

SANTA CRUZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #28

The Little Red School

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

(Those in attendance are respectfully requested to silence their cell phones/electronic devices)

Pursuant to A.R.S. #38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board of the Santa Cruz Elementary School District #28 and to the public that the Board will hold a Special Board meeting, on Tuesday April 9, 2024 at 5:30p.m., in the District Office located at 7 Duquesne Rd, Nogales, AZ. Doors will be opening for the public at 5:15p.m.

The Board may hold one or more executive sessions during the meeting pursuant as indicated below. Executive sessions are not open to the public. The Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (3) for legal advice from the attorney for the district, either in person or telephonically, on any agenda item.

The governing Board reserves the right to reschedule, delete, or rearrange items on the agenda, to efficiently conduct its business.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:45 P.M

- a) Roll Call
- Board President: Dr. Carrie Potting
 - Board Clerk: Dr. John Wemlinger
 - Board Member: Mr. Ron Fish
 - Board Member: Mr. Robert Noon
 - Board Member: Mr. Danny Fish
 - Superintendent/Principal: Mrs. Romero
- All board members present**

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Dr. Pottinger

C. Call to the Public:

Members of the public wishing to address the Board on education-related matters within the jurisdiction of the Board are required to complete the appropriate "Request to Speak" form and submit the completed form to the Board prior to the meeting. The President will recognize individuals from the public to address the Board. Public comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less in order to continue with the efficiency of the meeting. The Board requests that the public refrain from the use of speech or language that is offensive or inappropriate to the proper conduct of the meeting. At the conclusion of the call to the public, individual members of the Board may only respond to criticism, ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be

placed on a future agenda. The Board shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action on the current agenda. Members of the audience are also reminded that personal attacks on individuals are discouraged; the Board policy allows complaints about individual employees of the District to be addressed by completion of Policy KEB.

Little Red Parents topic was the concern they have about combining classes.

D. School Board Minutes:

Discuss/Approve the following Board Minutes:
Board Meeting Minutes, March 19th, 2024

Mr. Fish motioned to approve, Danny Fish 2nd

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Potting	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

E. New Business:

1 .Discussion and /or action regarding resignation of Business Manager, Denisse Melendez and waiver of liquidated damages ending May 2nd, 2024.

Dr. Wemlinger motioned to approve, Danny Fish 2nd

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Potting	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon		X	
Mr. R. Fish	X		

2. Discuss Current financial district status and possible outcomes for SY 24-25

Mrs. Romero showed a presentation to the parents from ASBA where Congress and Legislation have been talking about the Aggregating Spending Limit, this is happening Statewide, Countywide, Nationwide, due to this, many schools were contemplating on closing in the month of April of last year. If Legislation brings Aggregating Spending Limit back, it will affect our school district with \$300,000 dollars for the following school year. Mrs. Romero told parents about how she knows that parents are concerned about their children’s education and explained what the Roll of our Governing Board is, that they do not get paid for being on the Governing Board, they are community members interested in the kid’s education. Mrs. Romero explained how Little Red’s budget situation started about two years before COVID, but the district was able to keep going due to ESSER Funds that are no longer available. Another huge factor for our budget is the low student population in our school district. She stated that many schools are going through the same situation, there are many vouchers, school choices, Charter Schools, Online Public Schools homeschooled students. Many parents are working from home and have decided to homeschool their

children. Many factors taking place. She stated that Board Member have always been informed about the school's Financial Situation. Mrs. Romero talked about the things that have been done to cut spending; reduced teacher aide hours, stopped paying for students snack, bus drivers hours were cut, hired another food service company. Mrs. Romero also talked about the budget cuts for SY 24-25 will include frozen salaries, continue not to pay for snacks, insurance premiums capped, and contracted food service. Mrs. Romero presented the different scenarios for multi-leveled classrooms and the advantages of having combined classes for the students. The presentation included additional budget cut scenarios and the savings amount for each one.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve multi-grade classrooms for SY 24-25.

Discussion took place of multi-level classrooms including possible outcomes to help the districts financial status. Student enrollment numbers per class was discussed and the possible solutions such as going to small schools adjustment.

Dr. Wemlinger motioned to approve combined, classes for SY 24-25, Ron Fish 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

4. Discussion and possible action regarding a reduction in force (RIF) for FY 2024-2025 (certificated and/or classified personnel). A.R.S 15- 544 (A) (A Governing Board may reduce salaries or eliminate certificated teachers in school district in order to effectuate economies in the operation of the district to improve the efficient conduct and administration of the schools of the school district) including policy GCQA and policy GDQA.

Dr. Wemlinger motioned to approve, Mr. Ron Fish 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

5. Discuss/Approve Health Insurance ASBAIT plan, dental, and vision plan insurance health coverage plans for SY 2024-2025

Dr. Wemlinger motioned to approve, Danny Fish 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		

Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

6..Discuss/Approve Certified Salary Schedule for FY 2024-2025

Danny Fish motioned to approve, Mr. Ron Fish 2nd

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

7. Discuss/ Approve ARS 41-2613 Debarment and suspension procedures and district process for financial procurement system.

Dr. Wemlinger motioned to approve motioned to approve Danny Fish 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

8. New Policies for Adoption:

Policy No. 763	BEDB	Agenda
Policy No. 764	BGC-R	Policy Revision and Review
Policy No. 765	BGE, BGE-R	Policy Communications/Feedback
Policy No. 766	CCB-R	Line and Staff Relations
Policy No. 767	CFD	School Based Management
Policy No. 768	EB-R	Environmental/Safety Program
Policy No. 769	EBAA	Reporting Hazards/Warning Systems
Policy No. 770	EBC	Emergencies
Policy No. 771	ECB	Building and Grounds Maintenance
Policy No. 772	EEAA	Walkers and Riders
Policy No. 773	EEAE-R	Bus Safety Program
Policy No. 774	GBEF	Staff Use of Digital/Electronic Devices
Policy No. 775	GDC	Support Staff Leave and Absences
Policy No. 776	IHA	Basic Instructional Program
Policy No. 777	IKA	Graduation Requirements
Policy No. 778	IMA, IMA-R	Teaching Methods
Policy No. 779	JFABDA	Admission of students in Foster Care
Policy No. 780	JH	Student Absences and Excuses
Policy No. 781	JHD	Exclusions & Exemptions School Attendance

Dr. Wemlinger motioned to approve policies for adoption, excluding Policy 777 IKA as policy pertained only to high school, Danny Fish 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

1. Teacher/Staff Report: NONE

2. Superintendent/Principal Report by Mrs. Romero

a.) District Happenings: Mrs. Romero stated current enrollment numbers 110 in district, 67 out of district, investigation of administration resulted in no unlawful actions, ADE complaint by parent also dismissed as no violations were found. The current additional legal fees will be going up for the district as a result of these litigations. School happenings included, transition pictures, parent-teacher conferences going well, baseball season, standardized testing going on, and Honor Roll Assembly.

Announcement: Teacher of the year presented to Barbara Hernandez

b.) Enrollment 177

1. Board President’s Report: Dr. Pottinger stated, my goal was to get lights for the school. The lights from the county have been placed. Thank you Unisource.

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PAYROLL:

RATIFY: FY2023-2024

PP00019 \$56,516.64

PP00019.2 \$899.56

PP00020 \$59,332.55

PP00020.1 \$401.08

APPROVE: FY2023-2024

PP0024 \$55,000.00
PP0025 \$55,000.00
PP0026 \$55,000.00
PP0027 \$55,000.00

EXPENSE

RATIFY: FY2023-2024

E-2419 \$53,218.12

APPROVE: FY2023-2024

E-2424 \$40,000.00
E-2425 \$40,000.00
E-2426 \$40,000.00
E-2427 \$40,000.00

Dr. Ron Fish motioned to approve, Dr. Wemlinger 2nd

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		
Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

1. Budget Balance Summary: Reported by Mrs. Denisse Melendez

F. Future Board Agenda item: Discussion of Special Board Meeting to take place before May 14th, meeting for the issue of certified contracts and reduction in force. Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday. April 17th @ 5:30 P.M.

G. Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, 2024

H. Adjournment: @ 7:39 P.M.

Danny Fish motioned to approve, Dr. Wemlinger 2nd.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Dr. Pottinger	X		

Dr. Wemlinger	X		
Mr. D. Fish	X		
Mr. Noon	X		
Mr. R. Fish	X		

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