



Sonoita Elementary School District #25

Elgin School

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Christopher Bonn Ed.D, Superintendent

Melissa Paul, Administrative Secretary

SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Monday June 19 2017 5:30 pm
MINUTES

Board Attendance:

Mike Sweedo, President
Sharon McCully, Clerk
Kelly Bostock, Member
Ginny Cosbey, Member
Ian Tomlinson, Member

District Attendance:

Dr. Christopher Bonn, Supt.
Isela Reyes, Business Manager

2017/18 Proposed Expenditure Budget Hearing 5:00-5:30 PM

1. Presentation of the 2017/18 Proposed Budget by Superintendent. – Dr. Bonn’s PowerPoint presentation informed the public on new regulations regarding the 17/18 proposed budget. He also shared Elgin School trends, historically dating back to 2008, in student attendance, budget, tax rate and small school funds.
2. Discussion- The Board had no discussion on the presentation or the proposed 17/18 budget.

Opening -

- A. Call to Order- Mike Sweedo called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm
 - Pledge of Allegiance – All in attendance stood and pledged allegiance to The Flag of The United States of America.
 - Adoption of the Agenda- Mike Sweedo motioned to adopt the agenda. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting Minutes June 6, 2017- Mike Sweedo motioned to adopt the June 6 2017 meeting minutes. 2nd by Ginny Cosbey. Motion carried 5-0.

Information Items:

- C. Board Member Activity Reports - None
- D. Superintendent Report
 - June 30 2017 Board Meeting 5:00 pm. - 17/18 Expenditure Budget Adoption. – Dr. Bonn reminded the board and public of the June 30 2017 board meeting at 5:00 pm for 17/18 Budget adoption.
- E. Public Comment-
 - Nancy Stiffey- Questioned administrative costs compared to instructional costs. Drop in school rating and achievement.
 - Nickolas Robbs- Commented on the AG’s reporting and district stress level (low). Questioned the percentage of classroom dollars and if administrative costs could be reduced.
 - Gary Brown- Questioned the amount in prepayments and shower enclosure in the nurses office. Requested the proposed budget be mailed out to the community.
 - Judy Neal- Questioned the discrepancy on the proposed budget summary page 2 relating to FTE’s. Requested information on where to find the “grow your own” program on the district online policy manual. Asked where the Empire tuition money goes. Commented her tax rate was 4.449.
 - Sandra Ruppel- Requested a reduction in staff. Had questions regarding the transportation of special ed students. Requested a microphone for The Board. Asked if there were any grants the district has applied for. Asked if there was any way to reduce or anything that can be reduced to lower the tax rate. Made comments on her past experience in running a school and those students’ achievements of a small budget.
 - Gerald Brothen- Questioned why the name of the school was Sonoita Elementary School District #25 if the school had a middle school. Wanted to know the number of students per teacher and what the minimum number for a class was.
 - Norma Etchart- Read a letter on behalf of the Office Manager regarding the district summer hours. Employees are at the school site as district 12-month employees getting ready for the next school year.
 - Lorinda Pierce- Introduced herself as the current student achievement coach of the district. She stated the importance and benefits of providing teachers collaborative resources and support.
 - Clare Bonelli- Thanked The Board, Dr. Bonn and Isela for their work. Commented on her experience as a past board member and the budget process as well as the ongoing changes to school budgets.

Action Items

- F. Discuss / Action to Approve- 2017-2018 Proposed expenditure budget for Sonoita School District #25. – Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the proposed expenditure budget for 17/18. 2nd by Ian Tomlinson. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Discuss / Action to Approve- Sheree Gronlund certified teacher for 17/18 school year. - Mike Sweedo motioned to approve Sheree Gronlund. 2nd by Ian Tomlinson. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. Discuss / Action to Approve- Change of location or date of August 1nd Board meeting. - Dr. Bonn recommended changing the location of the August 1st board meeting to the library. Mike motioned to approve the recommendation to move the August meeting to the library. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda** No Items

STUDY ITEMS None Requested

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mike Sweedo requested we grant Mr. Gary Brown's request on mailing out the proposed budget to all the community members.

ADJOURNMENT- Mike Sweedo motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Ian Tomlinson. Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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