

Sonora ISD
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026 5:30 PM

Sonora ISD Administration
404 E 1st Street
Sonora, Texas 76950

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM.

2. Establish Quorum

Tai Araujo:	Present
Colby Bates:	Present
Shanna Castro:	Present
John Jones:	Present
Mason Martinez:	Absent
Brenda Mungia:	Present
Cynthia Perez:	Present

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

3. School Officials Present

Michael Kissire, Superintendent
Heather Cearley
Maricella De Luna
Karen Evans
Greta Ramsdell
Christina Rodriguez
Katie Ruiz

Others Present:

Angie Bryant

4. Invocation

Michael Kissire gave the invocation.

5. Comments from Visitors

No comments.

6. Consent Agenda

6.A. Tax Assessor/Collector Report

6.B. Approve Minutes of 7/27/2026

6.C. Approve Adjunct Faculty Agreement with 4-H for 2026-2027

Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda as presented. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Business Manager's Report

The report was presented for review. The board had no questions for Mrs. Greta.

8. Discuss and Consider TIA Spending Plan for 2026-2027 School Year

The board must approve the TIA spending plan annually. Cynthia Perez made motion to approve TIA spending plan for 2026-2027 school year as presented. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Discuss and Consider Teacher Certification Waiver

Katie Ruiz explained the purpose of the waiver is to allow the district to hire an uncertified educator while that person works to meet full state licensing requirements. John Jones made a motion to approve the teacher certification waiver for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Tai Araujo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Report on Teaching Assignments Outside of Certification Areas

Both the Elementary and Secondary principals gave a report over teachers who are teaching outside of their certification area.

11. Discuss and Consider Property, Liability and Auto Insurance

Mr. Kissire reviewed the quote provided by PEAT Insurance. PEAT is a fully funded insurance and this year the premium has decreased. Colby Bates made a motion to approve property, liability, auto and internet-based liability insurance policy with Public Educators Association of Texa (PEAT) in the amount of \$386,299 for 2026-2027. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Discuss and Consider Cafeteria Price Increases

Mr. Kissire discussed cafeteria prices. Student across the district will have free breakfast and lunch meals under the CEP program. Staff and visitor prices have increased by \$0.05 for breakfast and \$0.10 for lunch. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve lunch and breakfast prices as per attached for 2026-2027. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. Review 2026-2027 Employee and Student Handbooks

Mr. Kissire informed the board no procedural changes have been made to the employee and student handbooks. Only minimal changes, like employees or positions were updated. No action was required.

14. Review 2026-2027 Extracurricular Code of Conduct and Guidelines and Band Handbook

No changes were reported for the extracurricular and band handbooks. No action was required.

15. Review and Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Kissire stated that there were no changes to the student code of conduct because this year was not a legislative year. He referenced the TASB template that schools use for the Student Code of Conduct, noting that these templates are updated according to legislative laws. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 student code of conduct as presented. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

16. Review the District's Property Values and the Funding Summary

Mr. Kissire reviewed the district's property values and funding summary. The summary compares 2025 numbers to 2026.

17. Discuss and Consider Action to Approve an Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Option 3 Agreement) and to Delegate Contractual Authority to the Superintendent

Approve an agreement for the purchase of attendance credit (option 3 agreement) and to delegate contractual authority to the superintendent.

John Jones made a motion for the 2026-2027 school year the board of trustees delegates contractual authority to obligate Sonora ISD 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 includes approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit, the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding) or Agreement for Purchase of Attendance Credit and Netting of Chapter 48 Funding. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

18. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kissire informed the board that teachers have returned and are preparing for the new school year. He noted teachers are happy to be back and very cheerful.

Progress of the HVAC project has been communicated to all personnel at the secondary campus. The gym is still not working but should be up and running by the 1st day of school.

Elementary cafeteria floors are done. New ovens, walk in cooler and freezers were delivered today.

The board took a small break at 6:01 PM and entered into closed session at 6:08 PM.

19. Closed Session - Gov't Code 551.074

Personnel Matters - 551.074. employment, assignment, reassignment, resignation, termination, non-renewal, and related issues; 551.076 Discussion regarding Resolution Claiming Good Cause Exception and Establishing Alternative Standard pursuant to Tex. Edu. Code Section 37.0814

The board reconvened into open session at 6:30 PM.

20. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution Claiming Good Cause Exception and Establishing Alternative Standard Pursuant to Tex. Edu. Code Section 37.0814

John Jones made a motion to approve resolution claiming good cause exception and establishing alternative standard pursuant to Tex. Edu. Code section 37.0814. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

21. Discuss and Consider Approval of School Guardians for the 2026-2027 School Year

Colby Bates made a motion to approve the school guardians for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez: Absent, Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

22. Take Action on Any Items Considered in Closed Session

23. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.

ATTEST:

Shanna Castro, President

Cynthia Perez, Secretary