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Christopher Bonn Ed.D, Superintendent
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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday October 4, 2017 @ 5:00 PM
ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

CORRECTED MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Mike Sweedo, President
Sharon McCully, Clerk
Kelly Bostock, Member
Ian Tomlinson, Member
Ginny Cosby, Member ~ Via Telephone for Executive Session portion of Meeting.

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Christopher Bonn, Superintendent
Isela Reyes, Business Manager

OPENING

- A. Call to Order- Mike Sweedo called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 4-0.
- B. Approve Minutes -
- Meeting Minutes September 5, 2017- Mike Sweedo motioned to adopt the Sept. 5 2017 meeting minutes. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 4-0.
 - Special Meeting Minutes September 20, 2017- Mike Sweedo motioned to adopt the Sept. 20 special meeting minutes. 2nd by Kelly Bostock. Motion carried 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS - None

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment (113) –Lost 4 students, however we had one student enroll and will start tomorrow.
- ASBA County Meeting- Let Mrs. Etchart know if you will be attending the December Law Conference.
- Budget
- Needs Assessment survey- needs assessment revealed the areas that are working and areas that need work. There were 10 areas polled. The one that needs the most attention is Administration. These issues will be reviewed on Friday's professional development. Survey is used to come up with improvement plans on areas that require most attention.
- 10/9/17 – 10/13/17 –Fall Break- Office will be closed.
- Educator of the Month- Anna Coleman- Mrs. Coleman is doing a phenomenal job. The secret garden is looking great and she is working on upcoming performances.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Bell: Concerns regarding misinformation given to the community. Community members are asking what can be done to reduce tax burden and maintain the same level of education. Ms. Bell suggested consolidation with Patagonia or turning Elgin School into a charter school. She asked what effects would it create for both communities in reference to taxpayers and kid's education. Ms. Bell stated she has been asking around both communities and most people like the idea of consolidating with Patagonia. Ms. Bell asked Ian Tomlinson why he chose to send both of his children to private school. She commented she did not expect a response. Ian Tomlinson responded. Kelly Bostock also made comment that her child does not attend Patagonia HS and asked Ms. Bell what

group and where her poll was conducted. Ms. Bell stated she has been all around both communities. Mike Sweedo suggested to Ms. Bell if she wanted this item on the agenda to request it. Ms. Bell also made comments in reference to availability of school budgets and audit reports. She stated concerns regarding superintendent contract costs in reference to vacation buy back amounts, and transportation reimbursements. Isela Reyes informed Ms. Bell that all budgets are available to the public via the ADE website.

Norma Etchart: Mrs. Etchart read a letter on behalf of Lorinda Pierce, who could not attend the board meeting. Mrs. Pierce stated Dr. Bonn informed her that there had been an anonymous letter sent to the governing board on behalf of Elgin staff. Mrs. Pierce was not approached by any staff member and does not share the same sentiments she was told were in the letter. Mrs. Pierce has received positive feedback from staff. She does not want the board receiving a conflicting message.

David Daffern: Stated respect for The Board. Spoke about the realities of living in a small town. He requested The Board not let concerns pass thru and not rush into things. He requested The Board investigate all complaints and be thorough; this way the community knows you went the extra mile. The community depends on The Board to know what is happening.

Isela Reyes: Spoke regarding the superintendent's contract negotiations. She commented on the positive changes made by the superintendent. She also stated concerns in regards to the superintendent's lack of leadership, attendance and unethical actions. She requested that The Board take pause and address all aspects before making a decision.

Keith Arnett: Mr. Arnett had concerns regarding 30-hour a week maintenance position that will not be refilled in December due to budget constraints. Mr. Arnett asked The Board to take consideration of the current budget before approving or making any contract decisions whether they be Dr. Bonn's or any vendor.

ACTION ITEMS

- F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE –FY 2016-17 Annual Financial Report. – Mike Sweedo motioned to approve FY17 AFR. 2nd by Ian Tomlinson. Motion carried 4-0.
- G. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Changing January 2nd 2018 Regular Board Meeting to January 9th 2018. - Dr. Bonn stated January 2 meeting conflicts with winter break. Mike Sweedo motioned to change regular January 2nd meeting to January 9th 2018. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 4-0.
- H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Changing April 3rd 2018 Regular Board Meeting to April 10th 2018. - Dr. Bonn stated this date conflicts with spring break. Mike Sweedo motioned to change regular April 3rd meeting to April 10th. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 4-0.

Mike Sweedo motioned to move into executive session for item I. at 5:33 pm.

Mike Sweedo motioned to reconvene into regular session at 7:50 pm.

- I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE –Superintendent Contract. - The Governing Board may vote to convene in Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, regarding this item. Pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.03 (A) (1). Employment, (5) Compensation. –Mike Sweedo motioned to table item I until October 16 at 5:00 pm. Superintendent's contract will be incentivized with a plan. 2nd by Kelly Bostock. Motion Carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA** - Mike Sweedo motioned to approve consent agenda as listed. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Motion carried 4-0.

- J. Expense Vouchers 1004, 1005

STUDY ITEMS

None requested

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Item I. October 16 2017 Special Board meeting at 5:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Sweedo motioned to adjourn the regular board meeting. 2nd by Sharon McCully. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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