

Sonora ISD  
Special Meeting  
Monday, August 25, 2025 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

Present:

Shanna Castro  
Tai Araujo  
Mason Martinez (arrived during item #4)  
Brenda Mungia  
Cynthia Perez

Absent:

Colby Bates  
John Jones

3. School Officials Present

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

4. Invocation

Michael Kissire gave the invocation.

5. Business Manager's Report

There was no report at this time.

#### 6. Discuss and Consider Property, Liability and Auto Insurance

Two quotes were presented for review and comparison. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve property, liability, auto and internet-based liability insurance policy with Public Educators Association of Texas (PEAT) in the amount of \$444,890.00 and internet-based liability in the amount of \$7,872.00 for 2025-2026. Mason Martinez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 7. Discuss and Consider Pay Plans for 2025-2026

Mr. Kissire presented the new pay scale that reflects new salaries after the raise. Brenda Mungia made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 pay plan as presented. Tai Araujo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 8. Discuss and Consider Amending 2025-26 District Calendar to change the Speech Meet Date.

Lindsey Geske requested a change to the speech meet date from Feb 6 to Feb 13, due to UIL material being released a week prior to the meet. Brenda Mungia made a motion to approve amending the 2025-2026 district school calendar to change the speech meet date as presented. Tai Araujo seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 9. Discuss and Consider Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Sutton County for Student Resource Officer services.

The District and Sutton County must sign an interlocal agreement annually for SRO services. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement with Sutton County for student resource officer services as presented. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 10. Public Hearing Re: Proposed 2025-2026 Budget and Proposed 2025 Tax Rate

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

Shanna Castro opened the public hearing at 5:48 PM.

Mr. Kissire reviewed the proposed budget for general operating, food services and debt services fund in detail for 25-26 school year. He also discussed the resolution to set the tax rate for the 2025 tax year. There were no public comments.

Board President, Shanna Castro, voiced on behalf of the board members how appreciative they were of Greta Ramsdell's hard work for working on the budget.

Superintendent, Michael Kissire, stated Greta keeps the school in great shape financially.

The public hearing was closed at 6:10 PM.

#### 11. Adopt 2025-2026 Budget

Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented. Mason Martinez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 12. Adopt Tax Rate for 2025-2026 by Resolution

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve the resolution setting the tax year 2025 tax rate as \$1.0025 comprised of \$0.6922 maintenance and operations and \$0.3103 for debt service. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 13. Discuss and Consider Amendment to 2024-2025 Budget

The budget needs to be amended for final expenditures for the 24-25 school year as it closes. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve budget amendment fund 199 #2 and budget amendment #1 for fund 101 as presented. Mason Martinez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 14. Review District Accountability

Mr. Kissire reviewed the accountability ratings for the District. The district was rated at C. Individually, the Elementary campus was rated a D and the Secondary was rated a B. The principals offered input on strategies for improvement moving forward.

#### 15. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kissire stated the board will have to nominate 3 new Appraisal District Members before October 15.

Enrollment at Sonora ISD is steady from last year. Enrollment total numbers are 646, with 342 at Elementary and 304 at Secondary.

Band Instrument lockers are being installed today at secondary.

Next Board meeting will take place on Monday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The board took a break at 6:53 and entered closed session at 7:00 PM.

16. Closed Session - Gov't Code 551.074 Personnel Matters - 551.074. employment, assignment, reassignment, resignation, termination, non-renewal, and related issues; 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property;

The board reconvened into open session at 7:50 PM.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

ATTEST:

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Shanna Castro, President

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Cynthia Perez, Secretary