

# BOARD BULLETIN

MONDAY - MAY 8, 2023

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Date: May 8, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the Sabine Independent School District met in regular session in the board room in the district's administration building located at 5424 FM 1252 West, Gladewater, Gregg County, Texas. SISD Board President Tony Raymond declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Andrea Bates, Paul Franklin, Dr. Art Morchat, Tony Raymond and Eddie Shawn

Absent: Danny R. King and Leslie Thurston

Administrative Personnel: Monty Pepper - Assistant Superintendent, Brandi James - Director of Business Operations and Shelley Yates Director of Curriculum and Instruction

School Personnel: Cori Pyle (Café), Stephanie Richard (High School Asst. Principal), Sara Cantrell (Middle School Principal), April Washburn (Middle School Asst. Principal,) Carrie Mashburn (Elementary Principal), Christy Richter (MS Teacher), Stephanie Griffith (EL Teacher), Kevin Yandell (Interim Director of Business Operations), Ben Swain (HS Ag Teacher)

Public Guests: None shown on sign-in sheet

Students: FFA Student Officers: Brayden Dougan, Maggie Carter, Gracie Parrott, Toni Knight, Trace Yeager, Alyssa Crutcher, Juan Vicente and Brooklyn Maxwell

Invocation/Pledge: Monty Pepper / Tony Raymond

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## Information Items:

- Ag Department - The Officer Team for 2022-23 were introduced (see names above).
- Our Board of Trustees were recognized and celebrated.
- District Accomplishments - list was included in the Board Packet along with HS Cheer accomplishments.
- G.L.O.B.E. Teachers of the Year - Christy Richter (MS) and Stephanie Griffith (EL)
- TASA/TASB Convention - September 29 - October 1, 2023 Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center
- Accounts Payable April 2023
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## Consent Items:

- Minutes from meeting held on April 10, 2023
- Tax Collections April 2023
- Investment Portfolio - April 2023
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Mr. Raymond recommended that the Consent Items be approved, as presented. Motion was made by Paul Franklin and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Raymond's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Discussion Items:

- Graduation Ceremony - May 27, 2023 4 pm at the LeTourneau Belcher Center  
*Board members were asked to arrive at 3:30 pm.*

Action Items:

Mrs. James recommended that the Board approve Monday, June 26 (noon) to be the date for the public meeting in regards to the 2023/24 budget and proposed tax rate. Motion was made by Dr. Art Morchat and seconded by Paul Franklin to accept Mrs. James' recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mrs. James recommended that the Board extend the existing agreement with Texas Bank and Trust as presented. A motion was made by Eddie Shawn and seconded by Paul Franklin to accept the Mrs. James' recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion*

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve amount of \$154,082 to purchase new Chromebooks as presented. Motion was made by Paul Franklin and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mr. Pepper recommended the Board approve the purchase of three new gasoline engine buses in the amount of \$380,958.81 as presented. Motion was made by Paul Franklin and seconded by Eddie Shawn to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Mrs. James recommended the Board approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion was made by Paul Franklin and seconded by Dr. Art Morchat to accept Mrs. James' recommendation. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Tony Raymond declared closed session under the authority of Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, and et seq. at 7:15 pm., which took place in the Sabine ISD Board Room located in the Administrative office.

Mr. Raymond declared open session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Pepper's recommended that the Board extend a contract to Darryan Welborn (Exhibit A) and contracts to the following new hires listed on Exhibit B: Charisma McCowin (HS Teacher & Trainer), Gamble Moore (HS Teacher & Coach) and Natalie Morgan (MS Teacher & Coach). Motion was made by Andrea Bates to accept Mr. Pepper's recommendation and seconded by Paul Franklin. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

A motion was made by Paul Franklin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eddie Shawn. *Vote was unanimous in favor of motion.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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