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Daniel R. Erickson, Superintendent

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

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

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

B. Approve Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2026

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

- ~ Anthony Fennell attended the first volleyball game; the team did great.
- ~ Anne Przybyla attended Ranch & Rodeo Day, it was a fun event.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment (121) ~ Now, 118, one family moved, one withdrew.
- Students of the Month ~ Luna Sadorf, Kindergarten, Brantley Orona, 6th grade

- Calendar/Events
- Budget Update ~ August 2026
- Student Account/8th Grade Fund Activity ~ August 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT ~ None

ACTION ITEMS

E. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Kyla Goodling for permanent, part-time Kitchen and Custodial Assistant position.

~ Harry Doston made a motion to approve hiring Kyla Goodling for permanent, part-time Kitchen and Custodial Assistant 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		

F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY27 Events approved for purchase of food and drink items according to the Resolution for Provision of Food and Beverages approved by the Board on August 4th, 2026. Professional Development dates, end of year luncheon. Fund 349 – Forest Fees, will be used for expenditures. Budget of \$6,000 for FY27 approved on June 2, 2026.

- Professional Development Dates:

~ July 20 through 23, 2026	~ January 6, 2027
~ August 14, 2026	~ February 19, 2027
~ September 25, 2026	~ March 26, 2027
~ October 23, 2026	~ April 23, 2026
~ November 6, 2026	

- End of Year Luncheon
~ May 27, 2027

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Events approved for purchase of food and drink items according to the Resolution for Provision of Food and Beverages approved by the Board on August 4th, 2026. Professional Development dates, end of year luncheon. Fund 349 – Forest Fees, will be used for expenditures. Budget of \$6,000 for FY27 approved on June 2, 2026.

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~ 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 First semester Middle School Treasurers – Lincoln Beal and James Thomas
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 First semester Middle School Treasurers – Lincoln Beal and James Thomas, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 4/0/1. Aaron Thomas recused himself due to family relation.

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

- H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Additional FY27 Fall Sports Coaches
~ Volleyball – Rachel Goodwater, Assistant Coach
~ Football – Anthony Robinson, Assistant Coach
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the additional FY27 Fall Sports Coaches as listed, 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 – FY27 Friday Academy Tutors
~ Kerry Newberry
~ Christine Clouse
~ Callie Mattus
~ Yana Carter
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY27 Friday Academy Tutors as listed, Anne Przybyla 2nd, motion carried 4/0/1. Anthony Fennell abstained due to personal interest.

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

- J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Heidi Gonzales travel to, and associated costs for the 2026 ASPAA (Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association) Fall Conference, November 18 – 20, 2026.
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Heidi Gonzales travel to, and associated costs for the 2026 ASPAA (Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association) Fall Conference, November 18 – 20, 2026, 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 – Lucy Reyes request for leave of absence from February 16, 2027, to May 14, 2027, to complete 12-week teaching internship.
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Lucy Reyes request for leave of absence from February 16, 2027, to May 14, 2027, to complete 12-week teaching internship, 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 – Lucy Reyes completing her Student Teaching Internship through Scottsdale Community College at Elgin Elementary School under the mentorship of Supervising Practitioner, Dr. Jerome Ramirez. The Affiliation Agreement with Maricopa Community Colleges was Board approved on August 4th, 2026.
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Lucy Reyes completing her Student Teaching Internship through Scottsdale Community College at Elgin Elementary School under the mentorship of Supervising Practitioner, Dr. Jerome Ramirez, 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		

- M. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2026/2027 Trust Model Policy Update, Part 2, August 2026. Part 1 Board Approved August 4, 2026.

- Policy 1-302 Governing Board Meetings and Open Meeting Law Requirements
- Policy 1-401 Parent/Legal Guardian Rights in Education
- Procedure 1-401.A Parent/Legal Guardian Rights in Education – Parental Involvement
- Policy 2-101 Duties of the Superintendent
- Policy 3-109 Procurement
- Procedure 3-203.A Visitors – Prohibition Regarding Disruption
- Procedure 402.A Procedure – Records – Disclosure of Public Records
- Procedure 3-404.A Procedure – Insurance – Liability Coverage
- Policy 4-204 Mandatory Reporting
- Policy 5-201 Patriotic Exercises and Observance Days
- Procedure 5-216.B Promotion and Retention of Students; Passing Grades – Advanced Math (NEW)
- Policy 5-402 Department of Child Safety Interview and Custody
- Policy 5-410 Interscholastic Athletics

~ The Board discussed the proposed updates.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 Trust Model Policy Update, Part 2, August 2026, as proposed, 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		

N. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2026/2027 Trust Model Policy Update, Part 3, August 2026.

- Policy 5-102 Enrollment Requirements
- Procedure 5-102.A Enrollment Requirements – Requirements for Enrollment
- Procedure 5-102.D Enrollment Requirements – Protections for Students in Unorganized Territories (NEW)
- Policy 5-105 Open Enrollment
- Policy 5-203 Students with Disabilities (Individual with Disabilities Act, IDEA)

~ The Board discussed the proposed updates.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 Trust Model Policy Update, Part 3, August 2026, as proposed, 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		

O. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2026/2027 Trust Model Policy Update, Part 4, August 2026.

- Policy 1-105 Conflicts of Interest
- Form 1-105.A Conflicts of Interest
- Policy 3-102 Revenue
- Procedure 3-102.A Revenue – Revenue Accounting
- Procedure 3-102.C Revenue – Bank Accounts
- Procedure 3-102 D. Revenue – Cash Controls
- Procedure 3-109.C Procurement – Statutory Exemptions

~ The Board discussed the proposed changes.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the 2026/2027 Trust Model Policy Update, Part 4, August 2026, as proposed, 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 – Appointment of Harry Dotson as Member of the Sonoita Elementary School District #25 Governing Board for two years beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028.

~ Nancy Webster made a motion to approve the appointment of Harry Dotson as Member of the Sonoita Elementary School District #25 Governing Board for two years beginning January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, Anthony Fennell 2nd, Motion carried 4/0/1. Harry Dotson recused himself.

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 – 1002, 1003
- Payroll Vouchers – P.4, P.5
- Superintendent Transactions

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent 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		

STUDY ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- Digital Board Meeting Packets ~ October 2026
- Salary Schedules ~ December 2026

ADJOURNMENT ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59pm, 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		