

Date: April 13, 2026

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, Dr. Art Morchat, Tony Raymond, Eddie Shawn and Leslie Thurston

Absent: Danny King

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

School Personnel: Sunny Caldwell, Stephanie Richard, Megan Burns, Sara Cantrell, April Washburn, Larie Hurton

Public Guests: Cal Sparks, Tim Russell, Jana Russell, Cynthia Welch

Students: Manny Jimenez and Luna Hardin

Invocation/Pledge: Monty Pepper

Information Items:

- Ag Department Report by Manny Jimenez and Luna Hardin
- Campus News
 - Elementary School- was presented by Mrs. Megan Burns (Principal);
 - Intermediate School –was presented by Mrs. April Washburn (Principal);
 - Middle School- was presented by Sara Cantrell (Principal);
 - High School - was presented by Stephanie Richard (Assistant Principal)
- Accounts Payable February and March 2026

Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on March 2, 2026
- Tax Collections February and March 2026
- Investment Portfolio – February and March 2026

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Consent Items be approved, as presented. Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

All those in favor: Bates, Collins, Dr. Morchat, Raymond, Shawn and Thurston

All those opposed: 0

Discussion Items:

- Upcoming Events - dates and times for end-of-year awards and celebrations
- LIFT Grant

Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the completion of an efficiency Audit by Pope Audit Group LLC as presented.

Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Eric Collins King to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

All those in favor: Bates, Collins, Dr. Morchat, Raymond, Shawn and Thurston

All those opposed: 0

(Appendix 7a)

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve the engagement letter by Wilf and Henderson PC to perform the district's annual audit for the year ending June 2026, as presented. Motion was made by Leslie Thurston and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

All those in favor: Bates, Collins, Dr. Morchat, Raymond, Shawn and Thurston

All those opposed: 0

(Appendix 7b)

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the Instructional Materials Certification for 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Motion was made by Eric Collins and seconded by Dr. Art Morchat to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

All those in favor: Bates, Collins, Dr. Morchat, Raymond, Shawn and Thurston

All those opposed: 0. *(Appendix 7c)*

Tony Raymond declared closed session under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, and et seq. at 7:13 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the hiring of employees listed on Appendix A, as presented. Based on Mr. Pepper's recommendation I make the motion to approve the hiring of employees as listed on App A. Andrea Bates made the motion and it was seconded by Eddie Shawn.

All those in favor: Bates, Collins, Dr. Morchat, Raymond, Shawn and Thurston

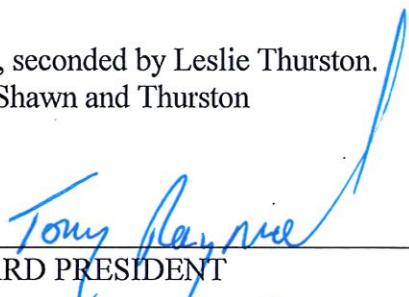
All those opposed: 0

A motion was made by Eric Collins to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leslie Thurston.

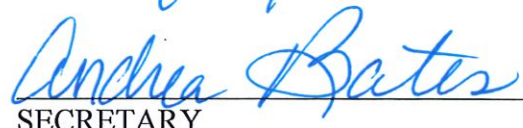
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All those opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



BOARD PRESIDENT



SECRETARY