

**SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
September 14, 2020**

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2020 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, Dr. John Fox, Mr. Jon Campbell, Ms. Christy McCosh, City Representative Lamar Hughes and Director of Schools, Mr. Rodney Boruff. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BIS Teacher Rebecca McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. Nancy Crabtree, SPED; Ms. Holly Kidder, Supervisor of Instruction; Principals, Mr. Darrin Nichols, Mr. Nick Wilson, Ms. Angie Kyle and Ms. Alice Tyler; faculty, staff, 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 adoption of the agenda, minutes from the last meeting, August 10, 2020, and the July financial report. A second was made by Mr. Gaines. Motion passed. Director recommended.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy 6.409-On the policy's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Campbell to approve the second and final reading of Policy 6.409. Motion passed. Director recommended.

B. Policy 6.309-On the policy's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Campbell to approve the second and final reading of Policy 6.309. Motion passed. Director recommended.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

B. Selection of textbook committee – No adoption of textbooks is needed this year.

C. SPS State of the School-Darrin Nichols reported on the 2019-2020 school. Some of the highlights were chronic absenteeism has gone down, grant money, Dr. Seuss night, AIMS Web scores, donations from parents and the community for classrooms.

D. SES State of the School-Alice Tyler reported on the 2019-2020 school year. Some of the highlights were Read to Be Ready, school blast, new ELA curriculum, new schedule, barriers for classrooms and outside picnic tables. Ms. Tyler also mentioned the focus on patriotism and the concert which raised \$5900 for the playground.

E. On a motion made by Dr. Fox and a second by Ms. McCosh members of the board approved A to Z Office Resource as the bid winner for the ink cartridges as presented by Danielle Gross. Motion passed. Director recommended.

F. Recognition of Tenure-On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second by Mr. Gaines, members of the Board approved Rebecca McBride and Teresa Tuttle as tenure recipients.

7. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

A. Mr. Boruff reported that we have 70 percent of our students in school with 180 students doing virtual. As of September 14th we have 1381 students in the system. We have several students in quarantine due to exposure of COVID 19. Mr. Boruff reported that we work closely with the Health Department and follow CDC guidelines.

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Next Board meeting is October 12 at 6:00 with a workshop at 5:20.

Fall Break is October 5-9th.

9. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

Mr. Campbell congratulated the SJHS football team for being undefeated so far this season.

The board also expressed their appreciation for teachers and staff going above and beyond during these times.

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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