

**SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
February 13, 2023**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 6th grade Basketball Players: Easton Watkins, Micah Upton, Malique Johnson and Danny Contreras.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Ms. Lovingood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guest present were: Ms. Danielle Gross, Board Secretary; Ms. Janet Collins, Finance Administrator; Ms. Holly Kidder, Supervisor of Instruction; Ms. Bethany Hughes, Sped Supervisor; Principals, Ms. Angie Kyle and Ms. Nicki Nile; SJHS Basketball players, cheerleaders and families; staff and members of the community.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McCosh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the last meeting, January 9, 2023, and the December financial report. A second was made by Mr. Gaines. Motion passed.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Campbell made a motion to remove item 7E from New Business. A second was made by Mr. Gaines. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to accept tonight's amended agenda. A second was made by Ms. McCosh. Motion passed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy review Sections 1 & 2- Mr. Gaines stated that Sections 1 & 2 have no revisions and will remain the same as suggested by TSBA.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

B. Enrollment projections – Ms. Kidder reported to the Board that the enrollment projections is showing a steady trend. With the new business coming into Sweetwater and building permits being issued she hopes that the numbers will continue to trend upward.

C. Erate Bid – On a motion by Mr. Gaines and a second by Mr. Campbell the board approved PCS for the internet wiring of SPS and BIS as presented by Ms. Kidder. Motion passed. Director recommended.

D. JUUL Litigation Settlement-On a motion by Mr. Gaines and a second by Ms. McCosh the board approved the signing of any settlement agreements in conjunction with the litigation of JUUL as presented by Director Boruff. This settlement will also give a percentage back to SCS that will be used for anti-vaping purposes. Motion passed. Director recommended.

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

A. TCAP Testing will take place the 3rd week in April until the 1st week of May.

B. As of today, we have a 95% attendance rating in our district.

C. 3rd Grade Retention will be revisited in March after having a recent meeting with parents.

D. Summer Camp Funding has been extended indefinitely for grades K-9th statewide.

E. There is a bill in the legislature that would provide free lunches to all students.

F. Director Boruff recognized the SJHS Boys Basketball Team and Cheerleaders for their sportsmanship and manners as they returned from the State Tournament. The students also average close to a 4.0 GPA as a team. He also recognized the coaches, Ms. Nile and the outpouring of community support.

9. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

A. Calendar of Events

February 17th-Professional Development (No school)

February 20th – President’s Day (No school)

March 13th-Board Meeting (6pm)

10. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

Ms. McCosh recognized the coach’s and Ms. Nile for their leadership and commitment during the State Tournament.

Mr. Campbell also recognized all the hard work and hours that Director Boruff and Ms. Lovingood put into the State Tournament.

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

Board Chair, Sweetwater City Schools

Director of Schools

Date

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