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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING FOR
FY24/25 FINAL BUDGET REVISION
TUESDAY, MAY 6th, 2025 at 5:00 PM

SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 6th, 2025
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BUDGET REVISION HEARING
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Harry Dotson, President
Nancy Webster, Vice President
David Naugle, Member
Aaron Thomas, Member
Anthony Fennell

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Daniel Erickson, Superintendent
Heidi Gonzales, Business Manager

OPENING

A. Call to Order ~ Harry Dotson called the meeting to order after the Public Hearing at 5:00pm.

- Pledge of Allegiance ~ All in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Adoption of the Agenda ~ Harry Dotson noted an error on the agenda in item N. It should read "FY 25/26 (ASBAIT) employee medical benefits (3.7% premium increase):", rather than "FY 24/25 (ASBAIT) employee medical benefits (3.7% premium increase):". Harry Dotson made a motion to adopt the agenda with the amendment to item N. to state: "FY 25/26 (ASBAIT) employee medical benefits (3.7% premium increase):", 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		

B. Approve Minutes

- Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025
~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes April 1, 2025, 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		

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

- ~ Anthony Fennell reported that he has started a mentorship with a former Elgin Student.
- ~ Anthony Fennell brought a Pocketalk translator to show the Board and demonstrated its functions and capabilities.
- ~ Dave Naugle attended the Burger Burn.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Students of the Month ~ Ty Peterson
- Enrollment (114)
- SY25 Parent, Student and Staff Surveys
- Legislative Update
- Summer Office Hours
- Calendar/Events
- Row the Boat, staff book study for SY25/26
- Budget Update ~ April 2025
- Student Account/8th Grade Fund Activity ~ April 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ~ Anna Coleman ~ Thank you to the Board for hiring Mr. Erickson.

ACTION ITEMS

E. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY25 Final Budget Revision.

- ~ Heidi Gonzales reviewed the changes and updates to the budget in the final budget revision.
- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY25 Final Budget Revision, 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		

F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – 2nd Classroom Site Fund Payment and Teacher Performance Pay P. 24.1. May 22, 2025.

- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the 2nd Classroom Site Fund Payment and Teacher Performance Pay P. 24.1. May 22, 2025, 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 – Hiring Rachel Lyman for Elementary Teacher SY26.

- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Rachel Lyman for Elementary Teacher SY26, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 4/0/1.
- Aaraon Thomas recused himself from the vote due to having an outside professional relationship with Mrs. Lyman and family.

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

H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Rachel Lyman for Speech Language Pathologist SY26.

- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Rachel Lyman for Speech Language Pathologist SY26, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 4/0/1. Aaron Thomas recused himself from the vote due to having an outside professional relationship with Mrs. Lyman and family.

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

I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – SY26 Canyon Professional Development for instructional and instructional support staff through Grand Canyon Education.

~ The Board discussed the professional development as presented.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the SY26 Canyon Professional Development for instructional and instructional support staff through Grand Canyon Education, 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		

J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY26 Transportation Agreement between Patagonia Union High School Dist. #20 (Provider), Patagonia Elementary School Dist. #6 (Recipient) and Sonoita Elementary School Dist. #25 (Recipient).

~ The Board discussed the relationship with Patagonia and the agreement.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY26 Transportation Agreement between Patagonia Union High School Dist. #20 (Provider), Patagonia Elementary School Dist. #6 (Recipient) and Sonoita Elementary School Dist. #25 (Recipient), 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		

K. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Purchase of new Yellow Micro Bird 14 Passenger Bus with Patagonia. To be purchased in July 2025 for bus to be in rotation for start of SY26. \$46,247.00.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the purchase of new Yellow Micro Bird 14 Passenger Bus with Patagonia. To be purchased in July 2025 for bus to be in rotation for start of SY26. \$46,247.00, 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 – FY26 Sole Source providers and/or Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) as follows:

- Aspin/Mohave (Food Service)
- Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Coop. (SSVEC)
- Visions School ERP Pro/Tyler Technologies

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY26 Sole Source providers and/or Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) 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		

M. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Prepayments of FY26 agreements and renewals as budget allows.

- AASBO dues
- ASBAIT/Meritain Insurance
- Capital Financial
- CLM/Mealtime
- Marazano IE Observation renewal
- MediaNet (IEP-Pro)
- Patagonia Transportation
- NAU Consortium
- Synergy Student Attendance System
- The Alliance Workman's Comp
- The Trust
- Tyler Technologies

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve prepayments of FY26 agreements and renewals as budget allows as presented, 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		

N. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY 25/26 (ASBAIT) employee medical benefits (3.7% premium increase):

- The District will continue offering the same three plans;
 - The District will cover 100% of the cost of Value Gold for employees only.
 - The District will cover 100% of the HDHP-A and will deposit \$1,064.00 in an HSA on the employee's behalf.
 - Employees not choosing HDHP-A may buy up to the Classic Silver plan.

~ The Board reviewed and discussed the FY26 renewal.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY 25/26 (ASBAIT) employee medical benefits (3.7% premium increase) 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 – The Trust Model Policy 2024/2025, Volume 4, Suggested Updates as presented.

~ The Board discussed the suggested updates.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Trust Model Policy 2024/2025, Volume 4, Suggested Updates 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		

P. ACTION TO APPROVE – Superintendent's Contract. The Governing Board may take action with respect to the approval of the Superintendent's contract.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY26 – FY28 Superintendent's Contract, 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		

Q. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY25 Superintendent Performance Pay, Final Payment. P.25, June 5, 2025.

~ Mr. Erickson reviewed his goals and achievements for the 24/25 school year.

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY25 Superintendent Performance Pay, Final Payment. P.25, June 5, 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		

R. DISCUSS – Title VI.

~ The Board discussed the recent changes and updates with Title VI.

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.

- ~ FY26 Physical Therapist, Kimberly Muños
- ~ FY26 Psychological Services, James B. Davis
- ~ Expense Vouchers 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036
- ~ Payroll Vouchers 21, 22
- ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent 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		

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- List of School Board Actions
- 2025 Board Retreat. Date, time, location and topics. ~ June 2025

ADJOURNMENT

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm, 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		