

Sonora ISD
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 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 5:32 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
Katie Ruiz
Alex Sanchez

Others Present:

Ashley Arredondo	Angie Bryant	Lupe Munoz	Rachel Lira
Lizette Lira	Cason Perez	Jennifer Fox	Gabriel Arredondo
Susan Trujillo	Christy Garza	Sarah Regeon	Melanie Martinez
Selena Mesa	Christopher Martinez	Jennifer Martinez	Janeth Olvera
Sarai Aparicio	Shalayne Mayfield	Ryan Adame	Kim Gallegos
April Ramirez	Lorie Powers	Chelsea Blackbird	Brian Blackbird

4. Invocation

Michael Kissire gave the invocation.

5. Recognize Students/Staff

Heather Cearley, elementary principal, presented her teacher of the month, Sara Regeon who is the pre-k teacher. Staff of the month is Lizette Lira, Mrs. Regeon's aid, who supports the class and helps with the students. Mrs. Cearley praised both for being team players and noted how well they collaborate together. She expressed her gratitude to them for all they do.

Alex Sanchez, secondary assistant principal, recognized Coach Dukes as teacher of the month. Coach Dukes who teaches physics and computer science has dedicated 55 years to education. Staff of the month, Susan Trujillo is a paraprofessional with 22 years of experience in education. Mrs. Trujillo spends significant time working one on one with students. Coach Sanchez commended these individuals for being a big part at Sonora Secondary and for their outstanding service.

6. Comments from Visitors

Ashley Arredondo addressed concerns about rumors circulating in the community regarding the return of the secondary principal. She encouraged board members and administrators to lead with heart and emotion.

Jennifer Fox shared her experiences as a secondary educator, expressing that she feels blessed to teach and be part of the Sonora community.

Shalayne Mayfield voiced concerns to the board, urging them to invest in staff and prioritize the well-being of people in the district.

7. Consent Agenda

7.A. Tax Report

7.B. Minutes of March 26, 2026

Cynthia Perez made motion to approve the items on consent agenda 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

8. Business Manager's Report

The report was available for review.

9. Appoint Board Representative(s) for Graduation

Tai Araujo, Brenda Mungia and John Jones all volunteered to represent the Sonora ISD school board at the commencement graduation in May.

10. Review Board Training Hours

Board president, Shanna Castro, reviewed training hours for all board members. She stated Tai Araujo, Colby Bates, Shanna Castro, John Jones, Mason Martinez, Brenda Mungia and Cynthia Perez were all deficient in training hours. The board members have until the end of April to complete their required hours.

11. Discuss and Consider TIA Spending Plan for 2025-2026 School Year

Katie Ruiz, student services coordinator, explained that there is one teacher this year eligible to receive TIA funds, pending board approval. John Jones made a motion to approve TIA spending plan for 2025-2026 as presented. 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 Bus Retrofit for Sonora ISD Bus Fleet in Relation to SB546 Concerning 3-point Safety Harnesses.

Mr. Kissire informed the board that SB546 requires all school busses to be equipped with 3-point seatbelts. School Districts are required to report to TEA the cost to retrofit school busses with seatbelts. Some companies will not retrofit seatbelts and if done it will void out warranty. Mason Martinez made a motion to not retrofit busses with 3-point harnesses this year due to budget restraints. 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

13. Review 2025 Safety and Security Audit.

Katie Ruiz reported on the district's three-year safety and security audit, which was conducted by region 15 school safety specialist. The audit covers the entire district to ensure the school is as safe as possible for student and staff.

14. Board Discussion on Increasing the Number of Dual Credit Courses Secondary Students are Allowed to Take.

Alex Sanchez provided an overview of the credit courses available for student enrollment, outlining the requirements and identifying the community colleges with which Sonora ISD is currently affiliated. He noted that while most college credits earned through these courses are transferable to universities, there are some exceptions. During the discussion, board member John Jones inquired about the possibility of securing funding to assist students with the cost of dual credit courses. He also asked whether the district could consider establishing affiliations with additional community colleges to expand student opportunities.

15. Discuss and Consider Update to Board Policy DC(LOCAL)

Colby Bates made a motion to approve update to board Policy DC(LOCAL) as presented. John Jones 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

16. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kissire informed the board that Coach Weston was working on quotes to resurface football field and tennis courts.

Mr. Kissire is working on getting new quote from Cahill for the parking lot repairs at the Ag Shop.

The board took a break at 6:38 and entered closed session at 6:45 PM.

17. Executive Session: Personnel Matters - 551.074. Employment, Assignment, Reassignment, Resignation, Termination, Non-Renewal, and Related Issues; 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits.

17.A. Discuss and Consider Professional Contracts

17.B. Discuss and Consider Non-Chapter 21/Noncertified Contracts

The board reconvened into open session at 8:26 PM.

18. Take Action on Any Items Considered in Closed Session

Mason Martinez made a motion to approve issuance of professional contracts for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. John Jones 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

Brenda Mungia made a motion to approve issuance of non-chapter 21 contracts for the 2026-2027 school year 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

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

ATTEST:

Shanna Castro, President

Cynthia Perez, Secretary