



**Sonoita Elementary School District #25**

**Elgin School**

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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD HEARING

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM

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Friday June 30 2017 @ 5:30 PM

ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

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

Opening

- A. Call to Order – Mike Sweedo Called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- 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 as posted. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. FY 17/18 Budget Adoption Hearing- Members of the community in attendance spoke with concerns regarding the rising cost of property taxes and budget issues.

Judy Neal- Had questions regarding Empire tuition received and where that money goes. Budget stayed the same appraised values went up and tax rate also went up. She also asked why the rise in legal costs and if we should expect a tax rise every year.

Judy Bell- Thanked The Board for their volunteer service. She is concerned with property taxes. She also thanked Judy Neal for keeping the community informed. Wants to work together to address the concerns of the community but also benefit the kids. She also inquired about the student achievement coach and gave suggestions to lower the budget.

She mentioned – Combining classrooms. Looking at positions as needed. Having teachers pay their own continuing education and unifying with Patagonia.

Sandra Ruppel- She thanked the elected officials. Mentioned her meeting with Dr. Bonn and Ian Tomlinson. She commented on how school boards should not be at odds with the community. She also had concerns regarding false rumors going around the community of what she had said during her meeting.

Angela Brown- Mrs. Brown is a teacher here at Elgin School and she listed all the benefits of having a student achievement coach not only for her as a teacher but for her students as well. She mentioned all the resources needed in order to keep the rigor and excellence Elgin School is known for.

Lorinda Pierce- Mrs. Pierce thanked the board. She compared her experiences when she began in education 16 years ago and the mentors she had. She explained how much education has changed in that time not only for students but teachers also. She appreciated The Board for making the investment in the children of Elgin School.

Kimberly Swift- Ms. Swift is an Elgin Alumni, local property owner and a teacher here at Elgin School. She thanked The Board for serving the district. She shared her views on how much pressure is put on teachers. She mentioned the state mandates, evaluations, and student mastery. She explained the impact of 1 student failing in the class. She also was grateful for the student achievement coach position. She explained how it was non evaluating position but one of pure support. She stated that as teachers here at Elgin they don't only teach their students they also nurture them as human beings. She feels proud and blessed to work at Elgin School.

Jim Koweek- Mr. Koweek had his own kids come thru Elgin School, his wife is a teacher here and he has also served on the board. Mr. Koweek mentioned how much education has changed even from the time his 1<sup>st</sup> child went to school to his youngest. He suggested to the community if you have a complaint call the school and come in to the school to make your own opinions.

Annette Koweek- Mrs. Koweek shared her experiences as a teacher at Elgin School. She goes to Colorado every year to a camp and learns new things that she in turn brings back to Elgin. She takes all the negative comments from the community very personal. All the staff works hard and Elgin has amazing kids. She explained how she teaches the kids to think and apply what they learn and not just memorize. She explained how mentoring has changed and how there isn't enough collaboration due to only 1 grade classrooms. She feels the student achievement coach is very helpful. She can concentrate on teaching kids and not gathering data. Mrs. Koweek invited the community to all the events Elgin hosts. She closed by saying, "We're working our tails off. I think we're spending our money wisely."

Dr. Bonn- Dr. Bonn addressed some of the questions asked by community members. He explained the certification requirements. He explained how this year's budget includes the deduction of transportation prepayment. He also requested from The Board to allow him to decide who and where the budget is cut. He stated the community should not decide who is cut; yes they can request to reduce the budget but not a position. He asked that it be his discretion.

#### C. Approve Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes June 19, 2017- Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the June 19 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginny Cosby. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Information Items

#### D. Board Member Activity Reports- None

#### E. Superintendent' Report

- Enrollment Update- (112) projected- Projected enrollment some families are interested in coming in the fall.
- Summer Projects- Preventative maintenance around campus, painting classrooms, field improvements, purchasing and closing out fiscal year. Received the Small Rural technology grant. All staff will attend a mandated CPR course.
- Cost Savings projections (1/2 day Kinder, & SAC)

#### F. Public Comment- None for Regular Meeting.

## Action Items

- G. Discuss / Action to Approve- Adoption of 2017-2018 expenditure budget for Sonoita School District #25. - Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the 17/18 expenditure budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. Discuss / Action to Approve- 2017-2018 lunch price increase. – Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the 17/18 lunch prices. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.
- I. Discuss / Action to Approve- 17/18 Transportation Agreement. Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the 17/18 Patagonia transportation agreement. Dr. Bonn explained it was part of the consortium with Patagonia Elementary, Patagonia High School and Elgin School. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ian Tomlinson. Motion carried 5-0.
- J. Discuss / Action to Approve- SFB (School Facilities Board) 2018 Capital Plan. Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the SFB capital plan. Dr. Bonn explained it was an award to make the playground ADA compliant, so that children with disabilities have equal access to it. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginny Cosby. Motion carried 5-0.
- K. Discuss / Action to Approve- Bid Award for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, 2020 (3years) for Audit Services to Dobridge & Company. Mike Sweedo motioned to amend the award for 3 years to 5 years as stated in the contract received from Dobridge & Company. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Bostock. Motion carried 5-0. Mike Sweedo motioned to approve the 5 year contract for fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020,2021, & 2022 for audit services from Dobridge & Company. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.
- L. Discuss / Action to Approve-Kimberly Muñoz, Physical Therapist for FY 17/18. – Mike Sweedo motioned to approve Kimberly Munoz for the 17/18 school year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Bostock. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda\*\* - Mike Sweedo motioned all items on consent agenda be approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Expense Vouchers 1030, 1031

N. Donation of Soil for Field improvements from L&L Excavating. (A. Lorta)

**STUDY ITEMS**

None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**- Mike Sweedo motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McCully. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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