

# BOARD BULLETIN

MONDAY – AUGUST 11, 2025

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Date: August 11, 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 6:31 pm.

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

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

School Personnel: Megan Burns (EL Principal), Stanton Reaves (HS Principal), April Washburn (Intermediate Principal), Sara Cantrell (MS Principal), Larie Hurton - Public Relations, Skye Duncan – HS Journalism Teacher

Public: Cynthia Welch

Students: Kaylan Shico and Toni Knight (FFA Students)

Invocation/Pledge: Leslie Thurston / Boy Scouts

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## Information Items:

- Kaylan and Toni Knight presented the AG report
- TASB/TASA Convention (Sept. 11-14, 2025)
- Accounts Payable June and July 2025

## Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on June 9, June 26, July 8 and August 4, 2025
- Tax Collections – May, June and July 2025
- Investment Portfolio - June and July 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:

- Mr. Pepper presented the Student Handbooks
- Accountability Ratings
- Proposed Tax Rate to vote on in September.

## Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the Appraisal Calendar and Appraisers, as listed, and the Appraisal Calendar for 2025/26. Motion was made by Eric Collins and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve National High School Journalism trip, 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.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the updated EFB(Local) Policy (Library Collections), as presented. Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the updated CQ(Local) Policy (AI Regulations), as presented. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Eric Collins to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

*The Board discussed Agenda Item 7e – Copier Contract No action was taken.*

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the Region 7 Contracted Service Agreement for the 2025/26 school year, as presented. Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

*No action was taken on Agenda Item 7g – District Goals.*

Tony Raymond declared closed session under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, and et seq. at 7:32 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 9:42 p.m.

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the following new hires listed on Exhibit F – Ashley Yarbrough (SSA, ABU Teacher), Christina Garcia (MS/ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science) and Helen Schaefer (SSA, Teacher of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing). *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Raymond made the motion to extend Mr. Pepper's contract by one year, which will make his contract effective through June 2028. Motion was seconded by Eddie Shawn. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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