

SABINAL ISD
School Board Meeting
September 13, 2023

Board Members Present: Raquel Esquivel, Nancey Ortiz-Rodriguez, Bernardo Garcia Jr., Karen Davis, and Andres Guevara.
Board Members Absent: Danny Gonzales and Mike Hawkes.
Administration Present: Richard W. Grill, Superintendent; Steve Alvarado, Secondary Principal; Adriana Beza, Elementary Principal; Nikki Joslin, Curriculum & Instruction; Jean Ann Chisum, Assistant Principal; Patricia Gonzales, Business Manager; Deanna Musquiz, New Business Manager; and Maggie Lopez, Secretary to the Board.
Guests Present: Kelly Earnhart, Cafeteria Manager and Dusty Routh, with Coleman, Horton & Co.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sabinal Independent School District was held, September 13, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the High School Library building.

1. Call. President Bernardo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and determined that a quorum was present.
2. Recognitions: Mr. Grill and Pat Gonzales recognized Kelly Earnheart, Cafeteria Manager, for doing an outstanding job. Her department is doing a great job. She always puts the students' needs first. She submitted a grant application to "No Kids Hunger" and was awarded a grant of \$34,300.

Kelly reported to partner with Mr. Alvarado in the near future to create a 2nd chance breakfast, as grab and go. The cafeteria staff is getting away from box meals and are making more meals from scratch. She welcomed the members of the board to stop by and join them for a meal.

Mr. Grill announced Patricia "Pat" Gonzales resignation effective the end of September and presented her with a plaque of appreciation for her four years of service to District. He also announced that Pat had offered to help the new Business Manager as needed.

Mr. Grill introduced Deanna Musquez as the new Business Manager.

3. Public Comment. None.
4. Public Hearing: 2023 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Pat Gonzales presented and reported the FIRST rating based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2021-2022 school year. Once again, Sabinal ISD has received a rating of "A" for "Superior Achievement" rating with a perfect score of 100.
5. Public Hearing: 2023 Tax Rate Adoption. Pat Gonzales presented and reported that TEA set the final maximum compressed (MCR) tax rates for the school districts' M&O tax rate. She reported the district would be recommending setting the 2023-2024 tax rate as M&O at \$0.6731 and I&S at \$0.0603 for a total tax rate of \$0.7334.
6. 2022-2023 Auditor's Report. Mr. Dusty Routh with Coleman, Horton & Company presented the results of the 2022-2023 audit. He reported the district received a Clean Opinion with no

findings. He reviewed the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Government Funds; Capital Asset Activity; Bonds Payable; Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance General Fund; and Schedule of Delinquent Taxes Receivable.

Andres Guevara made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to approve the 2022-2023 Audit Report as presented by Mr. Dusty Routh. Motion carried unanimously.

7. 2023-2024 Audits' Services. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to approve the payment of the invoice for rendered services for fiscal year end 2023 and continue services with the audit firm of Coleman, Horton & Company for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Consent Agenda Items.
 - A. Approved minutes of the August 14, 2023, Board Meeting.
 - B. Reviewed monthly Financial Investment reports.
 - C. Reviewed monthly Technology report.
 - D. Approved the request for the use of facilities by Sabinal Lions Club
 - E. Approved to award Absolute Communications with the Event Center project not to exceed \$75,000 as proposed.
 - F. Approved the administration to purchase a new scoreboard for the Event Center from Spectrum and not to exceed \$34,000.

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

9. Superintendent Richard W. Grill reported on the following:
 - Enrollment up nearly 10%. Have witnessed the return of some of our resident students from neighboring schools. Have received 77 transfer students.
 - Event Center update. Have been notified that the transformer/panel is 8-10 weeks out, this will cause a delay on the project which will create a domino effect. The General Contractor's contractually has until the end of December to reach "substantial completion".
 - Facility update. The new fence has been completed. Waiting on the custom-made egress gates and fence wraps which are expected sometime in September.
 - Provided monthly reports on vacancies, board goal documentation ledger, calendar of events and newsletters.
 - Reminder of upcoming school board training sessions
10. UCAD Board of Directors Nominations. Mr. Grill reported that the UCAD is holding elections for the Board of Directors. Sabinal ISD may submit nominees by written resolution adopted by the governing body, listing candidates for the three positions before October 15, 2023. No action taken.
11. 2023-2024 Board Meeting Dates. After some discussion about possibly moving the Monday board meetings to Tuesday, no action was taken.
12. 2023 Tax Rate Adoption Resolution. Andres Guevara made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to adopt the M&O rate of \$0.6731 plus \$0.0603 I&S rate for a total rate of \$0.7334 by resolution as presented in the Tax Rate Adoption Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

13. At 7:17 pm the Board moved into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071, attorney consultation regarding legal issues related to establishing School Guardian Program.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, deliberate the possible appointment of a public officer(s) or employee (s) to School Guardian Program.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.076 and 551.089, deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices, adoption or regulations for School Guardian Program.

At 8:01 pm the Board moved into open session.

14. Andres Guevara made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to adopt a resolution related to the approval of the School Guardian Program and the revisions of Board Policy CKED (LOCAL) authorizing School Guardians to carry a handgun and that the resolution be attached to the minutes of this meeting. Motion carried four for and Bernardo Garcia opposed.
15. Andres Guevara made the motion and seconded by Raquel Esquivel to approve the regulations as discussed in Executive Session for the School Guardian Program. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Raquel Esquivel made the motion and seconded by Andres Guevara to approve individuals as School Guardians under the District's School Guardian Program, as discussed in closed session. Motion carried four for and Bernardo Garcia opposed.
17. Adjournment. Andres Guevara made the motion and seconded by Nancy Ortiz-Rodriguez to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

President Date

Secretary Date