



## Sonoita Elementary School District # 25

Elgin School

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Mary Faley, Superintendent

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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday August 9, 2022 @ 5:00 PM  
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

#### BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Ginny Cosby, President  
Megan Thomas, Clerk – Absent  
Anthony Fennell, Member  
Nancy Webster, Member – Via Phone  
Harry Dotson, Member

#### Opening

#### DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Mary Faley, Superintendent  
Heidi Gonzales, Business Manager

- A. Call to Order – Ginny Cosby called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance – All in attendance stood to recite The Pledge of Allegiance
  - Adoption of the Agenda – Ginny Cosby pointed out a correction to the agenda. Item G. Hintsala is spelled incorrectly. Heidi Gonzales noted for spelling correction. Ginny Cosby made a motion to adopt the agenda. Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.
- B. Approve Minutes
- July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes – Ginny Cosby requested corrections to item D. Board Member Reports, Ginny's report and Harry's report should be separate points. Item J., correct spelling of ney to nay, and Item K., Fennell is spelled with only one l. Heidi Gonzales noted the corrections will be made.
  - July 21, 2022 Retreat Minutes – Ginny Cosby requested corrections to item A., should be stated "Ginny Cosby called the meeting to order....", and item C., correct the run-on sentence to read "Discussed what can be delegated to the Superintendent to approve, what can be moved to the consent agenda and what the Board is required to approve or not." Heidi Gonzales noted the corrections will be made.
    - Ginny Cosby made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes of July 12, 2022 and July 21, 2022 Board Retreat minutes with the corrections noted above, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

#### Information Items

- C. Board Member Activity Reports
- Ginny Cosby read HB2853 and discussed the changes it will bring to public schools if passed.
- D. Superintendent' Report
- Enrollment ~ 143
  - Back to School - Back to school has gone well.
  - Final Mile Project – The vendor is working on permits with the county.
  - Roof – The roofs are being evaluated for possible rejuvenation or replacement.
  - Forest fees – Discussed the FY 22/23 allocation.

- Teacher of the Year – Callie Mattus was recognized as Elgin School’s nominee for Teacher of the Year at the annual Santa Cruz County Teacher of the Year banquet.
- Open House – Will be Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm.
- A+ Schools – We will be working on the application for next year.

**Public Comment- None**

Discussion Items

- E. Discuss – Purchasing Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan, paperback historical novel for Middle School ELA.
  - This book would be used for 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA. There will be an announcement sent out to families and the community with information about the book for a 60-day review period before being presented for adoption at the October 2022 Board Meeting.
- F. Discuss – Purchasing Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann, hardcover novel for Middle School ELA.
  - This book would be used for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades ELA. There will be an announcement sent out to families and the community with information about the book for a 60-day review period before being presented for adoption at the October 2022 Board Meeting.

Presentations

- G. Student Achievement – Mary Faley showed a power point of the most recent student achievement data.
- H. Campus Safety – Mary Faley discussed security upgrades the district will be making by priority level. Mary Faley gave a tour of campus demonstrating some of the security measures to be addressed. Harry Dotson suggested having an evacuation drill using a bus so timing can be tested in case evacuation is needed in the future. Harry also asked if it were a possibility to have a bus left on campus during the day for quick access in case of a need to evacuate. Mary Faley stated she would look into both and follow up at the next meeting.

Action Items

- I. Discuss / Action to Approve - Consideration and possible action to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to represent Sonoita Elementary School District #25 as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association delegate assembly on September 10, 2022.
  - Harry Dotson will be attending the Law conference the two days prior to the assembly. Ginny Cosbey nominated Harry Dotson to represent Sonoita Elementary School District as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association delegate assembly on September 10, 2022. Harry Dotson accepted. Ginny Cosbey made a motion to elect Harry Dotson to represent Sonoita Elementary School District #25 as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association delegate assembly on September 10, 2022, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.
- J. Discuss / Action to Approve - Governing Board to discuss and may consider action to approve the Arizona School Boards Association’s (ASBA) draft 2022 Political Agenda, and, direct the District’s delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board’s determined position.
  - The Arizona School Boards Association’s (ASBA) draft 2022 Political Agenda was reviewed. Ginny Cosbey made a motion to approve the Arizona School Boards Association’s (ASBA) draft 2022 Political Agenda, and, direct the District’s delegate (Harry Dotson) to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board’s determined position, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried 3/0. Anthony Fennell abstained.
- K. Discuss / Action to Approve - Hiring of Billie Jean Hintsala as Paraprofessional Substitute.
  - Ginny Cosbey made a motion to approve hiring Billie Jean Hintsala as a Paraprofessional Substitute, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.
- L. Discuss / Action to Approve – Increase of Nurse Stipend to \$5000.00.

- This stipend is the same as it was pre-COVID. Mary Faley recommends a raise to the stipend due to the increased demand and nursing duties throughout the past few years of COVID. Ginny Cosbey made a motion to increase the Nurse Stipend to \$5,000.00, Nancy Webster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

M. Discuss / Action to Approve – Student Achievement addition to the Educator Evaluation for FY21/22.

- The Board discussed the proposed Student Achievement addition to the Educator Evaluation for FY21/22. Ginny Cosbey made a motion to approve the Student Achievement addition to the Educator Evaluation for FY21/22, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

#### 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 -1000, 1001
- Payroll Vouchers- 2, 3
  - Ginny Cosbey made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.

#### STUDY ITEMS - None

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- NutriStudents Subscription Update
- School Safety Update – Possibly in Executive Session.
- Volunteers for reading to students
- Student Achievement
- Killers of the Flower Moon, Esperanza Rising – October 2022 Action Item.

ADJOURNMENT – Ginny Cosbey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm, Anthony Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 4/0.