

SANTA CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #28

The Little Red School School Board Meeting **Tuesday, February 10th, 2026**

MINUTES

(Those in attendance are respectfully requested to silence their cell phones/electronic devices)

Pursuant to A.R.S. #38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board of the Santa Cruz Elementary School District #28 and to the general public that the Board will hold a Regular Board meeting, on **Tuesday, February 10th 2026 at 5:30p.m.**, in the District Office located at 7 Duquesne Rd, Nogales, AZ. Doors will be opening for the public @ 5:15 P.M.

The Board may hold one or more executive sessions during the meeting pursuant as indicated below. Executive sessions are not open to the public. The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3) for legal advice from the attorney for the district, either in person or telephonically, on any agenda item.

The governing Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or rearrange items on the agenda, to efficiently conduct its business.

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A. Call to order: @ 5:30 PM

1. Roll call:

Board President:	Mr. Robert Noon
Board Clerk:	Mrs. Debbie Gonzales
Board Member:	Dr. Carrie Pottinger
Board Member:	Dr. Dean Fish
Board Member:	Mr. Ron Fish
Superintendent/Principal:	Ms. Romero

ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mr. Robert Noon

C. Call to the Public: Vanesa Register community member addressed board on tax increase.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board on education-related matters within the jurisdiction of the Board are required to complete the appropriate "Request to Speak" form and submit the completed form to the Board prior to the meeting. The President will recognize individuals from the public to address the Board. Public comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less in order to continue with the efficiency of the meeting. The Board requests that the public refrain from the use of speech or language that is offensive or inappropriate to the proper conduct of the meeting. At the conclusion of the call to the public,

individual members of the Board may only respond to criticism, ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda. The Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action on the current agenda. Members of the audience are also reminded that personal attacks on individuals are discouraged; the Board policy allows complaints about individual employees of the District to be addressed by completion of Policy KEB.

D. School Board Minutes:

Discuss/Approve the following Board Minutes:

1. Board Meeting Minutes, January 20th, 2026

Mr. Fish motioned to approve minutes, Mrs. Debbie Gonzales 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

E. Reports/ Discuss: (Notice must be specific as to type of report that will be given, subject matter and whom will be the report)

1. Congratulations to our 2026 Spelling Winners: Michelle Shaju and Ellie Bonicichi
And runner ups: Marcel Garcia and Zoey Damian

F. New Business:

1. Report from AZ Auditor General Office regarding Santa Cruz Elementary District #28 financial risk status.
2. Discuss/Approve Arizona Propane vendor as sole vendor for SY 25-26.

Dr. Fish motioned to approve, Mrs. Debbie Gonzales 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

3. Discuss/Approve Health Wellness Stipend in the amount of \$500.00 for Denisse Melendez for SY 26-27.

Mr. Ron Fish motioned to approve stipend, Mrs. Debbie Gonzales 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

4. Discuss/Approve proposed calendar for school year 2026-2027.

Dr. Pottinger motioned to approve proposed calendar for SY 26-27, Dr. Fish 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

5. New Policy for study: Policy No. 960 DIE, DIE-R Audits/Financial Monitoring

G. Reports: NONE

1. Superintendent/ Principal Report:

District happenings:

Current enrollment: Current enrollment 128, ½ Kinders = 121

Ms. Romero reported: two students coming in next week, school Spelling Bee took place, Books are Fun Fundraiser took place, students will receive a free book on the week of For the Love of Reading, Nogales Science Honor Society gave presentations to grades 2-4th, Azella testing taking place, Progress Reports went home, 8th grade visited Rio Rico High School, boys VB team doing well, soccer games taking place, 301 meeting took place, looked at student data, teachers took AI from County Superintendents Office, teachers very appreciative, continue with monthly Academic Meetings, meeting tomorrow at County Office at 1:00 PM at County Complex, Feb. 19th Ms. Romero and Denisse Melendez invited to speak at the Joint Legislative Audit Committee up in Phoenix, they want a presentation regarding districts financial risk and its actions.

2. Board Member Briefing: Dr. Pottinger worked on a letter on behalf of the LR Governing Board directed to SCC Board of Supervisors in regards to clarification of District #28 property tax rate approval and processes. Planned to hand deliver on February 11, 2026 to County Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Debbie Gonzales reported that she will be reading the story “Energy Bus” to grades K-5 on February 23, working on penny drive for Arbor Day to plant a tree on LR campus in honor of Danny Fish.

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PAYROLL:

RATIFY: FY2025-2026

PP00015 \$39,152.02
PP00016 \$39,339.10

APPROVE: FY2025-2026

PP00021 \$50,000
PP00022 \$50,000
PP00023 \$50,000

EXPENSE

RATIFY: FY2025-2026

E-2615 \$71,752.77

APPROVE: FY2025-2026

E-2621 \$40,000
E-2622 \$40,000
E-2623 \$40,000

Mrs. Debbie Gonzales motioned to approve budget, Dr. Pottinger 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

H. BUDGET BALANCE SUMMARY: Reported by Mrs. Denisse Melendez

Mr. Ron Fish motioned to approve budget summary, Mrs. Debbie Gonzales 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

I. Future Agenda Item: Adoption of Policy 960, Adoption of Calendar 2026-2027, 4th quarter coach stipends.

J. Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday, March 17th, 2026**

K. Adjournment: @ 6:51 P.M

Dr. Fish motioned to adjourn, Mrs. Debbie Gonzales 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mr. Noon	X		
Mrs. D. Gonzales	X		
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Fish	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		