SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
May 12, 2025

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SJHS Students Tucker Vestal, Weston Alford and Ava Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McCosh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the last meeting, April 14, 2025, and the March financial report. A second was made by Mr. Campbell. Motion passed. Director recommend.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Fox made a motion to approve the Adoption of Agenda from May 12th, 2025. A second was made by Ms. McCosh. Motion passed. Director recommend.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Review Sections 5 & 6 of the Policy Manual-No changes as recommended by TSBA.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Report on the 25/26 Budget workshop.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

B. Consideration of the 2025/2026 General Budget-On a motion made by Ms. Lovingood and a second by Dr. Fox, members of the Board approved the 2025/2026 as presented by Ms. Collins. Motion passed. Director recommended.

C. Approval of the food service budget-On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second made by Ms. McCosh, members of the Board approved the 2025/2026 food service budget as presented by Ms. Collins. Motion passed. Director recommended.

D. Approval of the food service bids-On a motion made by Ms. Lovingood and a second made by Dr. Fox, members of the Board approved the 2025/2026 food service bids as presented by Ms. Stallcup. Motion passed. Director recommended.

E. Approval of the 2025/2026 Special Education Budget-On a motion made by Ms. McCosh and a second by Ms. Lovingood, members of the Board approved the 2025/2026 Special Education Budget as presented by Ms. Miller. Motion passed. Director recommended.

F. Approval of federal plan and program Budget-Dr. Vance presented an outline of the 2025/2026 federal programs budget. On a motion made by Dr. Fox and a second by Ms. Lovingood, members of the Board approved the federal plan and program budget as presented by Dr. Vance. Motion passed. Director recommended.

G. Dr. Vance presented the 2025/2026 Consolidated Application Approval for IDEA/ESEA that is to be signed by the Director and Board Chair. On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second by Ms. McCosh, members of the Board approved the 2025/2026 Consolidated Application Approval as presented by Dr. Vance. Motion passed. Director recommended.

H. Computer Bids-On a motion by Dr. Fox and a second by Ms. McCosh, members of the Board approved Virtucon for purchase of Chromebooks and East Tennessee Solutions for the purchase of desktop computers as presented by Dr. Vance. Motion passed. Director recommended.

I. Kindergarten Report-Ms. Wallis reported that as of now they have 151 Kindergarten students pre-registered. Ms. Wallis said depending on the numbers they may have to move a 1st grade teacher to a Kindergarten classroom.

J. Education Freedom Act Resolution-Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the Education Freedom Act Resolution, which will opt our system into the reimbursement for our teachers regarding the Tennessee vouchers. A second was made by Dr. Fox. Motion passed. Director recommended.

K. Employee Retirement Recognition-Director Boruff and the Board recognized Jeanette Anderson and Holly Bright Malone for their years of service to Sweetwater City Schools.

9. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

The Director reported that testing was complete, and summer camp planning is in full swing. He also said that there are several field trips happening. Director Boruff said they made an extra gravel parking lot at SJHS.

10. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The next board meeting is June 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm with a workshop at 5: 20 pm.

May 23rd-8th Grade Graduation (9am)
May 26th-Memorial Day (no school)
May 29th-PD Day (no students)
May 30th-Last day of school (2-hour day)

11. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

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

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Board Chair, Sweetwater City Schools Director of Schools

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Date Date