

**SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
September 14, 2023**

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2023 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, Ms. Christy McCosh, Dr. John Fox, Mr. Jon Campbell, City Representative Lamar Hughes and Director of Schools, Mr. Rodney Boruff. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BIS student Wilson Lovingood 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. Bethany Hughes, SPED; Dr. Jason Vance, Supervisor of Instruction; Principals, Ms. Tonya Wallis, Ms. Nicki Nile, Ms. Alice Tyler and Ms. Angie Kyle; faculty, staff, visitors and a representative from the Monroe County Buzz.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the last meeting, August 14, 2023, and the July financial report. A second was made by Mr. Campbell. Motion passed. Director recommended.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Fox made a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda. A second was made by Ms. McCosh. Motion passed. Director recommended.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

B. On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second by Mr. Gaines, members of the board approved A to Z Office Resource as the bid winner for the ink cartridges as presented by Ms. Gross. Motion passed. Director recommended.

C. On a motion made by Ms. McCosh and a second made by Dr. Fox, members of the board approved the Budget Amendment as presented by Ms. Collins. Motion passed. Director recommended.

D. On a motion made by Mr. Campbell and a second made by Mr. Gaines, members of the board approved the Esser 2.0 application and planning addenda as presented by Ms. Hughes. Motion passed. Director recommended.

E. On a motion made by Dr. Fox and a second by Mr. Gaines, members of the board approved Paiden Phippen, Cameron Hickey & Robbie Hicks for Tenure as recommended by Director Boruff. Motion Passed.

F. SJHS Baseball-Dave Correll is asking the board to approve the sanctioning of SJHS baseball. He stated that the majority of teams in our area are sanctioned leaving them only 2 teams to play. He is concerned that they won't have a season if they are not sanctioned. The board will meet and discuss so that a decision can be reached concerning this topic.

G. Human Trafficking-Carol Kutz gave a presentation on Human trafficking and also discussed ways that we as a district can be aware. Director Boruff is going to meet with her to discuss this further.

H. Ms. Tyler presented the State of the School for SES. They currently have 150 3rd graders and 138 4th graders enrolled at this time. They were named a Level 5 School for the 2022/2023 year. Some highlights were: Blast Program, Career Fair, Community involvement, new playground, good attendance and social-emotional learning.

8. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Director Boruff reported that we went from a Level 1 District to a Level 5 based on achievement growth. He also said that the new SRO system is running well

9. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

October 3rd-Next Board Meeting
October 7th-SPS Cruise-in Fundraiser
October 9th-13th-Fall Break

10. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

SPS received a \$2000 literacy grant from Dollar General

Yamaha donated \$1700 to purchase curriculum for ESL Classes

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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