

SABINAL ISD
School Board Meeting
February 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Mike Hawkes, Bernardo Garcia Jr., Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez, Andres Guevara, and Raquel Esquivel.
Board Members Absent: Karen Davis and Danny Gonzales
Administration Present: Richard W. Grill, Superintendent; Adriana Beza, Elementary Principal; Jean Ann Chisum, Assistant Principal; Deanna Musquiz, Business Manager; and Maggie Lopez, Secretary to the Board.
Guests Present: Jennifer Jackson and Michael Casas.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sabinal Independent School District was held, February 12, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Library building.

1. Call. President Bernardo Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and determined that a quorum was present.
2. Recognitions of Extra-curricular programs: Adriana Beza recognized elementary students, Teacher Coaches and UIL Coordinator Catherine Kepler, who participated at the UIL Academic Meet. She reported that twenty plus students had placed.

Jennifer Jackson introduced and recognized Darian Garcia and Nick De La Pena as art students who made a life-size sugar skull for Dia De Los Muertos Festival sponsored by the Sabinal Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer Jackson also recognized Darian, Nick, and Lucy Davis for making a life-size cow head entered in an art contest in Hondo and displayed at the Mardi Gras Gala at St. John Catholic Church in Hondo.

Jennifer Jackson also recognized MacKinzie Wells as the photographer who took Diego Valdez's picture holding the Bid-District football trophy which made the front page of the Uvalde Leader-News. This picture has also been submitted to the Jostens Photo Contest.

Michael Casas recognized seven band students who received Regional Honors. He reported Cruz Aviles advanced to the State Competition and placed 22nd chair at State.

Jean Chisum reported that fifty-five students participated in the Uvalde County Stock Show with 126 entries. Receipt of 23 First Place; 19 Second Place; 2 Divisions places, 1 Reserve and 1 Bread who will advance to compete at the San Antonio Stock Show.

3. Public Comment. None.
4. Consent Agenda Items.
 - A. Approved minutes of the January 9, 2024, Board Meeting.
 - B. Reviewed monthly Financial Investment reports.
 - C. Reviewed monthly Technology report.
 - D. Reviewed information on Change of Polling Place to the Sabinal Elementary Library
 - E. Approved to Called the May 4, 2024, General Election
 - F. Approved appointed of Election Judges

- G. Approved the use of facilities by the Sabinal Little League for softball and baseball games.
- H. Approved the 2024-2025 proposed Employee Compensation and Staffing Plan

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:
 - Event Center update. The Event Center has reached substantial completion today, February 12, 2024. Unfortunately, the occupancy came in after the last home basketball game of the season. He reported the delay was due to the transformer. He provided a summary of expenses of the \$6.95 million bond funds plus the \$348,440 interest earned as of January 2024 and the additional \$1.25 million from local funds allocated. Currently have more than \$221,000 remaining in the overall account to complete the Event Center, as well as renovations, equipment needed for approved facilities to include stage upgrades.
A dedication ceremony, ribbon cutting and open house for the Event Center will be held Thursday, February 15, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm. All board members are encouraged to attend.
 - He reported the need to add a new custodian position for the Event Center.
 - He reported to be hosting a track meet on March 6th and 7th, which will coincide with a tennis tournament.
 - He reported receiving official notification from TEA as recipients of \$622,436 award to be used for facility upgrades and equipment needed to improve safety and security.
 - Provided monthly reports on board goal documentation ledger, calendar of events, other newsletters, and enrollment updates.
 - Reminder of upcoming school board training sessions.
6. 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar. No changes were suggested to the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Calendar.
7. Board Attendance Update. Mr. Grill presented and reviewed each board member's attendance from January 2022 thru January 2024 (past 2-years).
8. Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During Emergency School Closure. Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivel to approve the resolution for wage payments during the emergency closure. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Resolution To Employ or Accept as Volunteers Chaplains. Mike Hawkes made the motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivel to approve the resolution to authorize the district to employ or accept as a volunteer a Chaplin to provide support, services, and/or programs for students. Motion carried unanimously.
10. School Building Safety and Security Upgrades, Panic Alarm System Upgrade. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to approve the purchase of the updates and upgrades to the Wave Plus Panic Button Alarm System as presented and not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

School Building Safety and Security Upgrades, Installation of Security Fence Around Ag Shop Area. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to approve the purchase of fencing materials and labor to install the fence for the ag Shop area not to exceed \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously.

School Building Safety and Security Upgrades, Upgrade Locking System on Exterior Doors. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to approve the work from Absolute Communications and not to exceed \$50,000. The motion carried unanimously.

School Building Safety and Security Upgrades, Exterior Doors replacement. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to approve the purchase for replacement doors and approve repairs to other doors as presented and not to exceed \$120,000. The motion carried unanimously.

11. At 7:14 pm the Board moved into closed session pursuant to TX Gov. Code 551.074, to review Superintendent Applications.

At 10:37 pm the Board reconvened into open session.

12. Mike Hawkes made a motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivel to set special board meeting dates for superintendent interviews on February 19th, February 20th, February 27th, and March 25, 2024, starting at 5:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously.
13. Adjournment. Mike Hawkes made a motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivel to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

President _____ Date _____

Secretary _____ Date _____