Date: May 11, 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, Danny King, Dr. Art Morchat, Tony Raymond, Eddie Shawn and Leslie Thurston
Absent: Eric Collins

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

School Personnel: Sunnie Caldwell, Sara Cantrell, April Washburn, Stanton Reaves, Megan Burns, Lacee Franke

Public Guests: Cynthia Welch, Lance Kitchen

Students: Manny Jimenez, Toni Knight, Luna Hardin, Maycie Westbrook and Ian Eaves

Invocation/Pledge: Leslie Thurston / Tony Raymond

Information Items:

- Ag Department Report by Manny Jimenez and Luna Hardin
- STUCO presentation- President Elect- Maycie Westbrook
- Presentation of Convention and School Board Summit for Board Training
- Accounts Payable April 2026

Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on April 13, 2026
- Tax Collections April 2026
- Investment Portfolio – April 2026

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Consent Items be approved, as presented. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0

Discussion Items:

- Graduation Ceremony information (May 23, 2026 – 4pm)

Action Items:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve June 30th 2026 at 6:00pm for public meeting as presented.
Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Danny King to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0
(Appendix 7a)

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve adjusting meal prices to option 1, as presented. Motion was made by Danny King and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0
(Appendix 7b)

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 9 new buses for the district (9 buses not to exceed $1,500,000.00), as presented. Motion was made by Leslie Thurston and seconded by Danny King to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0.
(Appendix 7c)

Mrs. Hickey recommended that the Board approve the budget amendment for expenses related to the TCEQ Bus Grant, as presented. Motion was made by Danny King and seconded by Eddie Shawn.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0
(Appendix 7d)

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the Bluebonnet Math Curriculum as the K-Algebra 1 instruction, curriculum and McGraw Hill for the High School Math, as presented. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Eddie Shawn.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0
(Appendix 7e)

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve that the districts existing budget does not permit compliance with SB546, as presented. Motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Danny King.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0
(Appendix 7f)

Tony Raymond declared closed session under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, and et seq. at 7:55 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 9:06 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 Eric Collins.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0

A motion was made by Danny King to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leslie Thurston.
All those in favor: Bates, Morchat, Raymond, Shawn, Thurston, King
All those opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Tony Raymond
BOARD PRESIDENT

Andrea Bates
SECRETARY