

SANTA CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #28
The Little Red School
Special School Board Meeting

Wednesday March 25, 2026 at 10:00a.m.

(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 public that the Board will hold a Special Board meeting, on Wednesday **March 25, 2026 at 10:00a.m.**, in the District Office located at 7 Duquesne Rd, Nogales, AZ. Doors will be opening for the public at 9:45a.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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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 10:01am

- a) Roll Call :
- Board President: Mr. Robert Noon
 - Board Clerk: Mrs. Debbie Gonzales
 - Board Member: Mr. Ron Fish
 - Board Member: Dr. Carrie Pottinger **Absent**
 - Board Member: Dr. Dean Fish
 - Superintendent/Principal: Ms. Romero

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mr. Noon

3. Executive Session:

- a. The Governing Board may vote to convene an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorney(s) and/or to consider its position regarding possible litigation options and/or to instruct its attorney regarding settlement discussions conducted to avoid or resolve litigation and related matters –Gutfahr / County Treasurer Theft matters.

1. Motion to convene to executive session in Superintendent Office.

Dr. Dean Fish motioned to convene to executive session, Mrs. Gonzales 2nd.

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

2. Motion to convene into regular session.

Dr. Fish motioned to convene to regular session, Mrs. Gonzales 2nd.

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

5. Public Action:

- a. Possible motion and action to approve the direction given to the Governing Board's attorney during the executive session in relation to the previous item, discussed in Executive Session.

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

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

- b. Possible motion and action to authorize the Board's attorney to send a settlement offer to Santa Cruz County and the State of Arizona in connection with the Gutfahr / County Treasurer Theft matters.

Dr. Fish motioned to authorize Board's attorney to send settlement offer and notice of claim, Mrs. Gonzales 2nd.

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

6. New Business:

- a. Description of Action to be Ratified – Though Counsel was previously given the authority to take all action in preserving the Governing Board proposes to ratify the following action: On February 27, 2026, the District served a Notice of Claim Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821.01 upon the Attorney General of the State of Arizona and the Arizona Auditor General (Santa Cruz Elementary School District No. 28 adv. The State of Arizona, Ex rel. The Arizona Auditor General).

Dr. Fish motioned to ratify, Mrs. Gonzales 2nd.

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

- b. Statement of Proposed Ratification - Pursuant A.R.S. § 38-431.05, the Governing Board proposes to approve and ratify the Notice of Claim Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821.01 upon the Attorney General of the State of Arizona and the Arizona Auditor General (Santa Cruz Elementary School District No. 28 adv. The State of Arizona, Ex rel. The Arizona Auditor General) on February 27, 2026.

Mrs. Gonzales motioned to approve proposed ratification, Dr. Fish 2nd.

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

4. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 5:30p.m.

5. Adjournment @10:36am

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

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