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 Daniel R. Erickson, Superintendent

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 @ 5:00 PM  
 CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Harry Dotson, President  
 Nancy Webster, Vice President  
 Aaron Thomas, Member  
 Anthony Fennell, Member  
 Anne Przybyla, Member

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Daniel Erickson, Superintendent  
 Heidi Gonzales, business Manager

OPENING

- A. Call to Order ~ Harry Dotson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance ~ All in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - Adoption of the Agenda ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adopt the agenda, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

- B. Approve Minutes
- Meeting Minutes March 3, 2026
  - Special Meeting Minutes March 24, 2026
- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 3, 2026, and the special meeting minutes of March 24, 2026, Anne Przybyla 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

~ Nancy Webster noted that the Op-Ed letter the Board wrote regarding ESA Vouchers was published by the PRT.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Students of the Month ~ Jeannette Robles, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Aaron Kalso, 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Enrollment (113)
- Calendar/Events
- Budget Update ~ March 2026

- Student Account/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fund Activity ~ March 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

~ Rebecca Angona via letter brought to the district office for the Board. Parent interest in possible high school in district.

ACTION ITEMS

E. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Pre-payment of FY27 HMH Curriculum.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve pre-payment of FY26 HMH Curriculum, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Lindsey Beal for Kitchen Manager in training for remaining FY26. Transition to Kitchen Manager for FY27.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Lindsey Beal for Kitchen Manager in training for remaining FY26. Transition to Kitchen Manager for FY27. Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

G. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Posting the Temporary Summer Help position. Hire up to 2 part-time, temporary employees for May 26, 2026, through July 17, 2026.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve posting the Temporary Summer Help position. Hire up to 2 part-time, temporary employees for May 26, 2026, through July 17, 2026, Anne Przybyla 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Out of state travel of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve out of state travel of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) Chaperones May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026. Terrell Harper, Kyndra Ortiz, Daniel Erickson and Brett Wagner.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) Chaperones May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026. Terrell Harper, Kyndra Ortiz, Daniel Erickson and Brett Wagner. Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

- J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Superintendent travel out of state for Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) trip, May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026.  
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Superintendent travel out of state for Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) trip, May 11, 2026 – May 15, 2026, Anne Przybyla 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

- K. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Renewing contract with ESI FY27.  
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve renewing the contract with ESI for FY27, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

- L. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 District Paid Vision Benefits, VSP Choice Plus through EMI Health. Employee and Family. Premium decrease of 10.68%.  
 ~ The Board discussed the change of providers and plan for vision coverage.  
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve FY27 District Paid Vision Benefits, VSP Choice Plus through EMI Health. Employee and Family. Premium decrease of 10.68%, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0/1. Anne Przybyla recused herself due to being a subscriber to District benefits.

Member	Aye	Nay	Recuse
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.			X

- M. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 District Paid Dental Benefits, Delta Dental. Low Plan Employee only. 2.5% premium increase.  
 ~ The Board discussed dental benefits, no change to provider or plans.  
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve FY27 District Paid Dental Benefits, Delta Dental. Low Plan Employee only. 2.5% premium increase, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0/1. Anne Przybyla recused herself due to being a subscriber to District benefits.

Member	Aye	Nay	Recuse
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		

A.P.			X
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- N. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 District Paid Life & AD&D Benefits, One America. Coverage for all eligible employees. Coverage increased to \$200,000/\$50,000. 8.29% premium increase.  
 ~ The Board discussed the Life and AD&D benefits and change of providers and increased coverage for employees.  
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve FY27 District Paid Life & AD&D Benefits, One America. Coverage for all eligible employees. Coverage increased to \$200,000/\$50,000. 8.29% premium increase, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0/1. Anne Przybyla recused herself due to being a subscriber to District benefits.

Member	Aye	Nay	Recuse
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.			X

- O. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 Medical Benefits. Elevate Trust employee medical benefits, .08% premium increase:

- The District will offer three plans;
- The District will cover 100% of the cost of the Elevate 1000 for employees only.
- The District will cover 100% of the Elevate 2500 (HDHP) for employee only and will deposit \$1,802.64 in an HSA on the employee’s behalf.

Employees not choosing the Elevate 2500, may buy up to the Elevate \$750 plan.

~The Board discussed the recommendation to change insurance trusts for medical benefits. The District would discontinue its relationship with ASBAIT.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Medical Benefits. Elevate Trust employee medical benefits, .08% premium increase:

- The District will offer three plans;
- The District will cover 100% of the cost of the Elevate 1000 for employees only.
- The District will cover 100% of the Elevate 2500 (HDHP) for employee only and will deposit \$1,802.64 in an HSA on the employee’s behalf.

Employees not choosing the Elevate 2500, may buy up to the Elevate \$750 plan.

~ Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0/1. Anne Przybyla recused herself due to being a subscriber to District benefits.

Member	Aye	Nay	Recuse
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.			X

- P. DISCUSS / ACTION TO ACCEPT – FY25 Final District Audit.

~ Heidi Gonzales reviewed the FY25 audit with the Board and discussed the findings and resolutions.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to accept the FY25 Final District Audit, Anne Przybyla 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

**CONSENT AGENDA\*\***

\*\*A Board member may request any item listed under the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda. If an item is removed from the consent agenda, it will be discussed and voted upon separately immediately following the consent agenda. Specific information regarding the matters being approved under the consent agenda is available in the Board packet and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Q. Expense Vouchers. 1019, 1020, 2021

R. Payroll Vouchers. 19, 20

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		

#### STUDY ITEMS

A Board member or the Superintendent may request items be added for future study sessions.

- Step Schedules
- Building a High School

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Board member may request items be added for future agendas

- Student Achievement
- AI
- Field Project ~ May 2026
- Khanmigo Update ~ Possibly May 2026
- Friday Academy Update ~ May 2026
- Step Schedules ~ Board Retreat
- Building a High School ~ Board Retreat
- Board Retreat date and time schedule ~ May 2026

#### ADJOURNMENT

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
A.F.	X		
A.T.	X		
A.P.	X		