

# BOARD BULLETIN

MONDAY – MAY 12, 2025

---

Date: May 12, 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 6:30 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), Stanton Reaves (High School Principal), Sara Cantrell (Middle School Principal), April Washburn (Intermediate Principal), Megan Burns (Elementary Asst. Principal), Teresa Yarberr (HS Teacher) and Larie Hurton (Public Relations Coordinator)

Public Guests: Teri Yarberr, Susie Miller and Cynthia Welch

Students: FFA Students: Toni Knight, Klair Carpenter and Allyssa Crutcher, Student Council: Keelie Roper and Hollie Boone

Invocation/Pledge: Tony Raymond

---

## Information Items:

- Our Board of Trustees were recognized and celebrated.
- Student Council students gave a program update
- Ag Students gave a report
- District Accomplishments - list was included in the Board packet
- TASA/TASB Convention (Sept. 11-14, 2025) – George R. Brown Convention Center – Houston, Texas
- Accounts Payable April 2025

## Discussion Items:

- Graduation Ceremony - May 24, 2025 @ 4 pm at the LeTourneau Belcher Center  
*Board members were asked to arrive at 3:15 pm.*

## Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on April 14, 2025
- Tax Collections April 2025
- Investment Portfolio - April 2025

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Consent Items be approved, 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.*

Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve Thursday, June 26 (noon) to be the date for the public meeting in regards to the 2025/26 budget. Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Eric Collins to accept Mr Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve the budget amendment for plumbing repairs at the Intermediate, as presented, accept increase the amount up to \$125,000. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mrs. Pepper recommended that the Board approve City National Bank for the school depository, as presented and enter into a contract. A motion was made by Danny R. King and seconded by Eric Collins to accept the Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion. )*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for the 2025/2026 school year, as presented. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve the transfer guidelines, as presented below:

- Transfer students who do not meet the standards listed below are subject to a transfer revocation.
  - Fails to maintain passing grades on two report card grading periods and/or failure to earn credit for a HS course necessary for graduation: fails to progress to the next grade level;
  - Fails to be punctual without excuse and/or picked up daily as per campus regulations on 10 or more days during a semester or 15 or more days during the school year;
- Sabine ISD does not accept Pre-K transfers, as enrollment in this grade is based on financial eligibility requirements.
- Kindergarten transfer applications can be obtained from the Superintendent's office. If accepted, the child will receive the Kindergarten testing before the first week of school, or during the first week of school.

Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Eric Collins to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve the use of \$110,000 from the Safety Budget to purchase bus radios, repeaters and hand-held radios, as presented. Motion was made by Leslie Thurston and seconded by Danny R. King 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 7:26 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 8:48 p.m.

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the following new hires listed on Exhibit E – Bubba Smith/Ag Mechanics/FFA Advisor. Motion was made by Andrea Bates to accept Mr. Pepper’s recommendation and seconded by Eddie Shawn. *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 8:49 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \*