

SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
August 13, 2018

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SJH cheerleaders Gracie Buff, Makaila Mull and Jackie Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guest present were: Ms. Danielle Gross, Board Secretary; Ms. Janet Collins, Finance Administrator; Ms. Nancy Crabtree, SPED; Principals, Mr. Darrin Nichols, Ms. Brandi Smith, Ms. Heather Henry and Ms. Alice Tyler; faculty, staff, and visitors. Principals introduced and welcomed new teachers.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the adoption of the agenda, minutes from the last meeting, July 9, 2018 and the June financial report. A second was made by Mr. Campbell. Motion passed. Director recommended.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. First and final reading of the Policy updates – Ms. McCosh reported on policy updates with minor language changes. On the Policy Committee’s recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Campbell and a second by Mr. Gaines, to approve the language changes in the policy updates on the first and final reading. Motion passed. Director recommended.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update on SJH – Director Boruff reported that everything besides the bleachers will be completed by mid-October. Due to ordering issues and delayed deliveries the bleachers will not arrive until November 5th which makes the estimated completion time during Christmas Break.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

B. State of the school report SPS – Principal Darrin Nichols reported on Sweetwater Primary for 2017-18. Mr. Nichols highlighted Kindergarten portfolios, Attendance Drawings, TN Ready Tests for 2nd Graders, AIMS Web goals expectations, Early Learning Training, new part-time nurse and extra math classes.

7. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

A. Director Boruff reported that it was a good opening day and week and enrollment is about the same as last year. He was blown away by the changes at the Junior High. He also said the teachers with signs at Brown was a welcoming experience for our students. The students were excited, and the Director feels that the changes that have been made have created a new start for SCS.

B. Director Boruff discussed the purchase of the new Raptor System and Software which was paid for by a grant. This system will be used to check in visitors at schools in a more efficient and safer way. The Director feels this will be a great step in making our schools a safer place to be.

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Next Board meeting is September 17 at 6:00 with a workshop at 5:20.

All Board members are registered for the TSBA Fall District meeting on Thursday, September 13.

TSBA Convention 2018 – Thursday, November 1 – Sunday, November 4.

No school August 31st or September 3rd

9. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

The board recently visited Gatlinburg for the Summer Law Institute. Some of the highlights included: Hacking/Cybercrime, Sexual Misconduct, Corporal Punishment, Background Check Laws, New policies on transcripts, and Mid-Term Elections.

The Director recognized Bill Stockton being back after a long illness.

The Director thanked Kathy Allen for her time and dedication to the school and students on and off the clock.

Ms. Henry acknowledged Jessica Morgan for her help in assisting them with a grant for \$1500 for BIS.

Mr. Fox acknowledged the SRO's and the SPD for their help in the active shooter training.

With there being no other business before the Board, Dr. Fox adjourned the meeting.

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Board Chair, Sweetwater City Schools	Director of Schools
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