

BOARD BULLETIN

MONDAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2024

Date: November 11, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Sabine Independent School District met in regular session in the board room in the district's administration building located at 5424 FM 1252 West, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas. SISD Board President Tony Raymond declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Present: Andrea Bates, Paul Franklin, Danny R. King, Tony Raymond and Leslie Thurston

Absent: Dr. Art Morchat and Eddie Shawn

Administrative Personnel: Monty Pepper – Superintendent, Shelley Yates - Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Glenda Hickey - Director of Business Operations

School Personnel: Tracy Calvit, Daniel Rich, Stanton Reaves (HS Principal), Stephanie Richard (HS Asst. Principal), Sara Cantrell (MS Principal), Carrie Mashburn (EL Principal), Sunnie Caldwell - Café and Rance Hawthorne (HS Band Director), Larie Hurton (Publications Coordinator), Misty Gee (Sabine Education Foundation)

Public: Benji Maxwell and Leslie Winton with Wilf and Henderson

Students: Toni Knight and Klair Carpenter with the FFA

Invocation/Pledge: Leslie Thurston / Tony Raymond

Public Hearing: 6:30 pm Public meeting on School FIRST Rating presented by Glenda Hickey.

Collection of Officer Statements and administered "oaths of office" for non-contested Board Election conducted by Tracy Calvit (Texas Notary) - Tony Raymond, Andrea Bates and Danny King. Dr. Morchat was out of country, so his oath will be administered upon his return.

Ms. Leslie Winton with Wilf and Henderson, P.C. presented the 2023/24 audit.

Action Items:

Reorganization of the Board - Andrea Bates made the motion to nominate Tony Raymond for President, motion was seconded by Danny R. King. Paul Franklin made the motion to nominate Eddie Shawn as Vice President, motion was seconded by Leslie Thurston. Leslie Thurston made the motion to nominate Andrea Bates as Secretary, motion was seconded by Danny R. King. *Vote was unanimous.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the 2023/2024 Financial Audit Report as presented by Wilf & Henderson, P.C. A motion was made by Leslie Thurston and seconded by Paul Franklin to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Information Items:

- Toni Knight and Klair Carpenter presented the Ag News.
- Rance Hawthorne reported on the Band's State Competition and Benji Maxwell gave a Band Booster Club report.

- Stanton Reaves presented the HS news, Sara Cantrell presented the MS news and Carrie Mashburn presented the EL new.
- Accounts Payable October 2024
- Upcoming Events

Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on October 14 and October 23, 2024
- Tax Collections - October 2024
- Investment Portfolio - October 2024

Mr. Raymond recommended that the Consent Items be approved as presented. Motion was made by Danny R. King and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Raymond's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Discussion Items:

- Daniel Rich reported on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Implementation and Use
- Board Training Hours were reported.
- Sabine Education Foundation by Misty Gee
- Mr. Pepper discussed the bids for possibly outsourcing our grounds maintenance.
- December Board Meeting will not be held unless necessary.

Action Items:

Mrs. Shelley Yates presented the District Improvement Plan.

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the District Improvement Plan, as presented. Motion was made by Paul Franklin and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Paul Franklin recommended that the Board cast their 99 votes for Stephanie McKinney as a Board Member of the Gregg Appraisal District. Motion was seconded by Danny R. King to accept the Mr. Franklin's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve that every full-time employee receive an \$800 one-time retention stipend and all half-time employees receive \$400, as presented. Motion was made by Danny R. King and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Tony Raymond declared closed session under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, and et seq. at 8:50 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 9:11 p.m.

No action was taken in closed session.

A motion was made by Danny R. King to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leslie Thurston. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.
