

SABINAL ISD
School Board Meeting
August 14, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: Karen Davis, and Danny Gonzales.

Administration Present: Richard W. Grill, Superintendent; Steve Alvarado, Secondary Principal; Adriana Beza, Elementary Principal; Nikki Joslin, Curriculum & Instruction; Patricia Gonzales, Business Manager; Jeff Kowalski, Athletic Director, Henry Lutz, Safety & Security Coordinator; and Maggie Lopez, Secretary to the Board.

Guests Present: New Elementary Staff Members: Charlene Cullins, Heather Fernandez, Laine McDaniel, Emily Saenz, Catherine Kepler, Klarissa Llanas.
New Secondary Staff Members: Marla Sweiven-Goodson, Donna Williams, Virginia Barrios, Jean Ann Chisum, Henry Lutz, and Natalie Flores.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sabinal Independent School District was held, August 14, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Library building.

1. Call. President Bernardo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM and determined that a quorum was present.
2. Recognitions: Mr. Grill introduced Adriana Beza as the new Elementary Principal.

Adriana Beza introduced her new staff members. Klarissa Llanes, Elementary Counselor; Emily Saenz, Kinder Teacher; Charlene Cullins, 4th grade Teacher; Laine McDaniel, 6th grade Teacher; Heather Fernandez, 6th grade Teacher; Catherine Kepler, Dyslexia/ESL/504 Coordinator; and Jesse Joe Rodriguez, PE Aide and volunteering with coaching.

Mr. Alvarado introduced his new staff members. Jean Ann Chisum, Assistant Principal; Virginia Barrios, Science Teacher; Mika Boone, JH Science and Coaching; Marla Goodson-Sweiven, FCCLA Teacher; Donna Williams, English I & II; Henry Lutz, Director of Safety & Security; and Natalie Flores, Library Aide & Special Education.

Coach Kowalski introduced his new coaches: Jennifer Jackson, Tennis Coach; Roy Boone, Girls Basketball Coach; Mika Boone, JH Volleyball, JH Basketball, & JH Tennis; and Jesse Joe Rodriguez, Volunteering Coach.

3. Public Comment. None.
4. Consent Agenda Items.
 - A. Approved minutes of the June 26, Board Meeting.
 - B. Reviewed monthly Financial Investment reports.
 - C. Reviewed monthly Technology report.
 - D. Reviewed request for the use of facilities by Sabinal Lions Club
 - E. Reviewed 2023-2024 back to school documents
 - F. Reviewed 2023-2024 Employee Handbook
 - G. Reviewed 2023-2024 Student Handbook

- H. Approved the 2023-2024 Student Code of Conduct
- I. Approved TASB Policy Update 121 affecting the following local policies: CFB, CLB, CRF, CVA, CVB, DEA, FD, FFI
- J. Approved the 4-H Adjunct Faculty Agreement & Extracurricular Resolution
- K. Approved the suspension of TASB Policy DC(LOCAL) – Hiring of Professional Personnel

Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent Richard W. Grill reported on the following:
 - Back to school update on professional development training for our teachers and staff, which included a “Teacher Retreat” at Lone Hollow Ranch.
 - Event Center update. The exterior of the building is nearing completion, and the interior walls are in-place. The connecting driveway is complete.
 - Facility Update. The bullet resistant glass film has been installed at all campuses. The new fence is near completion and the new fence wraps have been ordered. The State Fire Marshall’s follow-up visit on the code violations. We have completed most of the corrections and the remainder will be inspected by Uvalde Fire Marshall.
 - Provided the most current employee vacancy report and campus rosters.
 - Provided most current calendar of events and regular monthly items.
 - Reminder of upcoming school board training sessions
6. 2023 UCAD Certified Property Value Assignments. Patricia Gonzales presented information on the 2023 UCAD Certified Property Value Assignments and noted a 13% increase in certified taxable value compared to 2022.
7. 2023 Preliminary Tax Rate. Patricia Gonzales presented information on the 2023 preliminary tax rate as per TEA’s guidance to use the preliminary Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (MCR) to calculate the M&O portion of the tax rate.

The 2023-2024 preliminary tax rate:

\$ 0.6731 -	M&O Rate using MCR with “Golden Pennies”
\$ 0.0695 -	Interest and Sinking
\$ 0.7426 -	2023-2024 Total (Projected) Tax Rate
\$0.9413 -	2022-2023 Total Tax Rate
-\$0.1987 -	Total Projected Decrease from Prior Year

8. Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement of School Year 2023-2024. Mike Hawkes made a motion, and it was seconded by Raquel Esquivel to delegate for the 2023-2024 school year contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding). The motion carried unanimously.
9. 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. Mike Hawkes made a motion, and it was seconded by Raquel Esquivel to approve the recommendation of the administration to approve the budget amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:06 pm the Board moved into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, attorney consultation regarding legal issues related to Texas Education Code Section 37.0814 and Texas Government Code 551.076 and 551.089, deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

10. HB3 Compliance. Discussion.

At 8:32 pm the Board moved into open session.

11. Resolution Regarding HB3 Compliance. Mike Hawkes made a motion, and it was seconded by Andres Guevara to adopt the Resolution regarding the Board's compliance with Texas Education Code Section 37.0814, to establish a good cause exception and alternative standards, and attach said resolution to the minutes of this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Revisions to Policies CKC(LOCAL) and GKA(LOCAL). Mike Hawkes made a motion, and it was seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to be compliant with safety and security provisions of HB#, to revise policies CKC(LOCAL) and GKA (LOCAL) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment. Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

President Date

Secretary Date