

SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
April 10, 2023

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Kenzie Lovingood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Patrick Gaines, Dr. John Fox, Mr. Jon Campbell, Ms. Christy McCosh, City Representative Lamar Hughes and Director of Schools, Mr. Rodney Boruff. A quorum was present.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Ms. Lovingood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests present were: Ms. Danielle Gross, Board Secretary; Ms. Janet Collins, Finance Administrator; Ms. Bethany Hughes, Sped Director; Ms. Holly Kidder, Supervisor of Instruction; Principals, Ms. Nicki Nile, Ms. Tonya Wallis and Ms. Alice Tyler: faculty, staff and visitors and a representative from the Monroe County Buzz.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the last meeting, March 13, 2023, and the February financial report. A second was made by Ms. McCosh. Motion passed.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second by Dr. Fox, the board approved the agenda for April 10, 2023. Motion passed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. After review of Sections 5 & 6 of the Policy Manual, Dr. Fox made a motion to make a few changes to Policy 6.200. The changes below will take effect in the 2023/2024 School year. Motion passed. Director recommended.

1. Medical appointment: Sweetwater City Schools will only accept 10 non-specialist medical notes (e.g. urgent care, walk-in clinics, emergency room) during the school year. If the non-specialist notes exceed 10, and all parent notes have not been used, parent notes will be assigned. Otherwise, the student will receive an unexcused absence.

2. For dental appointments and eye appointments, a maximum half day will be excused unless the dentist or eye specialist note specifies an entire day.

B. Mr. Gaines and the policy committee made a motion to approve the second and final reading of Policy 1.107. Motion passed. Director recommended.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Contract-On a motion made by Mr. Campbell, the board approved to extend Director Boruff's contract beginning July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026. A second was made by Mr. Gaines. Role call was taken: 5-yes, 0-no. Motion passed. Director recommended.

B. Personnel Report - Available as information to Board members.

C. Textbook Adoption (Math): On a motion made by Dr. Fox and a second made by Mr. Gaines, the board approved the adoption of Ready Math for the 2023-2024 School year as presented by Ms. Kidder. Motion passed. Director recommended.

D. Computer Bids

1. On a motion made by Mr. Gaines and a second made by Mr. Campbell, the board approved Arch Angel to provide the Chromebooks for the 2023-2024 School year as presented by Ms. Kidder. Motion passed. Director recommended.

2. On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second made by Dr. Fox, the board approved East TN to provide the desktop computers for the 2023-2024 School year as presented by Ms. Kidder. Motion passed. Director recommended.

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

The Director reported that State testing will begin next week for grades 2nd-8th. He also mentioned that the 3rd Grade Retention Law is still up in the air at this moment.

Director Boruff mentioned the new privacy screens at BIS on the doors and windows.

9. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

April 25th PTO Dine Out
May 8th next Board Meeting
May 19th Board Tour of Schools

10. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

Ms. Stinnett secured a grant from a private donor to provide raised garden beds at SPS.

With there being no other business before the Board, Ms. Lovingood adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair, Sweetwater City Schools

Director of Schools

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