

# **SANTA CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #28**

The Little Red School

School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 20th, 2026**

## **AGENDA**

(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, January 20th 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:**

#### **1. Roll call:**

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

### **B. Pledge of Allegiance:**

### **C. Call to the Public:**

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, December 9th, 2025

**E. Reports/ Discuss:****F. New Business:**

1. Oath of Office for appointed Board Member, Dr. Dean Fish
2. Election of Board Officers.
  - a) Board President
  - b) Board Clerk
3. Discussion of meeting days and meeting times for 2026 Board Meetings.
4. Discussion of Santa Cruz Elementary District #28 high financial risk status FY25.
5. Discuss/Approve tribute in honor of Danny Fish with dedication of trees from Arbor Day Foundation.
6. Discuss/Approve to pursue SCED#28, Little Red School House as designated historical building.
7. Discuss/Approve hiring of Janitor, Vanessa Estrada for SY 2025-2026.
8. Discussion/Approve pursuant to policy IIB, JFB-R, and JFB closed Open enrollment for SY 26-27 based on enrollment of in-district students and employee children, established on current year student enrollment not to exceed 125 students during a given year. Administration may bring in additional students based on current numbers decreasing from the 125 total student enrollment.
9. Discuss/Approve pursuant to IHB, IHBA, IHBB, and policy regulations IIB-R determination of school capacity for Special Education Programs capacity of 15:1 (15 students per 1 teacher), then on open enrollment students pursuant to Policy JFB and Policy Regulations JFB-R, reserving two additional seats to accommodate additional students moving into the district for school year 26-27; the capacity can be exceeded by additional students moving into the district.

## **G. Reports:**

### **1. Superintendent/ Principal Report:**

#### **District happenings:**

**Current enrollment:** Current enrollment 124, ½ Kinders = 117

### **2. Board Member Briefing:**

## **FY 2025-2026**

### **January 2026**

#### **PAYROLL:**

#### **RATIFY: FY2025-2026**

PP00012	\$37,096.85
PP0012.1	\$6,842.92
PP0012.2	\$4,528.67
PP00013	\$37,118.82
PP0013.1	\$1,344.49
PP00014	\$34,202.84
PP0014.1	\$7,581.21

#### **EXPENSE**

#### **RATIFY: FY2025-2026**

E-2611	\$51,799.00
E-2612	\$25,769.67
E-2613	\$31,786.71
E-2614	\$16,821.83

## **H. BUDGET BALANCE SUMMARY:**

### **I. Future Agenda Item:**

### **J. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th, 2026**

**K. Adjournment:**

Posted at the District Office this 14 day of January, 2026 at 7 Duquesne Road, Nogales, AZ 85621

Forwarded to be posted on the District website this 14 day of January, 2026

Santa Cruz Elementary District 28 Governing Board

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