

SWEET HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 24, 2022

A meeting was called to order by President Lolly Mican at 5:30pm. A quorum was present, the meeting was duly called, and notice of meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law. Jeff Points, Robin Boswell, and Nathan Wenske were absent.

The minutes from the December 6th regular meeting and January 10th special meeting were read by President Lolly Mican. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the minutes and Lolly Mican seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

Certified Public Accountant Joe Huang from the firm of Belt, Harris, Pechacek, LLP, presented the Board with the 2020-2021 financial audit. The District's total combined net position on August 31, 2021, was \$526,417 (an increase of \$378,415 from 2020) with a fund balance at that time of \$1,071,738. It was stated that the District shall post these findings for the public in a timely manner. Johnny Turk made a motion to accept the audit report as presented; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

The bills and budget were reviewed. Lolly Mican made a motion to accept the bills and budget report. Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

There were no transfer applicants to consider at this time.

The District of Innovation plan is due for renewal, as it is to be renewed every 5 years. It is designed to provide more local control and provides an opportunity to tailor plans based on the needs of our school and community. The DEIC committee convened and plans to submit to TEA 1 additional request to the 5 already granted. The timeline and process to approve this plan for the 2022-2023 school year through the 2026-2027 school year was presented to the Board. Lolly Mican made a motion to approve the timeline for the renewal of the updated District of Innovation Plan and Johnny Turk seconded. All approved and the motion carried.

The Gifted and Talented (GT) program has been updated and was presented to the Board for approval. The updated plan will allow for testing adjustments for GT identification to be representative of statewide expected identification percentages, and compliance with new standards will ensure Sweet Home ISD is providing high quality instruction and services. The plan presented to the Board included identification procedures, screening and assessment, and program evaluation and parent/community involvement and communication. Ray Peagler made a motion to approve the GT packet as presented; Amy Picha seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

Lolly Mican made a motion to change the March regular meeting date to March 7, 2022; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved; motion carried.

Current copiers are outdated and need replacement. Copier bids were presented to the Board to compare the current contract with other vendors. Based upon cost (monthly savings of \$130), familiarity with Xerox, and local repair options, Lolly Mican made a motion to approve the contract for Xerox copy machines through DeWitt Poth; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved; motion passed.

With the purchase of the new property adjacent to the school, the drop off and pickup line may now be rerouted to come off County Road 378, thus shifting vehicles off the highways FM 531 and FM 318. Lolly made a motion to approve putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for roadbed grating and materials; Amy Picha seconded.

It was decided to table the approval of the UIL Coordinator and Houston Rodeo Coordinator stipends at this time. Motion was made by Lolly Mican; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

Sweet Home ISD received donations this year which need to be added into the revenue side of our current 2021-2022 school budget. The donations from the Anne Rubac Estate and the Victoria Gem and Mineral Society will add \$155,000 to the original budget revenue of \$1,641,013. Johnny Turk motioned to approve the amendment to the current school budget; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved, and the motion carried.

Current SHISD enrollment is 135, and the district ADA for December was 94.79%.

In the campus report, Dr. Fairchild reported to the Board a minor infraction from TCEQ for lead and copper monitoring, which resulted during the period of June 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, as we were transitioning water systems management personnel. The violation has been addressed and proper notice to the public has been posted as required and in a timely manner.

The monthly activity calendar was reviewed with the Board, and the next regular School Board meeting will be February 14, 2022.

The Board went into closed session at 6:37pm to discuss personnel matters, superintendent contract and salary, and security matters. The Board came out of closed session at 7:05pm.

Lolly Mican made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ray Peagler seconded. All approved and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Lolly Mican, Board President

Robin Boswell, Board Secretary