

SABINAL ISD
Special School Board Meeting
September 26, 2022

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

Board Members Absent: Danny Gonzales and Karen Davis.

Administration Present: Richard W. Grill, Superintendent; Steve Alvarado, Secondary 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: Maria Garza and Dusty Routh.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sabinal Independent School District was held September 26, 2022, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Library building.

1. Called. President Bernardo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and determined that a quorum was present.
2. Public Hearing. Patricia Gonzales proceeded with a public hearing on the 2022 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). She reported once again the District received a rating of "A" for "Superior Achievement" rating with a perfect score of 100.
3. Public Hearing. 2022 Tax Rate Adoption Hearing. Patricia Gonzales proceeded with a public hearing on the proposed 2022 Tax Rate Adoption. She reported the District received a MCR of \$0.8046 plus 5 "Golden Pennies".

Proposed tax rate of: \$0.08546 for Maintenance & Operations with \$0.0867 for Interest & Sinking for a total proposed tax rate of \$0.9413.

4. Public comments. None.
5. 2021-2022 Auditor's Report. Mr. Dusty Routh with Coleman, Horton & Company presented the results of the 2021-2022 audit. He reported the District received a Clean Opinion with no findings. He reviewed the Financial Statement of Activities and Net Positions; Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances; Schedule of Delinquent Taxes Receivable.

Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to approve the 2021-2022 Audit Report as presented by Mr. Dusty Routh. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 2022-2023 Auditors Services. Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to approve the audit firm of Coleman, Horton & company for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Consent agenda items.
 - A. Approved minutes of the August 8, 2022 Board Meeting
 - B. Reviewed monthly financial Investment reports
 - C. Reviewed monthly technology report
 - D. Review request for the use of facilities by Sabinal Lions Club

- E. Approved TASB Policy Update 119 affecting the following local policies: CPC, DMA, EHAA, EHB, EHBA, EHBB, EIF, FFBA, FFH

Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Superintendent Richard W. Grill reported on the following:

- Exceptionally smooth start of the school year
- Enrollment is up nearly 9% and student transfer count is about the same as last year
- Event Center update. Pfluger has redesigned the Event Center (gym only), bid documents, blue prints, advertise, perspective general contractors had an opportunity to walk the building site. Bid opening schedule for October 6th and a recommendation to the board scheduled October 11th.

Mr. Grill will ask for the board's authorization to negotiate the general contractor's contract and pay all professional fees. The request would NOT exceed \$7.95 million (\$6.95 M bond and \$1 million from fund balance).

Due to conflicts of board members availability the next board meeting will be scheduled for October 18th or October 24th.

- Staffing update. We have two vacancies, Junior High Science Teacher and School Librarian.
- TASB Risk Management recognized our Food Service Department on their safety and work environment.
- Next board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th.
- Reminder of upcoming board training opportunities

9. School Safety & Security update. Mr. Grill reported to have conducted numerous and comprehensive school facility audits to identify any corrections or improvement to secure the safety and security of our schools. An audit of all exterior doors, interior doors, windows and any other access point to each campus facilities. Mr. Henry Lutz has filed with the Texas Safe Schools Center (TxSSC); Reviewed TEA's Intrusion Detection Audits (IDA); Had a surprise facility inspection by the State Fire Marshall's office; Hosted an ALLERT Training; Will host a First Responders meeting; Have applied for \$95,000 NRA "School Shield" grant

10. 2022 UCAD Board of Directors Nominations. Some discussion was held on a candidate nomination, pending the individual's approval and if October's board meeting is set before the UCAD's deadline of October 15, 2022.

11. 2022 Accountability Ratings. Nikki Joslin reported on the 2022 Accountability Ratings for the District. She reported the tree domains were Student Achievement; School Progress and Closing the Gaps. Sabinal ISD overall received a "B" rating.

Steve Alvarado reported the Junior High and High School campuses received a "B" rating. Proud of closing the gaps on Meets and Masters Percentages.

Beth Brady reported the Elementary campus received an "A" rating. Also received six "Distinction Designations" in ELA/Reading, Mathematics, Science, Comparative Academic Growth, Post-Secondary Readiness, and Comparative Closing the Gaps

Nikki Joslin also reported five teachers were recognized for the Excellent Award of \$3,500.
4th grade teachers, Jacee Hillis and Deborah Thompson;
5th grade teachers, Susan Flora and Lizzette McCleery;
7th grade teacher ELA/Reading teacher, Cody Clark.

12. 2022 Tax Rate Adoption Resolution. Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivell to adopt the M&O tax rate of \$0.8546 plus \$0.0867 for I&S for a total tax rate of \$0.9413 by resolution as presented in the Tax Rate Adoption Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.
13. The National Incident Management System Adoption by Board Resolution. Andres Guevara made the motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivel to approve the National Incident Management System by board Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Certification of Unopposed Candidates – November 8, 2022 Special Election. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to accept the Certificate of Unopposed candidate. Motion passed unanimously.
15. Order of Cancellation of November 8, 2022 Special Election for Unexpired Term. Raquel Esquivel made the motion seconded by Andres Guevara to adopt the Order of Cancellation, declaring the election cancelled and the unopposed candidate, Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez elected. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Adjournment. Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

President

Date

Secretary

Date