

Sonora ISD  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 24, 2025 5:30 PM Central

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  
Colby Bates  
John Jones  
Brenda Mungia  
Cynthia Perez  
Mason Martinez entered during item 20

Absent:

Peter Duran

3. School Officials Present

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

Others Present:

Whitt Peaslee  
Felicia Van Winkle  
Brandee Peaslee  
Lindsey Geske  
Jessica Cathey  
Molly Cathey  
Emma Cathey  
Angie Bryant  
Christy Dyar

#### 4. Invocation

Michael Kissire gave the invocation.

#### 5. Recognize Student/Staff

Heather Cearley, elementary principal, first recognized her February staff of the month., Alma De Luna, pre-k paraprofessional, and Kairos Powell, 4<sup>th</sup> ELAR. She stated they are both great assets to Sonora Elementary. Next, she presented her March staff of the month, Jessica Cathey, 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELAR and Courtney Ware, librarian. She expressed her gratitude for both ladies.

Christina Rodriguez, secondary principal, announced her February staff of the month was Melanie Martinez and Darian Evans. Felicia Van Winkle and Coach Alvarado were presented as her staff members for March. She stated how amazing and organized her staff is.

Mrs. Christina Rodriguez also gave recognition to the Tennis team for winning State Team Tennis. This is the first year winning State Team Tennis. She congratulated Coach Hester for a job well done.

#### 6. Comments from Visitors

No Comments.

#### 7. Consent Agenda

7.A. Tax Assessor/Collector

7.B. Approve Minutes of 1/20/2025

7.C. Quarterly Investment Report

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

#### 8. Business Manager's Report

The report was presented for review.

#### 9. Discuss and Consider Approval of Bids for Purchase of Property Held in Trust by City of Sonora

Approving bids puts properties back on the tax roll. Colby Bates made a motion to approve the bid for \$2,800.00 from Juan C. Moreno Sosa for the purchase of property R100621 held in trust

due to delinquent property taxes. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 10. Cancellation of Precinct 2 School Trustee Election May 3, 2025

Due to the uncontested race for precinct 2, the order of cancellation for the May 3, 2025 election must be adopted. Mason Martinez made a motion to adopt the order of cancellation of precinct 2 May 3, 2025 election as presented. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 11. Discuss and Consider Approval of Joint Election Agreement for May 3, 2025 Election

We are required to conduct a joint election with any other political subdivision conducting uniform elections. Colby Bates made a motion to approve the joint election agreement for May 3, 2025 as presented. Cynthia Perez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 12. Discuss and Consider Engagement Letter with Eckert & Company for Annual Audit 9/1/2024 through 8/31/2025.

Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve audit engagement letter with Eckert and Company for the 2024-2025 School Year. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 13. Annual Review and Approval of Sonora ISD Investment Policy

Mr. Kissire reviewed the investment policy. Mason Martinez made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 14. Approve Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2025-2026

Lindsey Geske explained that instructional materials, which covers all TEKS, that will be used next year must be certified by the district. Cynthia Perez made a motion to approve the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2025-2026 as presents. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 15. Discuss and Consider Approval of Campus Improvement Plans

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve the campus improvement plans as presented. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 16. Public Hearing Re: Texas Academic Performance Report

The public hearing was opened at 6:04 PM. Katie Ruiz reviewed the results for the Texas Academic Performance Report(TAPR). She stated Sonora ISD performed above Region 15 and state levels. The board congratulated Sonora ISD on a job well done and expressed what a phenomenal job by teachers. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 6:07 PM.

#### 17. Discuss and Consider 2025-2026 Sonora ISD Calendar.

Mr. Kissire presented the 2025-2026 school calendar. He also shared draft A was chosen by staff during the recent survey. Colby Bates made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Sonora ISD calendar as presented. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 18. Discuss and Consider Temporarily Extending The Delegation in DC(Local) to The Superintendent to Hire Contract Employees From March 21, 2025 to August 15, 2025 Due to Exigent Circumstances.

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve temporarily extending the delegation in DC(Local) to the superintendent to hire contract employees from March 21, 2025 to August 15, 2025 due to exigent circumstances. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 19. Discuss High School Course Weighting for Graduation and Class Ranking Procedures

The school board members, secondary principal and counselor had a discussion over weighting and class rank procedures for graduation. No action was taken.

#### 20. Discuss and Consider Policy Update 124

(LEGAL) policies

(LOCAL) policies (see attached list of codes)

CAA(LOCAL): FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - FINANCIAL ETHICS

CDA(LOCAL): OTHER REVENUES - INVESTMENTS

CY(LOCAL): INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

DH(LOCAL): EMPLOYEE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

EHB(LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN - SPECIAL PROGRAMS

EHBB(LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS - GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

FFG(LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Mr. Kissire presented a short video provided by TASB with updates to Policy 124. Brenda Mungia made a motion to approve that the board add, revise, or delete, (LOCAL) policies as

offered by TASB policy service for consideration and according to the instruction sheet for TASB localized policy manual update 124. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

## 21. Discuss and Consider Security Devices or Security Audits

No action.

## 22. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kissire gave a progress update on bond renovations. Sonora ISD has signed an agreement with ABA for renovations.

- Access points are in place across the district.
- The playground for Elementary has been ordered. It will be in place at the beginning of the summer.
- Furniture for Elementary will be ordered soon.
- Fuel tanks for bus barn have been ordered.

The board entered closed session at 7:10 PM.

23. Closed Session: Personnel Matters - 551.074. Employment, Assignment, Reassignment, Resignation, Termination, Non-Renewal, Evaluation and Related Issues; 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

23.A. Discussion Regarding Superintendent's Recommendations for Contract Renewals.

23.B. Superintendent Contract Renewal

23.C. Superintendent Evaluation

The board reconvened at 7:56 PM.

## 24. Take Action on Any Items Considered in Closed Session

John Jones made a motion to approve a one-year extension to the current administrator contracts of Christina Rodriguez and Blake Weston. Mason Martinez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve issuing a two-year term administrator contract to Heather Cearley. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Brenda Mungia made a motion to approve renewing the one-year contract for student services coordinator and converting to term for Katie Parker Ruiz. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mason Martinez made a motion to extend the current superintendent's contract of Michael Kissire through June 30, 2028. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

## 25. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

ATTEST:

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Shanna Castro, President

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Cynthia Perez, Secretary