

Sonora ISD
Special Meeting: Budget Meeting
Monday, August 31, 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 5:30 PM

2. Establish Quorum

Tai Araujo: Present
Colby Bates: Present
Shanna Castro: Present
John Jones: Present
Mason Martinez: Present
Brenda Mungia: Present
Cynthia Perez: Present
Present: 7.

3. School Officials Present

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

Other Present:

Jessica Luckie	Payton Chitsey	Sara Regeon	Makayla Snyder
Lisa Ramirez	Debra Navarro	Jennifer Fox	Marla Luna
Angie Bryant	April Hughes	Lauren Griffin	Kode Kaiser
Emily Rogers	Katie Gulley	Lizbeth De Luna	Liz Altamirano
Tiffany Weston	Loretta Garmon	Christy Garza	Allyse Lawson
Kim Boggs	Nina Barker	Joetta Friess	Kelsey Easterly
Amanda Gann	Mirabel Ramirez	Katy Crain	Brooke Gulley
Karla Dominguez	Edna Hernandez		

4. Invocation

Michael Kissire gave the invocation.

5. Business Manager's Report

The report was available for review. There were no questions.

6. Review District Accountability

Mr. Kissire reviewed the accountability rating for the district and for each campus individually. The district was rated a C with a score of 78. The Elementary was rated a C and the Secondary campus was rated a B.

7. Recognition of Sonora Elementary Staff for Campus Improvement.

Mr. Kissire and the School Board recognized the Elementary campus and expressed their gratitude for everyone's hard work and dedication. The Elementary campus achieved a notable improvement, raising their rating by 10 points—from a 68 to a 78.

8. Discuss and Consider Update to Board Policy CFB (LOCAL).

The CFB policy is raising the capitalization threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,00.
Colby Bates made a motion to update board policy CFB(LOCAL) as presented. Mason Martinez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Mason Martinez: Yea,
Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9. Public Hearing Re: Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Proposed 2026 Tax Rate

9.A. Public Comments on Proposed Budget and/or Tax Rate

President, Shanna Castro, opened the hearing at 5:43 PM.

Mr. Kissire reviewed in detail the 26-27 proposed budget for the general operating, food service and debt service funds. He also explained increases or decreases in fund compared to 25-26 school year. The set tax rate for 2026 was also discussed. There were no public comments.

Board President, Shanna Castro and Superintendent, Michael Kissire, thanked Greta and Maricella for their hard work in preparing the budget.

The public hearing was closed at 5:49 PM.

Board member, Tai Araujo, arrived during agenda item 9.

10. Adopt 2026-2027 Budget

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Mason Martinez: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11. Adopt Tax Rate for 2026-2027 by Resolution

Colby Bates made a motion to approve the resolution setting the Tax Year 2026 tax rate at \$1.0158 comprised of \$0.6854 maintenance and operations and \$0.3304 for debt service. Cynthia Perez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Mason Martinez: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

12. Discuss and Consider Amendment to 2025-2026 Budget

Mr. Kissire discussed the amendments made to fund 199 and fund 101. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve budget amendment Fund 199 #2 and budget amendment #1 for Fund 101 as presented. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Tai Araujo: Yea, Colby Bates: Yea, Shanna Castro: Yea, John Jones: Yea, Mason Martinez: Yea, Brenda Mungia: Yea, Cynthia Perez: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

13. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kissire informed the Board that St. Ann's Catholic Church is using the admin building for CCE classes until repairs are completed to the church hall following flood damage.

The next board meeting will be September 14.

High School auditorium remodel is complete.

Door access repair is scheduled to start next week.

Total number for enrollment is 617: Elementary 312, Secondary 305, down 20 students from 25-26 enrollment.

The board took a break at 5:57 PM and entered closed session at 6:05 PM.

14. Closed Session - Gov't Code 551.074 Personnel Matters - 551.074. employment, assignment, reassignment, resignation, termination, non-renewal, and related issues;

The board reconvened to open session at 6:32 PM.

Mason Martinez made a motion to temporarily delegate hiring authority to the superintendent through September 11, for the purpose of hiring a technology director. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

ATTEST:

Shanna Castro, President

Cynthia Perez, Secretary