

**SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
February 18, 2025**

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by BIS students Keegan Nile, Braxton Frank, Emma Dowell & Campbell Bettis.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Gaines welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guest present were: Ms. Danielle Gross, Board Secretary; Ms. Janet Collins, Finance Administrator; Dr. Jason Vance, Supervisor of Instruction; Ms. Mardee Miller, Sped Supervisor; Principals, Ms. Tonya Wallis, Ms. Alice Tyler, Ms. Angie Kyle and Ms. Nicki Nile; faculty, staff and a representative from the Monroe County Buzz.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McCosh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the last meeting, January 13, 2025, and the December financial report. A second was made by Dr. Fox. Motion passed. Director recommended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT-None given.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Fox made a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. A second was made by Mr. Campbell. Motion passed. Director recommended.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. The policy committee will review Sections 3 & 4 of the Policy Manual for the March meeting

C. Policy 3.204 (Threat Assessment Team)-Dr. Fox made a motion to approve Policy 3.204 to be added to the policy manual. This was the second reading of this policy. Motion passed. Director recommended.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

B. Enrollment projections – Dr. Vance reported that enrollment projections look to be around 1424 for the 2025/2026 school year which is a decrease of 30 students.

C. Erate Bid-Dr. Fox made a motion to approve PCS for the Erate Category 2 purchases as presented by Dr. Vance. Ms. Lovingood made a second motion. Motion passed. Director recommended.

9. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Director Boruff reported on the Legislative meeting he attended which included the school vouchers. He also reported that students will only use the bathroom or locker room of their birth gender. Mr. Boruff also stated that our TISA Funding has increased by \$400 per student. He discussed the upcoming PECCA committee and also that TNTP will be visiting the ELA classes on February 28th to collect data.

10. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

A. Calendar of Events

March 10th-Board Meeting (6pm)

11. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

Dr. Fox commented on the Professional Development Day with attorney Chuck Cagle.

Mr. Gaines thanked the schools and principals for recognizing them during Board Appreciation Week.

Ms. McCosh congratulated the SJHS basketball teams for a great season.

With there being no other business before the Board, Mr. Gaines adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair, Sweetwater City Schools	Director of Schools
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