

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, May 18, at 5:30 pm at the Puckett-Dudensing CTE Building, 1205 Ragland, Sweetwater, Texas.

Members Present: Jeff Allen, Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Mark Garcia, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez, Reggy Spencer
Mark Garcia & Jeff Allen left the meeting after new Board members were sworn-in
Matthew McKay joined the group after being sworn in.

Others Present: Casey Bills, Krystal Woolard, Ann Allen, Sonya Davison, campus administrators, staff, parents & community members

1. Call to Order

Outgoing 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 & Texas flags. Mark read the Board Social Contract.

2. Public Forum

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

3. Action Items

A. Newly elected Board members' Oath of Office

Kelly Sheridan & Matthew McKay stood and recited the Oath of Office and were sworn in by Ann Allen. Kathy Hall was unable to attend the meeting but had been sworn in on May 12, 2026.

B. Consider and Act on reorganizing the Board of Trustees.

Mark Garcia called for nominations for Board President, Tasha Soto nominated Kelly Sheridan, Domingo Castillo nominated Dennis Cumbie. The vote was taken by show of hands. Kelly Sheridan was elected President by a vote of 3-2 Members voting for Kelly were: Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez & Matthew McKay, Voting for Dennis Cumbie were: Domingo Castillo & Dennis Cumbie. Kelly Sheridan abstained from voting.

Kelly assumed duties as Board President and called for nominations for Board Vice-President. Tasha nominated Brenda Valdez for Vice-President, no other nominations were received, Matthew McKay moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Tasha Soto.. Brenda Valdez nominated Tasha Soto to remain as Board Secretary, Matthew McKay moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Dennis Cumbie.

C. Consider and Approve the Superintendent having the authority for summer hires.

Mr. Spencer explained to the Board what this meant as far as summer hiring. Tasha Soto made the motion to approve this summer hiring authority for Mr. Spencer, seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 6-0. Voting in favor were: Domingo Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matthew McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez.

4. Superintendent Reports

A. Student Recognition

Mr. Spencer announced that we had several student groups that had excelled in recent competitions. Advancing to state from the **Fishing Team** are Tapley Allen & Ryan Galindo. Advancing to **State Bar-B-Que** competition are: Cooper Meador, Brock Teel, Adrian Davila, Ivan Figueroa & Tim Barber, coached by Jarrod Gee. Six students represented SHS in Atlanta at the **International DECA Competition**, Brenda Montemayor, Meredith Paty, Keeli Ussery, Allie Thompson, Sophia Vela & Mallory Gibson and sponsor Nina Wilson. The **Nursery & Landscaping** team consisting of: Katy Rivera, Katie Lopez & Airana Limones also advanced to the state level, sponsor Jamie Hubbel. The State Champion Girls Golf team members were also introduced: Peyton Gee, MacKenzie May, Halley Nixon, Cylan Patterson, Bailey Rainbolt, Coaches Jarrod Gee & Dillon Gainey.

B. Teacher Recognition

Mr. Spencer called on Carmen Crane to introduce the staff members being recognized with Teacher Incentative Allotment designations for 2025-2026 Mrs. Crane introduced these Recognized teachers: Melody Copeland, Susan Scaggs, Samantha Webb, Amy Hernandez, Stacy Cullins, Shelby Wood, Sarah Lampkin, These teachers generated \$54,285

Mrs. Crane then introduced the Exemplary teachers: Kathryn Armstrong, Nina Wilson, Jana Stewart, David Brown, Brenda Brown, Marvin Prano and Steve Withrow. The teachers generated \$117,403.

Mrs. Crane concluded by announcing the Master teachers, Jennifer Wolowicz and Daydee Holt who generated an allotment of \$82,833.

C. Student Health Advisory Council Report 2025-2026

Mr. Spencer referred to the SHAC report attached in the Board members Boardbook. A suggestion from this group was making a table available for students to be able to take unwanted food during their lunch periods at high school & middle school.

- D. Curriculum
- E. Finance
- F. Accountability
- G. Maintenance & Operations

5. Bond Update

Mr. Spencer updated the Board on a few ongoing Bond projects. They are looking into what can be done to cover the open area on the roof covering of the CTE building. He stated that work on the shaded area at East Ridge playground will be completed this summer. We are still looking at the renovations needed for the track field.

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

The Board did not go into a Closed Session, no items needed to be discussed at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Act on Monthly Minutes
- B. Act on Financials
- C. Act on Student Insurance

Domingo Castillo made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Brenda Valdez, motion passed 6-0 Voting in favor were: Domingo

Castillo, Dennis Cumbie, Matthew McKay, Kelly Sheridan, Tasha Soto, Brenda Valdez.

8. Announcements

- A. Friday, May 22, 11:00 am, SISD Awards Assembly, SHS Auditorium
- B. Friday, May 22, 8:00 pm SHS Graduation
- C. June 10-13 Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), San Antonio
- D. June 15 - June Board Meeting
- E. July 20 - July Board Meeting

Mr. Spencer announced that the SISD Awards Assembly had been moved to Thursday afternoon at 2:00 in the Auditorium and encouraged Board members to attend if possible.

9. Adjourn

Domingo Castillo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm.

School Board President

Date Approved

School Board Secretary