

Date: September 14, 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 6:33 p.m.

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

Absent:

Administrative Personnel: Monty Pepper – Superintendent and Melody Richers - Director of Business Operations, April Washburn- Director of Curriculum and Instruction

School Personnel: Stanton Reaves (Intermediate Principal), Sara Cantrell (MS Principal), Megan Burns (Elementary Principal), Chris Grotemat (HS Principal), Tim Russell (Athletic Director), and Cori Pyle (Café), Larie Hurton (Public Relations), Marty Arbter (Maintenance Director), Terry Yarberry (STUCO Leader),

Students: Luna Hardin - FFA, Suzie Miller (FFA) Keeley McCann (STUCO), Julie McAbee (STUCO)

Public Guests: Lisa Stewart and Cynthia Welch

Invocation/Pledge: Monty Pepper/ Tony Raymond

Public Meeting - 6:33 pm:

Senate Bill 12 Certification.

Efficiency Audit for VATRE

Public meeting adjourned 6:41p.m

Open Session - 6:42 pm

- Luna Hardin and Suzie Miller gave the FFA Report

Information Items:

- Tim Russell presented the Athletic News
- Terry Yarberry, Keely McCann, Julie McAbee presented STUCO News
- Mr. Grotemat presented the HS News
- Mrs. Cantrell presented the MS News
- Mr. Reaves presented the Intermediate News
- Mrs. Burns presented the EL News
- Accounts Payable August 2026
- Upcoming Events Fall and Winter 2026

Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on August 10, 2026. August 13, 2026 were not approved due to not being on the agenda. Minutes were posted unapproved on Sabine ISD website, pending approval in the October Regular Meeting.
- Tax Collections - August 2026
- Investment Portfolio - August 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 the Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Discussion Items:

- TASB/TASA Convention (Oct. 8-11 2026)
- Facilities Update by M. Arbter and M. Pepper
- VATRE update by Monty Pepper in preparation for November election.
- Team of 8 training need 5:30-8:30 window, dates from Board members

Action Item:

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the certification of compliance regarding SB 12 as presented. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and Seconded by Danny King (*Appendix A*)

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board sign the certification of Unopposed Candidates as presented. Motion was made by Eric Collins and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. (*Appendix B*)

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board cancel the November 2026 board election as presented. Motion was made by Danny King and seconded by Eric Collins to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. (*Appendix C*)

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the administration to request waiver for staff development for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion was made by Leslie Thurston and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board approve the Elementary Local Improvement plan for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion was made by Danny King and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Mr. Pepper recommended that the Board review and adopt the 2026-2027 District Employee Handbook as presented. Motion was made by Eric Collins and seconded by Leslie Thurston to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation.

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

No closed session.

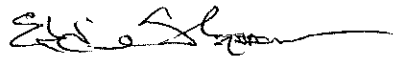
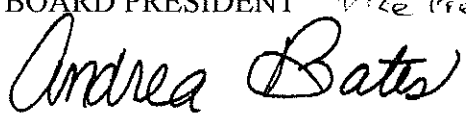
A motion was made by Danny R. King to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric Collins.

MOTION CARRIES: 7-0

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

All those opposed: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.


 BOARD PRESIDENT Vice President

 SECRETARY