



Sonoita Elementary School District
Elgin Elementary School
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Successfully Empowering Students Diversely Every Eagle Shines

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
Elgin School Conference Room

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

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

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, Aaron Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

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

B. Swearing in of New Board Member ~ Anne Przybyla
~ Harry Dotson administered the School Board Member Oath of Office, newly appointed member Anne Przybyla was officially sworn in.

C. Approve Minutes

- December 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes
~ Nancy Webster made a motion to approve the December 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

D. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:
Daniel Erickson, Superintendent
Heidi Gonzales, Business Manager

~ Aaron Thomas attended the ASBA/ASA Award banquet when Dan accepted the AZ Superintendent of the Year for Rural Schools award. The banquet was very nice and was honored to be there in support of Mr. Erickson.

~ Anthony Fennell attended the Missoula Children's Theatre production; it was wonderful as usual.

~ Harry Dotson was on campus for AZ School Superintendent Tom Horne visit. ESA/Vouchers, H-1B visas and Khanmigo AI student support tool were topics of discussion.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Students of the Month ~ Natalie Sanchez, 8th grade. Max Stephens, 4th grade.
- Enrollment (108)
- Calendar/Events ~ KOLD will be on site next week to discuss Khanmigo.
- Budget Update ~ December 2025
- Student Account/8th Grade Fund Activity ~ December 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

~ None

ACTION ITEMS

F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO ACCEPT – David Naugle resignation of Board Member Seat, effective 12/31/2025.

~ Harry Doton made a motion to accept David Naugle's resignation of Board Member seat, effective 12/31/25, Anthony Fennell 2nd, 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 – Welcome New Board Members.

~ Mr. Erickson and the Board welcomed Anne Przybyla to the Board.

H. DISCUSS – Board Member Conflict of Interest and Oath of Office training and signing.

~ The Board reviewed the training regarding conflict of interest, board oath and responsibilities and signed conflict of interest forms.

I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Reorganization of Board – A.R.S §15-321 (A) and (B). Election of Board President and Vice President.

~ Nancy Webster nominated Harry Dotson for Board President, Aaron Thomas 2nd, Harry Dotson accepted.

~ Anthony Fennell nominated Nancy Webster for Board Vice President, Aaron Thomas 2nd, Nancy Webster accepted.

~ Anthony Fennell made a motion to elect Harry Dotson as Board President and Nancy Webster as Board Vice President, Aaron Thomas 2nd, motion carried 3/0/2. Nancy Webster and Harry Dotson recused themselves from the vote due to being nominated for office.

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

J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Current meeting days, times, and locations of the regular monthly School Board Meetings.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to keep the current meeting days, time and location the same. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm, in the Elgin School Conference Room. Anthony Fennell 2nd, 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 – Locations of Public Notice of Meetings and Agendas. Sonoita Post Office notice box and Elgin School notice box.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to keep the locations of Public Notice of Meetings and Agendas the same. Official Posting places will be the Sonoita Post Office notice box and the Elgin School notice box. Nancy Webster 2nd, 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 - Ratification of expense and payroll vouchers between board meetings. A.R.S § 15-321(G)– Board may choose to pass a resolution allowing signing salary and expense vouchers between board meetings.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve ratification of expense and payroll vouchers between board meetings. A.R.S § 15-321(G)– Board may choose to pass a resolution allowing signing salary and expense vouchers between board meetings, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

M. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 School Calendar.

~ The Board reviewed the Proposed calendar.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Proposed FY27 School Calendar, Aaron Thomas 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

N. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Sonoita Elementary School District Special Education Procedures.

~ The Board reviewed the proposed Special Education Procedures.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Sonoita Elementary School District Special Education Procedures, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

O. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Anita Barkley as Substitute Teacher, effective immediately.
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Anita Barkley as Substitute Teacher, effective immediately, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

P. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Approval of H-1B Declaration Statement. The Governing Board may discuss and approve the District's H-1B Declaration Statement.
~ The Board reviewed the H-1B Declaration Statement.
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve and support the H-1B Declaration Statement, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

Q. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY26 Early Spring Sports Coaches

- Boys Volleyball – Lacey Beyer, Head Coach
Megan Thomas, Assistant Coach Volunteer
- Soccer – Lindsey Beal, Head Coach
Suzanne Wilcox, Assistant Coach

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY25 Early Spring Sports coaches as presented, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 4/0/1. Aaron Thomas recused himself from the vote due to family member being volunteer coach.

Member	Aye	Nay	Recuse
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.

- Expense Vouchers ~ 1012, 1013, 1014
- Payroll Vouchers ~ 12, 12.1, 12.5, 13, 14

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

STUDY ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- AI
- Field Project ~ May 2026
- Khanmigo Update ~ Possibly May 2026

ADJOURNMENT

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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