SANTA CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #28

The Little Red School

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 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, October 6, 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:@5:31 pm

1. Roll call:

Dr. Carrie Pottinger nominates Mr. Ron Fish to be interim Board Clerk, Dr. Dean Fish 2nd.

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

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mr. Noon

C. Call to the Public: NONE

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. Reports:

1. Superintendent/ Principal Report: by Ms. Romero

a. Current enrollment 128, 1/2 = Kinder 121.5

b. District happenings:

Ms. Romero reported , really good turn-out at Sonoita Fair, students brought back a lot of ribbons, kids had fun, we had our Sped Audit nothing major just little things English learners are the ones we struggle with the most, want to make sure students are being tested in their own language, just wording things, gifted classes have begun, teacher posted 1st quarter grades, teacher parent conferences this week tomorrow and Thursday, next week Fall Break , been doing some formal observations in the classroom, teachers have been attending outside school professional development, sending everyday things to state, had parent meeting today at 3:30 for Fall Festival, have been working with Debbie on bringing back the Veteran's Day Program including gratitude trait and to incorporate it with movie night within our community in November. We got the Education Magazine Article great plus for our school district.

2. Board Member Briefing:

Dr. Carrie Pottinger stated that she is part of the board for Santa Cruz County Provisional College District, they are doing really good things for workforce development and skills such as electric certification, machine technology, and medical assistant and soon to add more. Went to an event where 49 local college students got 700 to 800 dollar checks for college expenses.

3. Reports/Discussion:

E. School Board Minutes:

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Discuss/Approve the following Board Minutes:

Board Meeting Minutes September 8, 2026.

Dr. Pottinger motioned to approve minutes, Dr. Dean Fish 2nd

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

F. New Business:

1. Discuss/Approve Jonathan Bastidas as Girls Softball Coach for 2nd quarter in the amount of $2,000 for SY 26-27.

   Mr. Ron Fish motioned to approve Mr. Bastidas as softball coach, Dr. Dean Fish 2nd.

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

2. Discuss/Approve Manny Romero as Boys Basketball Coach for 2nd Quarter in the amount of $2,000 for SY 26-27.

   Dr. Dean Fish motioned to approve Mr. Romero as basketball coach, Dr. Carrie Pottinger 2nd.

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

3. Discuss/Approve 2026-2027 Contract agreement between Sahuarita Speech Spot and Santa Cruz Elementary District #28 to provide speech language therapy services.

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Dr. Pottinger motioned to approve contract agreement for Sahuarita Speech Spot, Mr. Ron Fish 2nd.

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

4. Discuss/Approve Sunny Debaun of Sunny Days Therapy LLC to provide Occupational services for school year 26-27.

Dr. Dean Fish motioned to approve, Mr. Ron Fish 2nd.

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

5. Discuss/Approve Annual Financial Report and school level AFR Annual Financial Report FY 25-26.

Dr. Dean Fish motioned to approve, Mr. Ron Fish 2nd

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

6. Policies for Adoption:

Policy Advisory No. 1066	Policy DJ-R	Purchasing Ethics
Policy Advisory No. 1067	Policy BCB, BCB-E	Board Member Conflict
Policy Advisory No. 1068	Policy GBEAA, GBEAA-E	Conflict of Interest

Dr. Pottinger motioned to approve policies for adoption, Dr. Dean Fish 2nd.

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

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7. Policies for Study:

Policy Advisory No. 1069	Policy KI, KI-R, KI-E	Visitors to school

FY 2026-2027

October 2026

PAYROLL:

RATIFY: FY2026-2027

PP0006	$49,057.00
PP006.1	$2,721.98
PP0007	$49,608.07
PP0007.1	$9,223.55

APPROVE: FY2026-2027

PP00016	$50,000
PP00017	$50,000
PP00018	$50,000

EXPENSE

RATIFY: FY2026-2027

E-2704	$15,807.95
E-2705	$27,862.63

APPROVE: FY2026-2027

E-2716	$40,000
E-2717	$40,000
E-2718	$40,000

Mr. Ron Fish motioned to ratify expenses, Mr. Dean Fish 2nd

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

G. BUDGET BALANCE SUMMARY: by Denisse Melendez Business Manager

No motion to approve Budget Balance Summary was made.

H. Future Agenda Item:

Approval of policies

Next Board Meeting Tuesday November 17th, 2026@5:30 pm

I. Adjournment:@6:32 pm

Dr. Dean Fish motioned to adjourn, Dr. Carrie Pottinger 2nd.

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

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