

SABINAL ISD
Regular School Board Meeting
February 8, 2021

Board Members Present: Bob Nunley, Andres Guevara, Bernardo Garcia Jr., Mike Hawkes, Danny Gonzales and Raquel Esquivel who arrived at 6:45 PM.

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: Ted Beard, Sophie Hayhurst, Maria Garza, Andrew Perez with Pfluger, Carr Hornponckle with Pfluger, Lauren Ferrero with McCall, Parkhurst and Andrew Freeman with SAMCO Capital.

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

Mr. Grill thanked the Board for their dedication and support to the District and stated the Board was being recognize this evening due to having to cancel the January school board meeting.

Mrs. Brady thanked the Board in behalf of the Elementary staff and students. She provided a candy vase, a thank you card and a poster.

Mr. Alvarado thanked the Board in behalf of the Secondary staff and students. He provided a frame certificate and a gift certificate to R BBQ.

Mr. Beard, Mrs. Hayhurst and an FFA members presented a thank you card in behalf of the FFA Program.

Mrs. Stewart and her FCCLA students provided a "to-go-meal" as their token of appreciation.

Mr. Grill presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each member for their continue support in appreciation of School Board Recognition.

No public comments.

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 December 14, 2020
- B. Reviewed the Investment Reports
- C. Reviewed the Technology Reports
- D. Information on the 2021-2022 Budget Development calendar
- E. Announcement of Board continuing education hours: Bernardo Garcia Jr. deficient 5 hrs.; Mike Hawkes deficient 6 hrs.; Danny Gonzales deficient 5 hrs.; Bob Nunley deficient 5 hrs.; Andres Guevara deficient 6 hrs.; Karen Davis deficient 6 hrs. and Raquel Esquivel deficient 3.5 hrs.
- F. Approved to call/order the May 1, 2021 School Board Election

- G. Approved the appointment of election judges as Cathy Walton, Patsy Gomez and Cecilia Reyes, with alternate judges as Millie Verstuyft, Melissa Torres and Maggie Lopez. Also designated the election judges of Precinct 2 to serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board.

The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

Mr. Grill reported in his superintendent's report the following:

- COVID-19 update on quarantines and closures.
- Update on remote learners absences, failures and the effect on State funding.
- The Texas Comptrollers released of the Property Value Study and declared the UCAD values valid. No need to file an appeal.
- Installation of gym scoreboard donated by First State Bank of Uvalde \$16,000.
- Reminder of board members requirement to earn a minimum of 8 hours of training per year. Reviewed board training opportunities.

Mr. Grill reported the original intent for the new 2021 consideration and approval was Ordering/Calling a Bond Election for an Event Center for \$6,950,000 and a Track for \$1,050,000 for a total of \$8,000,000 bond.

Mr. Grill provided bond options for Board consideration:

- Proposition "A & B" would include an Event Center for \$6,950,000 and a Track for \$1,050,000 for a total of \$8,000,000 bond.
- Proposition "A" for only an Event Center for \$6,950,000 and a track facility to be funded by using District Fund Balance.
- Or not approve options presented.

Mr. Grill proceeded with a presentation on the new 2021 Construction project's with an estimated cost of \$8,000,000 with a 3% interest rate. Event Center options and Track Facility surface and to include conduit for future installation of lights were discussed. He reviewed estimate homestead values as, a home valued \$100,000 would see a tax increase of \$4.17 per month; A home valued \$200,000 would see a tax increase of \$8.34 per month; a home valued \$300,000 would see a tax increase of \$12.51 per month and a home valued \$500,000 would see a tax increase of \$20.85 per month.

Some discussion was held on the tax impact of the remaining eight-years (\$87,300) left on the 2010 Bond Series with a current tax rate of \$0.03 cents.

Lauren Ferrero, *attorney with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton* responded to questions addressed by the Board regarding the superintendent's town hall meetings and electioneering.

Mr. Andrew Freeman, *bond advisor with SAMCO Finance Company* responded to questions addressed by the Board on the impact to tax payers.

Mr. Hornbuckle and Mr. Perez *architects with Pfluger* were available for any questions on the draft of the building footprints.

Mr. Grill reported that as of June 30, 2020 the district's fund balance was \$3,764,685. Keeping \$1,500,000 as the recommended for reserves; plus \$1,000,000 assigned as cash flow; plus \$250,000 for equipment. That would leave \$1,014,685 available in the fund balance that could be used towards the track, with a shortage of \$35,315.

Mr. Grill recommended approval of a bond election to fund Proposition "A" Event Center for \$6,950,000 and the track facility to be funded using district fund balance.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkes and seconded by Mr. Guevara that the Board adopt an order calling a bond election be held by the Sabinal Independent School district with Proposition "A" (Event Center) in the amount of \$6,950,000. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkes and seconded by Mr. Gonzales to direct the superintendent to construct a new track facility as presented and necessary equipment in the amount not to exceed \$1,050,000. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

At 7:48 pm the Board moved into executive session under 551.074 to discuss personnel.
At 8:26 pm the Board reconvened into open session.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkes and seconded by Mr. Garcia to extend Richard Grill, superintendent's contract one-year and with a 1.5% pay increase. The motion carried 6 for 0 opposed.

Mrs. Esquivel thanked and commended Mr. Grill on handling of COVID19.

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

President Date

Secretary Date