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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 @ 5:00 PM
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

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

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Daniel 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, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

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

STUDY ITEMS

- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 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 proposed "Extended Tolling Agreements" between the District and other parties to possible litigation stemming from the alleged embezzlement by the former Santa Cruz County Treasurer.
- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to enter into 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 proposed "Extended Tolling Agreements" between the District and other parties to possible litigation stemming from the alleged embezzlement by the former Santa Cruz County Treasurer, Aaron Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0. The Board convened in executive session at 5:03 pm.

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

~The Board reconvened in regular at 5:09 pm.

- C. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE –The Governing Board may vote to approve signing two "Extended Tolling Agreements" between the District and other relevant parties to extend any applicable statutory deadlines for possible litigation stemming from the alleged embezzlement by the former Santa Cruz County Treasurer. One agreement includes the State of Arizona/Auditor General, and the other agreement includes Elizabeth Gutfahr in her former official capacity as the Santa Cruz County Treasurer. This action also authorizes the Superintendent to sign any further "Extended Tolling Agreements" between the District and other parties to this possible litigation that may be required for this matter to proceed.

~Harry Dotson made a motion to approve signing two “Extended Tolling Agreements” between the District and other relevant parties to extend any applicable statutory deadlines for possible litigation stemming from the alleged embezzlement by the former Santa Cruz County Treasurer. One agreement includes the State of Arizona/Auditor General, and the other agreement includes Elizabeth Gutfahr in her former official capacity as the Santa Cruz County Treasurer. This action also authorizes the Superintendent to sign any further “Extended Tolling Agreements” between the District and other parties to this possible litigation that may be required for this matter to proceed, Dave Naugle 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

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

FUTURE STUDY ITEMS

- FY26 Employee Benefit Options
- AI

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- List of School Board Actions

ADJOURNMENT

~Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 pm, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

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