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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 @ 3:15 PM
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

AGENDA

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.02 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SONOITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 GOVERNING BOARD AND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SONOITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 GOVERNING BOARD WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2026, BEGINNING AT 3:15 PM, IN THE ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 23 ELGIN ROAD, ELGIN, ARIZONA 85611.

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SONOITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 MAY, BY MOTION, RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY(S), EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL, ON ANY ITEM CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

OPENING

- A. Call to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Adoption of the Agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Governing Board is prohibited by law from addressing topics which do not appear on the agenda.

The purpose of the "Call to the Public" section on the agenda is for the Governing Board to hear statements from Constituents. Response to statements will not be made at this meeting.

The person speaking shall observe the rule of propriety and refrain from slanderous remarks.

In order to ensure that each individual have an opportunity to address the Board, a two (2) minute time limit has been set for individual speakers. If considered necessary, this time limit can also be reduced to ensure that each individual has an opportunity to address the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- B. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – The Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3), for the purpose of receiving legal consultation from the attorney of the public body regarding the status of possible legal action (Santa Cruz County and the State of Arizona - embezzlement by the former Santa Cruz County Treasurer).

- C. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Approval and Ratification of a Notice of Claim filed against the State of Arizona.

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve and ratify the attached Notice of Claim filed on Friday, February 27, 2026 against the State Auditor General for negligence in auditing of Santa Cruz County which allowed for the former County Treasurer, Elizabeth Gutfar to embezzle approximately \$39,000,000 from the County, which included \$424,246.70 of District funds. The ratification is necessary as the deadline for filing the notice of claim was Saturday, February 28, 2026.

Background Information: In an abundance of caution, the District submitted this Notice of Claim without conceding or admitting it is legally obligated to serve a Notice of Claim. Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-821.01 the statute requires "persons who have claims against a public entity" to serve notices of claim. Districts that are subdivisions of the State are not "persons" as defined by statute, but to avoid this potential legal argument a notice was filed in the proper time frame.

STUDY ITEMS

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Information regarding the Governing Board's Agenda for the meeting may be obtained by calling 520-455-5514.

PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, QUALIFIED DISABLED INDIVIDUAL (S) WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS MAY CONTACT DANIEL ERICKSON OR HEIDI GONZALES AT 520-455-5514 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

IF AN INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO HAVE AN INTERPRETER PRESENT AT A BOARD MEETING, THE PERSON MUST REQUEST AN INTERPRETER BY CONTACTING DANIEL ERICKSON OR HEIDI GONZALES AT 455-5514 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING."

Posted 3/19/2026 10:00 am Sonoita Post Office, Elgin School, Elgin School Website. I, Heidi Gonzales, certify that this notice of public meeting, prepared pursuant to

A.R.S. 38-431.02, was posted at Sonoita Post Office, Elgin School and Elgin School Website on the 19th day of March 2026 at. 10:00 a.m. /s/ 