



Sonoita Elementary School District # 25

Elgin School

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*Mary Faley, Superintendent
Melissa Paul, Executive Secretary*

**SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Tuesday October 5, 2021 @ 5:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL**

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Ginny Cosby, President
Harry Dotson, Member
Anthony Fennell, Member
Megan Thomas, Clerk ~ Arrived @ 5:15pm
Nancy Webster, Member ~ Absent

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Mary Faley, Superintendent
Heidi Gonzales, Board Secretary

OPENING

- A. Call to Order - Ginny Cosby called the meeting to order @ 5:00pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance- All in attendance stood to recite The Pledge of Allegiance
 - Adoption of the Agenda - Ginny Cosby motioned to adopt the agenda, Harry Dotson 2nd, motion passed 3/0.

B. Approve Minutes - Ginny noted that Tami Cubillas' last name should be noted in the minutes in item C. Heidi Gonzales stated the change would be made. Ginny Cosby made a motion to approve Sept. 7th, 2021 minutes with the correction noted, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion passed 3/0.

- Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. **BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS** - Ginny Cosby reported that Chris Thomas of ASBA resigned today after 20 years of service. Anthony Fennell reported on the County Meeting held on Sept. 21, 2021. Ginny Cosby, Nancy Webster and Heidi Gonzales were all recognized for an award. There was a letter sent out NSBA that was skewed by the media calling certain behaviors "Acts of Terrorism", however Anthony Fennell did some research and found the actual letter (handed out to members during meeting) and the letter does not in fact state that at all. Harry Dotson explained he had to leave the Law Conference due to a close contact with Covid-19, tested negative for COVID-19.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment (120)
- ASBA County Meeting Review - Anthony Fennell had already covered the meeting.
- COVID-19 - numbers in our zip codes are increasing, we have no common threads between cases as spreading within the school. We have 2 students home due to close contact and 1 staff member home with a close relative with Covid-19.
- Superintendent Evaluation Process -The Board has to be notified that the eval needs to be done by November 15th, Mary Faley is notifying today, the eval needs to be done by Dec. Mary Faley stated is happy to send out last year's eval for the Board's review.
- Voting for proposed amendment to the ASBA Bylaws - The Board can choose to vote or not. Information was sent in Board packets, will put this on the next agenda to vote on.
- 20/21 District Annual Financial and Food Service Annual Financial Reports - Will need a Special Board Meeting as these reports were not ready for approval at this time.
- Calendar/Events
- 1983 Chevrolet Purple Truck - Looking at the possibility of donating the truck to Patagonia CTED program, spoke with our lawyer and in order to do that the Board has to come to the conclusion that the worth of the truck is less than what it would take to sell it, at this time in the condition that it is in the estimated value is around \$4000.00. Harry Dotson asked if we can let Patagonia work on the truck while keeping the title, basically like letting them borrow the truck from us for their program. Megan Thomas asked if we could allow them to fix the truck up then sell it and split the cost. Heidi Gonzales stated she would ask our lawyer about these possibilities and report back.

- (Added at the meeting) TikTok Challenge – There is a challenge going on at schools that kids are participating in, September’s challenge was to vandalize bathrooms, we had one case where a paper towel dispenser was taken off the wall. Mary Faley has spoken to the middle school about this challenge and that there will be no participating in this school. October’s challenge is to slap a staff member.
- (Added at the meeting) – Annette Koweek has been recognized as a Middle School Science Teacher of the Year!

E. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Individuals wishing to address the Board must complete a request to address the Board. The purpose of the “Call to the Public” section is for the Governing Board to hear statements from constituents. Persons speaking shall observe the rules of propriety and refrain from slanderous remarks.

NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE OR COMMENTS

- Each speaker is limited to two minutes
- Each speaker must be recognized by the Board President

NOTE: At the conclusion of public comment, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, the Governing Board is prohibited by law from addressing topics, which do not appear on the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

- F. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Special Board Meeting on October 13th, 2021 at 9:00 am for the 20/21 District Annual Financial and Food Service Annual Financial Reports, Classroom Site Plan and Narrative. – Ginny Cosby made a motion, Anthony Fennell 2nd. Motion carried 4/0.
- G. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Cheryl Kueneman resignation. – Ginny Cosby motioned to accept resignation, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- H. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Hiring Jayci Madraso-Whittington as part time Paraprofessional. – Ginny Cosby made a motion, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- I. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Hiring Jose Santos as part-time Paraprofessional. Ginny Cosby made the motion, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- J. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Posting to hire Part Time position for Custodian/Kitchen. – Ginny Cosby made the motion, Harry Dotson 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- K. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Memorandum of Understanding Promoting Healthy Students/Safe Schools. Santa Cruz County School Superintendent. – Mary Faley stated we would not be participating in all activities listed in the memorandum, can pick and choose what we participate in. Ginny Cosby made the motion to agree to memorandum, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- L. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – 20/21 K-3 Reading Annual Financial Report. – Ginny Cosby made the motion to approve, Harry Dotson 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- M. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – 21/22 K-3 Reading Budget. – Ginny Cosby made the motion to approve, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.
- N. **DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE** – Consideration to appoint _____ (board member) to represent Sonoita Elementary School District as the district delegate to The Annual Business Meeting on December 16 – 17, 2021 (Saturday, Sunday), Pre-Conference December 15, 2021. – Ginny Cosby noted that the days listed do not coincide with the dates, will table this item until known for sure, all members agree. Ginny Cosby made the motion to table item N until next regular meeting, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

CONSENT AGENDA ** - Ginny Cosby made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

**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: 1005, 1006
- Payroll Vouchers: 6, 7

STUDY ITEMS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Board member may request items be added for future agendas.

~ Superintendent Evaluation

~ Tabled item N

ADJOURNMENT - Ginny Cosby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 4/0.

Information regarding the Governing Board's Agenda for the meeting may be obtained by calling 455-5514.

PURSUANT TO TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, QUALIFIED DISABLED INDIVIDUAL(S) WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS MAY CONTACT MARY FALEY OR HEIDI GONZALES AT 455-5514 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

IF AN INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO HAVE AN INTERPRETER PRESENT AT A BOARD MEETING, THE PERSON MUST REQUEST AN INTERPRETER BY CONTACTING MARY FALEY OR HEIDI GONZALES AT 455-5514 AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING."

Posted 10/4/2020 10:00 am Sonoita Post Office, Elgin School, Elgin School Web Site

I, Heidi Gonzales, certify that this notice of public meeting, prepared pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, was posted at Sonoita Post Office and Elgin School on the 4th day of October 2021 at 10:00 am.

/s/ 
