



## Sonoita Elementary School District

Elgin School

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Daniel R. Erickson, Superintendent

### SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

### MINUTES

#### BOARD ATTENDANCE:

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

#### DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Dan 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 4/0.

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

B. Approve Minutes

- Meeting Minutes January 6, 2026 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026, Anne Przybyla 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

- ~ Anthony Fennell and Anne Przybyla attended STEAM night, it was a wonderful event.
- ~ Anne Przybyla attended the award ceremony.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment (110)
- Students of the Month ~ Zaila Hintsala, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Deegan Ortiz, 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Student Achievement ~ Mr. Erickson shared and reviewed NWEA Measure of Academic Progress Data sheet with the Board.
- Calendar/Events
- Sports ~ Boys Volleyball has played two games, won the second.

- Auditor General School District Financial Analysis ~ Mr. Erickson reviewed and discussed the Auditor General School District Financial Analysis with the Board.
- Mr. Erickson gave the Board an update of Legislative activities.
- Last month was Board Appreciation Month, our students made thank you cards for the Board and were hung for display in the conference room.
- Budget Update ~ January 2026
- Student Account/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fund Activity ~ January 2026

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

~ None

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### E. DISCUSS / ACTION TO ACCEPT – 2025 tax credit donations as listed. (\$22,752.00).

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to accept the 2025 Tax Credit donations as listed, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

##### F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Middle School Treasurers – Noah George and Nathan Rodriguez.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Middle School Treasurers – Noah George and Nathan Rodriguez, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

##### G. DISCUSS / ACTION TO ACCEPT – Hiring Hunter Williams as Substitute Teacher, effective immediately.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Hunter Williams as Substitute Teacher, effective immediately, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

##### H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Contracting Rusty Taylor for FY27 Grant Consultation.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve contracting Rusty Taylor for FY27 Grant Consultation, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

##### I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Signing the IGA with Sonoita-Elgin Fire District for water usage.

- ~ The Board discussed the proposed IGA.
- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve signing the IGA with Sonoita-Elgin Fire District for water usage, 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.   |     |     |         |
| A.P.   | X   |     |         |

J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Signing 60-month renewal contract with Zayo for internet services.

- ~ The Board discussed the 60-month Zayo renewal.

- ~ Harry Doston made a motion to sign the 60-month Zayo renewal contract for internet services, Anne Przybyla 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

K. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Prepayment of all school field trip to Pima Air and Space Museum November 12, 2026, FY27.

- ~ Mr. Erickson discussed the field trip with the Board; the date and time need to be secured now for the reservation to hold.

- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve prepayment of the all school field trip to Pima Air and Space Museum November 12, 2026, FY27, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

- Expense Vouchers ~ 1014, 1015, 1016
- Payroll Vouchers ~ 15, 16

- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

STUDY ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- AI
- Field Project ~ May 2026

- Khanmigo Update ~ Possibly May 2026
- Friday Academy Update ~ May 2026
- Op-Ed discussion regarding Empowerment Scholarship Accountability ~ March 2026

ADJOURNMENT ~ Harry Doston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

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

