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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
FOR FY26 PROPOSED BUDGET
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 @ 5:00 PM
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Harry Dotson, President
Nancy Webster, Vice President
Dave Naugle, Member
Anthony Fennell, 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 5:00 pm, immediately following the public hearing.
- 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 | | |
| D.N. | X | | |
| A.T. | X | | |

B. Approve Minutes

- Meeting Minutes May 6, 2025. ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes May 6, 2025, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

~ Nancy Webster - Had a meeting with Dan and would like to do so once a quarter. Nancy shared a book with Dan, Coddling OF the American Mind. She recommends it for all involved in education.

~Nancy Webster - Subscribes to Education Week, a weekly publication she has found to be beneficial. Nancy brought some past issues to share and recommends the subscription.
 ~ Anthony Fennell - He and Harry Dotson attended 8th grade graduation. He suggests looking into a new PA system as sound quality was questionable at times.
 ~ Harry Dotson – Thank you to Dan Erickson for his leadership in the district and the community. Has seen a positive impact on the district as a whole. Anthony Fennel 2^{nds}.

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Projected 25/26 enrollment (104)
- Budget Update ~ May 2025
- Student Account/8th Grade Fund Activity ~ May 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

~ None

ACTION ITEMS

E. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY26 Proposed Expenditure Budget.

~ Heidi Gonzales reviewed the FY26 Proposed Expenditure Budget.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY26 Proposed Expenditure Budget, Dave Naugle 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY26 Trust renewal.

~ The Board reviewed the renewal.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY26 Trust Renewal, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

G. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY26 Alliance renewal.

~ The Board reviewed the renewal.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY26 Alliance renewal, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – ESI Agreement.

~ Dan Erickson reviewed the ESI program and how it works for employees and the school district.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the ESI agreement, Anthony Fennel 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY25 Asset Disposal list.

~ The Board reviewed the asset list.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY25 Asset Disposal list, Dave Naugle 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

K. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring William Botz for 2025 Summer Help Position.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring William Botz for 2025 Summer Help Position, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

L. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – The Board may vote to allow the district to provide employees food and beverages at school district events, including school functions and training, per HB-2210.

~ Dan Erickson reviewed what HB-2210 allows for providing food and beverages for employees at district events and school functions, to include professional development.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve allowing the district to provide employees food and beverages at school district events, including school functions and training, per HB-2210, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

M. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Reaffirm and/or make additions for consideration for Arizona School Boards Association Legislative Committee 2026 Political Agenda.

~ The Board reviewed and discussed the 2025 Political Agenda, would like to reaffirm the items on 2025 Political Agenda for 2026.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to reaffirm the items on the 2025 Political Agenda for the Arizona School Boards Association Legislative Committee 2026 Political Agenda, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 4/0/1. Anthony Fennell abstained from the vote.

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

N. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Daniel Erickson vacation buy back, 10 days, paid at payroll 26.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Daniel Erickson's vacation buy back of 10 days, paid at P.26 as presented, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

O. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY26 Superintendent Pay for Performance goals.

~ Dan Erickson reviewed his FY26 goals with the Board.

~ Harry Dotson made amotion to approve the FY26 Superintendent Pay for Performance goals, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

P. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2025 Board Retreat date, time, location and topics.

~ The Board discussed possible topics, dates, location for the 2025 Board Retreat. Possible topics include general introductions and get to know each other and why each has chosen to serve on the Board, Mandatory Reporting required training, AASA testing scores, Row the Boat, establishing 3 goals for the Board to focus on, discuss strengths and weaknesses and what can be improved.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to schedule the 2025 Board Retreat for August 1, 2025, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Will determine location at July meeting, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

| Member | Aye | Nay | Abstain |
|--------|-----|-----|---------|
| H.D. | X | | |
| N.W. | X | | |
| A.F. | X | | |
| D.N. | X | | |
| A.T. | 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 ~ 1037, 1038, 1039
- Payroll Vouchers ~ 23, 24, 24.1

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Dave Naugle 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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

STUDY ITEMS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- List of School Board Actions
- Location of 2025 Board Retreat

ADJOURNMENT ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

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