



*Sonoita Elementary School District # 25*

*Elgin School*

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*Mary Faley, Superintendent  
Melissa Paul, Executive Secretary*

SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday February 7, 2023 @ 5:00 PM  
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Ginny Cosby, President  
Harry Dotson, Clerk  
Megan Thomas, Member  
Anthony Fennell, Member ~ Absent  
Nancy Webster, Member ~ Absent

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Mary Faley, Superintendent  
Heidi Gonzales, Business Manager

OPENING

A. Call to Order ~ Ginny Cosby called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance ~ All in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Adoption of the Agenda ~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to adopt the agenda, Harry Dotson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

B. Approve Minutes

- Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023
- Special Meeting Minutes January 31, 2023  
~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes January 31, 2023, Megan Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS  
~ Harry Dotson attended BOLTS in January.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment (141)

- Grades K – 3 Student of the Month ~ Zaila Hintsala
- Grades 3 -5 Student of the Month ~ Nexus Wegner
- Middle School Student of the Month ~ Sophia Kennedy
- Staff Member of the Month ~ Callie Mattus
- Final Mile
- Calendar/Events

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ~ None

ACTION ITEMS

- F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Acceptance of 2022 tax credit donations as listed. (\$19,773.00)  
 ~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to accept the 2022 tax credit donations as listed (\$19,773.00), Harry Dotson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

- G. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Year 22/23 Middle School Treasurers –Cienna Beyer  
 Fawn Hardt  
 ~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Year 22/23 Middle School Treasurers – Cienna Beyer and Fawn Hardt, Megan Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

- H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Caitlyn Coleman resignation, effective February 10, 2023.  
 ~Ginny Cosby made a motion to approve Caitlyn Coleman’s resignation, effective February 10, 2023, Megan Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

- I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Alicyn Morrell, Elementary Teacher for the 2023-24 school year.  
 ~ Mary Faley and an interviewing team met Alicyn Morrell via Zoom for Elementary Teacher position interview last week.  
 Ginny Cosby made a motion to approve hiring Alicyn Morrell as Elementary Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, Harry Dotson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

- J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Biddle and Brown Fence Company to replace/add campus fencing and gates as described in Mohave Contract #20G-BBF-1103, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00.  
 ~ Mary Faley presented the school safety and security projects discussed at January 31, 2023 meeting to begin at the beginning of summer break.  
 ~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to approve Biddle and Brown Fence Company to replace/add campus fencing and gates as described in Mohave Contract #20G-BBF-1103, at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00, Harry Dotson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

- K. DISCUSS –Library/Media Specialist + IT position.  
 ~Mary Faley discussed adding basic IT duties to the Library/Media Specialist. Will be creating a new job description and posting.
- L. DISCUSS – Policy Advisory Volume 35, Number 1. First Reading.
- Policy Advisory No. 739 ~ (NEW) Exhibit — IHAMB-EA — Family Life Education  
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  - Policy Advisory No. 740 ~ (NEW) Exhibit — IJL-E — Library Materials Selection and Adoption
  - Policy Advisory No. 741 ~ Policy — JFABDA— Admission of Students in Foster Care Regulation — JFABDA — Admission of Students in Foster Care
  - Policy Advisory No. 742 ~ Exhibit — JHD-EB — Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
  - Policy Advisory No. 743 ~ (NEW) Exhibit — KB-EC — Parental Involvement in Education
- ~ The Board discussed the policy advisories as presented.

PRESENTATIONS

- M. Student Achievement – Mary Faley  
 ~ Mary Faley discussed the parent reports that parents will receive on their student’s/students’ progress.

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.

- N. Expense Vouchers ~ 1017, 1018, 1020, 1021, 1022
- O. Payroll Vouchers ~ 15, 15.1, 16

~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Megan Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

STUDY ITEMS

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

- Trust Model Policy/ASBA Policy Bridge

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Board member may request items be added for future agendas

- Student Achievement
- IT Support

ADJOURNMENT ~ Ginny Cosby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm, Megan Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried 3/0.

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

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