

Sonora ISD
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2026 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 5:31 PM.

2. Establish Quorum

Tai Araujo: Absent

Colby Bates: Present

John Jones: Present

Mason Martinez: Present

Brenda Mungia: Present

Cynthia Perez: Present

Shanna Petty-Castro: Present

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Brenda Mungia arrived during item #4

3. School Officials Present

Michael Kissire, Superintendent

Heather Cearley

Maricella De Luna

Karen Evans

Christina Rodriguez

Katie Ruiz

Blake Weston

Others:

Jessica Luckie

Tiffany Weston

Angie Bryant

Felicia VanWinkle

Hillary Galindo

4. Invocation

Michael Kissire gave the invocation.

5. Recognize Student/Staff

Elementary principal Heather Cearley presented her Staff of the Month, Jessica Luckie and Tiffany Weston. Mrs. Luckie, a 2nd grade science and social studies teacher, was praised for her engaging hands-on learning activities and excellent classroom management. Coach Weston, who serves as the elementary PE coach in addition to her high school coaching responsibilities, was commended for how effectively she manages the busy and often chaotic spring season. Mrs. Cearley shared how grateful and fortunate she is to have both educators on her campus.

Secondary Principal Christina Rodriguez recognized her Staff Members of the Month, Leandra Reed and Felicia VanWinkle, for their outstanding contributions to the campus. Mrs. Reed, a U.S. History teacher and Head Volleyball Coach, is known for her dedication to building strong relationships with her students. Mrs. VanWinkle serves as the secondary campus secretary and also steps in as a part-time nurse when needed.

Board President Shanna Castro expressed her appreciation, saying, "Thank you for everything."

6. Comments from Visitors

No comments.

7. Consent Agenda

7.A. Tax Assessor/Collector

7.B. Approve Minutes of 1/23/2026

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 and passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Business Manager's Report

The report was presented for review.

9. Discuss and Consider Engagement Letter with Eckert & Company for Annual Audit 9/1/2025 through 8/31/2026

Eckert & Company have been doing District audit for years. Mason Martinez made the motion to approve audit engagement letter with Eckert & Company for 2025-2026 school year. Brenda Mungia seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

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

10. Annual Review and Approval of Sonora ISD Investment Policy

Mr. Kissire reviewed important highlights of the Investment Policy. Auditors follow policy to make sure District is compliant with everything. This motion, made by Cynthia Perez to review Sonora ISD Investment policies and adopt resolution as presented and seconded by John Jones, Passed.

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

11. Approve Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification 2026-2027

The allotment and TEKS certification is a formal review of materials that align with TEKS and need board approval. Colby Bates made a motion to approve instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for 2026-2027 as presented. Cynthia Perez seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

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

12. Discuss and Consider Temporarily Extending The Delegation in DC(Local) to The Superintendent to Hire Contract Employees From March 26, 2026 to August 12, 2026 Due to Exigent Circumstances.

The current Policy DC(LOCAL) establishes May 15 as the superintendent's start date under standard hiring circumstances. However, due to extenuating circumstances, the Board approved delegation authorizes to allow for an earlier start date in March. Board President Shanna Castro inquired whether the policy could be revised to reflect a March start date. Mr. Kissire responded that he would look into the possibility of amending the policy. Mason Martinez made a motion to approve temporarily extending the delegation in DC(LOCAL) to the superintendent to hire contract employees from March 26, 2026 to August 12, 2026 due to exigent circumstances. Colby Bates seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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

13. Board Discussion about Building New Athletic Facilities.

Board member Brenda Mungia noted that Sonora ISD may be in need of new baseball and softball facilities. She requested that Mr. Kissire obtain quotes both for constructing new facilities and for repairing the existing track and tennis courts. The board then discussed the advantages and disadvantages of building new facilities.

14. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kissire informed the board members that during the April board meeting their training hours would be reported.

He also made them aware of an email he would be sending with a link for a new training required that must be completed for 2 hours.

Next board meeting is set for Monday April 13.

The board took a break at 6:26 and entered closed session at 6:31 PM

15. 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.

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

The board reconvened to open session at 7:42 PM.

16. Take Action on Any Items Considered in Closed Session

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve administrator contracts as discussed in closed session. John Jones seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous and passed.

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

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

ATTEST:

Shanna Castro, President

Cynthia Perez, Secretary