elementary

East Ridge principal, Peggy Elliott and counselor Christi Riley outlined the many programs and activities students are participating in. Mrs. Elliott also noted that again East Ridge has been nominated as a National Showcase campus by Capturing Kids Hearts.

B. Monitoring Calendar Reports

Mrs. Martin reported that there is no new data to report on GPM 3 since Mr. Cottenior's report in October. Board members were presented a printout showing the current SIS students Interim Assessment #2 scores in Math, Science and Reading/Language Arts.

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 entered into a Closed Session at 6:33 pm

****The Board returned to Open Session at 8:16 pm

A. 551.074 Discuss Personnel Matters

7. Deliberation and affirmation of Superintendent's decision concerning contractual personnel for 2025-2026 non-administrator positions

Matt Weaver made the motion to affirm the Superintendent's recommendations for contractual personnel, seconded by Domingo Castillo, motion passed 6-0. Jeff Allen abstained from voting.

8. Consent Agenda

A. Act on Monthly Minutes

B. Act on Financials

C. Act on adding SISD Board of Trustees President to the signature card at depository bank

Dennis Cumbie made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Matt Weaver, motion passed 7-0.

9. Announcements

Discussion was held and it was decided to move the April Board meeting to Tuesday, April 22.

10. Adjourn

Domingo Castillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm.

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary