

SABINAL ISD
Regular School Board Meeting
November 9, 2020

Board Members Present: Bob Nunley, Andres Guevara, Bernardo Garcia, Jr., Mike Hawkes, Raquel Esquivel and Danny Gonzales.

Board Members Absent: Karen Davis.

Administration Present: Richard W. Grill, Superintendent; Steve Alvarado, High School Principal; Beth Brady, Elementary Principal; Adriana Beza, Assistant Principal; Nikki Joslin, Curriculum & Instruction; Patricia Gonzales, Business Manager and Maggie Lopez, Secretary to the Board.

Guests Present: Jeff Kowalski.

President Bob Nunley called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Hawkes to approve the consent agenda items as presented and as follows:

- A. Approved the minutes of October 12, 2020
- B. Reviewed the Investment Reports
- C. Reviewed the Technology Reports
- D. Approved the request for the use of Facilities by Sabinal Lions Club

The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

Mr. Grill presented in his Superintendent Report the following:

1. Reported that Sabinal ISD was awarded a Blended Learning Grant of \$125,000, plus the previously awarded Federal Safety & Security Grant for \$218,785 for a total of \$343,785 grants received this year.
2. The Administration has sent the second warning letters to students not being successful in remote instruction. Any student with 6 or more absences and/or failing one or more subjects will be required to return to school after the Thanksgiving holidays.
3. Reminder of board member training requirements and upcoming training opportunities.
4. Provided monthly calendar of events and newsletters.

Nikki Joslin presented the 2020-2021 District Improvement Plan. She reviewed Goal #1; Focus on Performance Objectives 2; and Strategies 3-6.

Mr. Grill reported that former SHS teacher Ms. Lora Sanderlin had passed and left money to the First Baptist Church. The church wants to donate \$30,000 to Sabinal ISD in memory of Ms. Sanderlin. The donation will be allocated as follows: \$4,000 to the Elementary; \$6,000 to the Library and \$20,000 to the Band department.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkes and seconded by Mr. Guevara to accept the \$30,000 donation and amend the general operating budget. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Garcia to cast all 188 votes to Mike J. Hawkes to serve a two year term on the Uvalde County Appraisal District's Board of Directors ballot. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

Mr. Grill provided additional information on future facility improvement projects. The estimate for the Event Center/gym is approximately \$6 million and the track facilities \$1.5 million, not including drive through parking and retaining wall, civil engineering for entire project, professional fees for architect, engineer, finance and attorney, FFE and contingency construction expenses. The overall project might be \$8 million.

Mr. Grill also provided information pertaining to tax increase. An average of home appraised at \$75,000 would see a monthly tax increase of \$4.80 or \$57.60 per year; A home appraised at \$200,000 would see a monthly tax increase of \$12.80 or 153.59 per year.

Mr. Grill also provide information on the Unemployment rate as of September 2020 of 7.3% for Uvalde County and also for surrounding Counties.

Mr. Grill reported that the current Bond will be paid-off in 2027.

Mr. Grill was seeking direction from the Board. If approved at tonight's meeting the board must call the bond election at the February 8, 2021 board meeting. If called, the election would be concurrent with the school board election on May 1, 2021.

Tonight's decision would formally direct the superintendent to proceed with obtaining official information. This decision does not officially call the bond election but will obligate at least \$9,000 of expenses regardless if a bond election is called or not. Mr. Grill informed the board that he was intending to work with Pfluger (architect) who was the architect in the 2002 bond election; SAMCO (financial advisor) same advisor as in the 2010 bond election; and Clay Binford (McCall, Parkhurst & Horton) who is the same attorney as in the 2010 bond election and the possible use of Hellas as the design/build company for the track facility.

Members of the Board stated these facility are needed and have been discussed several times in the past.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Hawkes to precede with the future facility improvement projects and to engage with the entities as previously mentioned. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Guevara and seconded by Mr. Hawkes to adjourn. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

President Date

Secretary Date