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SONOITA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
 ELGIN SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM, ELGIN SCHOOL

MINUTES

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Harry Dotson, President
 Nancy Webster, Vice President
 Anthony Fennell, Member
 Ginny Cosby, Member
 Megan Thomas, Member

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE:

Daniel Erickson, Superintendent
 Heidi Gonzales, Business Manager

OPENING

- A. Call to Order ~ Harry Dotson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
 - Pledge of Allegiance ~ All in attendance stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Adoption of the Agenda ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adopt the agenda, Ginny Cosby 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

- B. Approve Minutes
 - Meeting Minutes October 1, 2024
 - Special Meeting Minutes October 10, 2024

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes October 1, 2024, and the Special Meeting Minutes October 10, 2024, Ginny Cosby 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

INFORMATION ITEMS

- C. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS
 - ~ Nancy Webster visited the 2nd grade class.
 - ~ Harry Dotson and Dan Erickson attended the ASBA County Meeting.
- D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - Students of the Month ~ Emry Willie and Dayami Ayon
 - Enrollment (114)

- Veterans Day Program 11/8/24
- Calendar/Events
- FY26 Benefits ~ Will be requesting quotes from multiple companies.
- Budget Update ~ October 2024
- Student Account/8th Grade Fund Activity ~ October 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ~ Mimi Witt addressed the Board advocating against moving to 4-day school week.
- ~ Gary Brown addressed the Board advocating against moving to a 4-day school week.

PRESENTATIONS

E. Student Achievement: State Report Card ~ Daniel Erickson gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FY24 testing scores and the State Report Card results.

ACTION ITEMS

F. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Annette Koweek as Substitute Teacher effective 11/7/24.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Annette Koweek as Substitute Teacher effective 11/7/24, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

G. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Christina Lopez as Substitute Teacher effective 11/7/2024.
 ~ Mr. Erickson explained Ms. Lopez is in the process of getting her emergency sub cert, once that is received, we will put Ms. Lopez into sub rotation rather than effective 11/7/24.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to hire Christina Lopez as Substitute Teacher upon certification, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

H. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Hiring Maxwell Brooks as Part Time Custodian effective 11/7/2024.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve hiring Maxwell Brooks as Part Time Custodian effective 11/7/2024, Ginny Cosby 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

I. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – The Trust List of Approved Hearing Officers.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the Trust List of Approved Hearing Officers, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		

G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

- J. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – The As is Conveyance, Acceptance and Release Agreement with SSVEC for Solar Panels.
 ~ Megan Thomas requested SSVEC send a tech out to inspect and possibly service the panels, so the condition of the panels is known.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the As is Conveyance, Acceptance and Release Agreement with SSVEC for Solar Panels, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

- K. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY 23/24 1st Certified Classroom Site Fund Payment on December 5, 2024, P. 12.1.
 ~ Harry Dotson pointed out the FY of this item should be FY 24/25, not FY 23/24.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 1st Certified Classroom Site Fund Payment on December 5, 2024, P. 12.1, Megan Thomas 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

- L. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – FY 24/25 1st Classified Extra Duty Payment on December 5, 2024, P. 12.5.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the FY 24/25 1st Classified Extra Duty Payment on December 5, 2024, P. 12.5, Ginny Cosby 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

- M. DISCUSS / ACTION TO APPROVE – Superintendent’s mid-year performance payment. The Board may vote to approve the Superintendent Performance Pay for FY25 to be 1% to 10% of Superintendent’s base salary as stated per contract, based on Exhibit A. The Board approves _____% of base contract, with the mid-year payment to be made on December 19, 2024, P.13, and year end payment on June 19, 2025, P.26.
 ~Mr. Erickson reviewed the 1st semester with the Board and discussed efforts and achievements thus far.
 ~The Board discussed.
 ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve Superintendent’s performance pay to be 10% of base contract, with the mid-year payment to be made on December 19, 2024, P.13, and year end payment on June 19, 2025, P.26, Anthony Fennell 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		

A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

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.

- Expense Vouchers 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015
- Payroll Vouchers 8, 9

~ Harry Dotson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ginny Cosby 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		

STUDY ITEMS

- FY26 Employee Benefit Options
- AI

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Student Achievement
- Adding an additional administrative position ~ January 2025
- 4-day vs. 5-day school weeks (Board Vote Dec. 2024)

ADJOURNMENT ~ Harry Dotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm, Nancy Webster 2nd, motion carried 5/0.

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
H.D.	X		
N.W.	X		
G.C.	X		
A.F.	X		
M.T.	X		