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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD RETREAT
Friday August 1, 2025, at 9:00 am.
Location Elgin School Conference Room, Elgin School

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Harry Dotson, President
Nancy Webster, Vice President
Aaron Thomas, Member

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Dan Erickson, Superintendent

BREAKFAST – 9:00 am

OPENING

- A. Call to Order ~ Harry Dotson called the meeting to order at 9:04am.
- Pledge of Allegiance ~ All in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Adoption of the Agenda ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the agenda, Aaron Thomas 2nd, motion carried 3/0.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Why are we here?
- Board Member introductions
 - Share biography and background
 - Why are you on the board?
- ~ The Board Members shared their backgrounds and why they have chosen to serve on the Board.
- B. Mandatory Reporting
- Review of legal requirements and responsibilities
 - Discussion and Question & Answer
- ~ Mr. Erickson shared the legal update on Mandatory Reporting. There were no questions. Board Members will notify the Superintendent if they make a report.
- C. Governing Board Roles, Responsibilities & Ethics
- Overview of board functions, boundaries and collaboration with administration
- ~ The Board reviewed Roles, Responsibilities and Ethics. The Board discussed development of a strategic plan and decided not to move forward.

D. Row the Boat Book Study

- a. Key takeaways and reflection

~ The Board reviewed Row the Boat and discussed.

E. AASA Test Score Review

- a. Presentation of 2025 AASA Test Scores
b. Question and Answer

~ Mr. Erickson provided an overview of AASA test scores. There were no questions.

F. Vision

- a. Superintendent will define academic excellence
b. Board discussion - What are our standards and expectations for students and our community?
c. Board discussion - What tools, techniques, and strategies are available to utilize for achieving the vision?

~ The Board reviewed academic excellence and discussed what it means for our school district.

G. Foundation

- a. Superintendent will share strengths, challenges, and opportunities
b. Board discussion - How do we foster a lifelong learning and growth mindset

~ Mr. Erickson shared strengths, challenges and opportunities. The Board discussed these items, along with the lifelong learning mindset.

H. Framework

- a. Board discussion - How do we build a framework that is both durable and flexible given the current state of education?

~ The Board discussed.

STUDY ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- AI Integration ~ September 2025
- Board Self-Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00pm, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 3/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
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A.T.	X		