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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
 TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 @ 5:00 PM
 ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Harry Dotson, President
 Nancy Webster, Vice President
 Anthony Fennell, Member
 Aaron Thomas, 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 5:00 pm.
- 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 2nd, 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 May 5, 2026.
- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the May 5, 2026 meeting minutes, 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		

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

~ Anne Przybyla, Harry Dotson and Nancy Webster attended the graduation ceremonies.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Projected 26/27 enrollment (108) ~ Updated proposed enrollment as of June 1, 2026 113.
- Budget Update ~ May 2026
- Student Account/8th Grade Fund Activity ~ May 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

~ None

ACTION ITEMS

E. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 Proposed Expenditure Budget.

~ Heidi Gonzales reviewed and discussed the FY27 Proposed Expenditure Budget with the Board.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Proposed Expenditure Budget, Anne Przybyla 2nd, 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 – FY27 Trust renewal.

~ The Board reviewed the FY27 Trust renewal.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Trust renewal, Anne Przybyla 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 / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 Alliance renewal.

~ The Board reviewed the FY27 Alliance renewal.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Alliance renewal, Anthony Fennel 2nd, 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 – Hiring Michael Maynard for 2026 Summer Help Position.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Michael Maynard for the 2026 Summer Help Position, 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		

I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Posting a Part-Time Kitchen and Custodial Assistant to replace Lisa Lopez after June 30, 2026.

~Harry Dotson made a motion to approve posting a Part-Time Kitchen and Custodial Assistant to replace Lisa Lopez after June 30, 2026, 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		

J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – The Board may vote to allow the district to provide employees food and beverages at school district events, including school functions and training, per HB-2210. The set budget will be \$6,000.00.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to allow the district to provide employees food and beverages at school district events, including school functions and training, per HB-2210. The set budget will be \$6,000.00. Anne Przybyla 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 – Valerie Etchart unused vacation payout, 18.69 days at 100% of employee hourly rate, paid in payroll 26.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Valerie Etchart unused vacation payout, up to 18.69 days at 100% of employee hourly rate, paid in payroll 26. 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		

L. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 Superintendent Goals.

~ Mr. Erickson reviewed and discussed the FY27 Superintendent Goals.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve tge FY27 Superintendent Goals, 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 Superintendent salary increase of 5% per contract.

~ The Board discussed the budget allowance of the proposed FY27 Superintendent salary increase of 5% per contract with Heidi Gonzales. Heidi Gonzales stated the budget does allow for the 5% increase and is well earned and deserved.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Superintendent salary increase of 5% per contract, Anne Przybyla 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 – 2026 Board Retreat topics.

- Student Achievement ~ AASA Scores / Letter Grade
- Step Schedules

- Building a High School
- New Marquee
- Board Transition Dec. 26 / Jan. 27 ~ Broad term discussion
- Grant Fund Usage
- Mandatory Reporting
- Vision / Mission

~ The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed topics for the 2026 Board Retreat to be held on June 15th at 8:30 am, in the Elgin School Conference Room.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 Board Retreat topics as listed, 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		

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 ~ 1027, 1028
- Payroll Vouchers ~ 23, 24, 24.1
- Edward Oliver FY27 Water Tester Services

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 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		

STUDY ITEMS

- Step Schedules
- Building a High School

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- AI

ADJOURNMENT

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 pm, 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		