

# BOARD BULLETIN

MONDAY – JUNE 9, 2025

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Date: June 9, 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: Eric Collins, Danny R. King, Dr. Art Morchat, Tony Raymond and Leslie Thurston

Absent: Andrea Bates and Eddie Shawn

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

School Personnel: Misty Gee (Sabine Education Foundation Coordinator) and Larie Hurton

Public: Lance Kitchen and Cynthia Welch

Students: None

Invocation/Pledge: Danny R. King

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## Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board accept the donation from the Sabine ISD Education Foundation in the amount of \$62,757.33 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.*

## Information Items:

- No AG News
- Accounts Payable May 2025
- Glenda explained the Supplement / Not Supplant Statement of Exemption

## Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on May 12, 2025
- Tax Collections - May 2025
- Investment Portfolio - May 2025

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

## Discussion Items:

- Budget Discussion – Monty Pepper discussed developing a budget with evolving legislation and regulation

- We will omit the July Board meeting – not necessary as budget amendments may not be complete

Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board to adjust the meal prices that will help us meet the criteria of the plan but keep it affordable, as presented for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Danny R. King to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board appoint a delegate and an alternate for the 2025 TASA/TASB Convention. Board appoints Eddie Shawn as Delegate and Danny R. King as the Alternate. Motion was made by Tony Raymond and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept the Board's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve Update 125, as presented. Tony Raymond moves that the Board "add, revise, or delete (Local) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 125", as presented.

Policy Update 125 affecting local policies:

**BDAA(LOCAL): OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS - DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF BOARD OFFICERS**

**BDB(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - BOARD COMMITTEES**

**BDF(LOCAL): BOARD INTERNAL ORGANIZATION - ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**EI(LOCAL): ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**FDE(LOCAL): ADMISSIONS - SCHOOL SAFETY TRANSFERS**

**FEC(LOCAL): ATTENDANCE - ATTENDANCE FOR CREDIT**

**GF(LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS**

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

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approved the UIL Stipends related to our Academic State win, as presented. *This item was tabled until a later meeting at the request of Eddie Shawn.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board endorse Tony Raymond as a TASB Board Member, as presented. *No action needed due to Mr. Raymond being unopposed.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve a policy update, as presented, related to school meal charges. 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 7:05pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board hire the following new employees, as presented in Exhibit D: John Weaver (Elementary Asst. Principal), Dustin Weaver (Gov't/Economics + Coach), Melton

“Bubba” Smith (Ag Mechanics/Ag Sponsor), Hailey Davis (EL Music Teacher), Courtney Morgan (Elementary Teacher), Lynzey Thompson (Anatomy/Physiology/IPC and Environmental Science). Internal moves were also presented: Cora Davis – aide to teacher, Elizabeth Aguilar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Intermediate Art, Kylee Love – Elementary Music to Art, Jennifer Wood – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA to Dyslexia. Motion was made by Eric Collins and seconded by Danny R. King to accept Mr. Bryce’s recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

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 7:35 p.m.

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