

BOARD BULLETIN

MONDAY – APRIL 14, 2025

Date: April 14, 2025

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 6:33 pm.

Present: Andrea Bates, Eric Collins, Danny R. King, Dr. Art Morchat, Tony Raymond, Eddie Shawn and Leslie Thurston

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

School Personnel: Cori Pyle (Café), Cody Gilbert – Athletic Director, Stanton Reaves - High School Principal, Sara Cantrell - Middle School Principal, Megan Burns - Elementary Asst. Principal, April Washburn – Intermediate School Principal and Larie Hurton - Public Relations Coordinator

Public Guests: Lance Kitchen, Shaun Burns, Cynthia Welch; the following attended but did not sign in: Jayanna Laird + Guest, Davin Loveless, Michael and Christine. Royce

Students: Sawyer Burns, Brooklyn Maxwell and Toni Knight

Invocation/Pledge: Leslie Thurston and Tony Raymond

Information Items:

- Ag Department Report by Brooklyn Maxwell and Toni Knight
- Employees of the Month (handout was provided with a list of Staff Spotlights)
- Campus News
 - Elementary News was presented by Mrs. Megan Burns (Asst. Principal);
 - Intermediate School – Mrs. April Washburn (Principal);
 - Middle School News was presented by Sara Cantrell (Principal);
 - High School News was presented by Stanton Reaves (Principal)
- Accounts Payable March 2025
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Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on March 17, 2025
- Tax Collections March 2025
- Investment Portfolio - March 2025
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Mr. Raymond recommended that the Consent Items be approved, as presented. Motion was made by Leslie Thurston and seconded by Eric Collins to accept Mr. Raymond's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Discussion Items:

- Upcoming Events - dates and times for end-of-year awards and celebrations
- TASB Advocacy Agenda information presented by Tony Raymond
- Mr. Pepper presented Global Data / VOIP Phone System
- Mr. Pepper presented Facilities Update

Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the Textbook Cycle 2024 Selection, as presented, for the 2025/2026 school year, as presented. Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Danny R. King to accept Mr. Pepper’s recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve the 2025/26 School Calendar. Motion was made by Eric Collins and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper’s recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mrs. Glenda Hickey recommended that the Board approve the engagement letter submitted by Wilf & Henderson, P.C., to perform the district’s annual audit for the year ending June 2025, as presented. Motion was made by Danny R. King and seconded by Art Morchat to accept Mrs. Hickey’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 7:30 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board extend a high school contract, as presented on Exhibit C. Appendix C also includes the SSA contracts, as presented. The Board approved two new hires for the elementary campus – Christian Tucker (2nd Grade) and Ronda Morris (2nd Grade). Andrea Bates made the motion and it was seconded by Eddie Shawn. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board hire Megan Burns as the Principal of the Elementary campus beginning in the 2025/236 school year, as presented on Exhibit D. Andrea Bates made the motion and it was seconded by Leslie Thurston. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.
