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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020
PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
PECOS, NM
6:00 PM**

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MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
Pecos Schools Board Room
Pecos, NM
November 17, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Ms. Darlene Ortiz called the meeting to order @ 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Darlene Ortiz, Board President
Mr. Charles Vigil, Board Vice President- via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone
Mr. Grady Barrens, Board Secretary- via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone
Mr. Michael Flores Sr., Board Member- via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone
Mr. Harold Garcia, Board Member- via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT-via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone

Cathy Gallegos	Pedro Vallejo	Denisha Moodley	Angel Barraza
Thomas Garcia	Isaac Gonzales	Leslie Damon	Brenda Gallegos
Nick Pelafas	Melissa T. Valencia-Flores		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Vigil motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Nicholas Pelafas, Elementary Teacher expressed gratitude to the Board for their hard work and noted the school day makes a difference in kids lives. He recognized the difficulty of teaching, pointed out educating is a considerable amount of work and conveyed teachers appreciate the Boards support. He proposed the idea of year-round schooling for consideration, recognized the loss of learning with/in distance instruction/learning and shared his idea of a remedial plan. Mr. Pelafas, with regards to sports, mentioned students desire for outdoor exercise/activities, presented his thought to perhaps allow teachers to organize pods with students, permitting them to exercise while they socially distance. He petitioned for any initiative measures in which the Board or Administrators can assist students with outdoor activities, acknowledging the gesture would be beneficial. He stated he looked forward to the upcoming school year and the work that lies ahead.

Vice President Vigil inquired on Mr. Pelafas's experience working with year-round school. Mr. Pelafas responded to the inquiry, informing of his unfamiliarity in the topic. He explained his thought process, as a means to address the loss of learning that has occurred in the present school year and pointed out the difficulty for programs (geared to remediate the entire year by the summer) to benefit students. He touched on how year-round school time may be designated to ongoing remediation, keeping students on task. Mr. Pelafas recognized the push back against a year-round schedule, expressing the possibility for parents to consider, based on the current experience/present changes with a different kind of schedule.

Member Garcia inquired on any discussion with Superintendents statewide regarding the topic. Superintendent Sena-Holton acknowledged the inquiry, informing the Legislative Finance School Study Committee has been proposing extended school year and announced the initiative will be presented at the upcoming Legislative Session. She notified of her efforts to attain an extended school year for the present year, informed teachers did not buy into the initiative and mentioned the reasoning. She discussed the K-5 Program, recognized teachers' commitment and referenced the dilemma with the current year. Superintendent Sena-Holton presented the duration for the program and secondary extended school year when in effect.

President Ortiz noted, for the record discussion of Public Comment is forbidden once a Public Comment has been presented to the Board.

GOLDEN PANTHER AWARDS

Principals announced November 2020 award recipients, noted the characteristics that deemed the individual deserving of the award and conveyed recognition certificates will be mailed or may be picked up at the Central Office. The Golden Panthers recognized were Thomas Garcia-5th grader, Angel Barraza-8th grader and Isaac Gonzales-Sophomore. Translation was available for Spanish speaking family.

Superintendent Sena-Holton and Board Members congratulated recipients and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Superintendent Sena-Holton announced the new Public Health Order does not impact the athletics off-season practice or small instructional grouping, provided to several students. She notified she met with Coaches, ensured they're following protocols and mentioned practice monitoring. She expressed her gratification with the obedience of the mandated guidelines by all and noted athlete's motivation/excitement to be back in the gym. Superintendent Sena-Holton identified the current focal sports and conveyed volleyball will most likely begin after Thanksgiving.

President Ortiz inquired on the likelihood of Cross Country Runners competing. Superintendent Sena-Holton responded to the inquiry, informing all sporting events have been moved to January. She briefed on potential New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) calendar/season modification and stated official NMAA Guidance has not been received.

President Ortiz asked how the athletes are coping with the circumstance. Ms. Sena-Holton replied to the question, informing they are not aware of the new schedules. She presented her perspective, based upon her observation, coach's feedback and the manner they conduct themselves. She remarked on the advantages of reinstating practice.

Vice President Vigil inquired on the number of athletes attending practice. Ms. Sena-Holton acknowledged the inquiry; informing staggered practices are conducted and outlined the pod size/coach supervision ratio for the applicable sport.

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Elementary

Secretary Barrens requested a progress update. Ms. Gallegos replied to the request, noting her opportunity for classroom observation. She referenced the modification of instruction to reach the students in the present format, the recognition of student's productivity, classroom management control and blending of environments. She noted an increase in flexibility, understanding, parent communication and teacher outreach, recognizing their effort for success. Ms. Gallegos touched on Technology, identifying the extent of issues and conveyed there has been amazement in the new method of teaching.

Vice President Vigil asked if packets are still provided. Ms. Gallegos responded to the inquiry, informing packets were prepared with a weeks' worth, in avoidance of personnel contact and

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complying with the Governors mandate. She reported the majority of students utilize the Google Classroom Program to prepare their work and informed on other methods of submission.

Ms. Gallegos informed Mr. Pelafas presented a valid point, acknowledging students with disabilities are having difficulties with the current instruction method. She conveyed services are being provided within the allotted time, recognizing it is not ideal.

Secretary Barrens inquired on the availability of adequate staffing and instruments, to assist the situation in the best manner. Ms. Gallegos acknowledged the question, informing we're able to correct technical issues for some students, with parental cooperation, and indicated unfortunately, some parents find it difficult for students to be in a home setting, despite the daily ongoing instruction.

Mr. Pelafas showed appreciation to Ms. Gallegos for her support, reported the Special Education students are those enduring the most difficulty and missing the most learning. He acknowledged the issues are a mixture, noted support can be provided to majority of the kids in various manners and recognized on-line limitations. He conveyed, from a teachers position the population is the most affected.

Middle School

Secretary Barrens inquired on Teacher Feedback/Accountability Reports topics. Ms. Moodley responded to the inquiry, informing Teacher Feedback consists of a rubric and outlined the components that deal with factors that are indicative of strong instruction.

Secretary Barrens inquired on any knowledge of reasoning for the 8th graders least amount of involvement in the intervention program. Ms. Moodley replied to the inquiry, reporting it appears the grade level is given the most independence in the day, recognized parent supervision is less likely in upper grade students and spoke on the mindset of 8th graders. She briefed on corrective action implementations. She notified her response is a generalization that includes feedback received from the Core Leadership Team and Teachers.

Secretary Barrens presented his perspective of the 8th grade data reported, specifying the math in particular and questioned the correlation between the information and participation rate. He expressed his hope that a great deal of effort is occurring to get the students involved. Ms. Moodley followed up by mentioning the progress in seeking other perspectives and reported the most recent recovery work initiative, in efforts to demonstrate their understanding.

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Brenda Gallegos, Finance Director announced the Cash Reconciliation Report for the month is within the Board Packets. She mentioned her participation in the New Mexico Association of School Business Officials and informed various reports were reviewed which several schools share with their Board Members. She notified the enclosed report will continue to be provided in addition to one she plans to create, she noted the financial information will be in further detail and gave emphasis on the Boards acquaintance with the district's financial operations. Ms. Gallegos summarized the Payroll and Accounts Payable Report, Check Register for the Month of October 2020, Cash Transfers/BAR's, Internal BAR's and Journal Entries.

Member Garcia requested an Audit Exit report. Ms. Gallegos responded to the request, informing she is restricted from discussing until it has been released by the State Auditor. She notified the Audit Exit occurred, findings were reviewed and stated the Audit has been submitted to the State Auditors. She announced once the Board approves the audit it's public information.

Superintendent Sena-Holton announced it was her first audit, commented on the virtual method and commended the department personnel for the efforts, under the circumstances.

CONSENT AGENDA

Check Register for Month of October 2020
Cash Transfer(s), BAR's (if any) and Journal Entries
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-October 20, 2020
Minutes of Work Session-November 4, 2020

Based on the Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Barrens moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of October 2020, Cash Transfer(s), BAR's- #9-#11, Internal BAR's, Journal Entries, Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-October 20, 2020 and Minutes of Work Session-November 4, 2020, seconded by Member Flores. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton offered to entertain any questions.

Vice President Vigil requested elaboration on the condition of the secondary library. Superintendent Sena-Holton acknowledged the request, reporting on the disorder of the book depository, storage in a section of the library, needed book login and expressed the need of an overall in-depth cleaning and organization. She noted the initiative is in the planning stages.

Secretary Barrens inquired on the nature of the Technology support provided. Superintendent Sena-Holton responded to the inquiry, identifying support includes the replacement/processing of damaged Chromebooks, power cord replacements, student access matters and device issues. She informed support is provided in other areas, as additional duties are assigned and noted the work load various, based on need. She reported the last mobile hotspot has been issued, certified internet issues are addressed and mentioned the primary reason families resorted to the devices.

Secretary Barrens inquired on communication efforts, in reference to Thanksgiving plan travel advisory notices. Superintendent Sena-Holton replied to the inquiry, acknowledging information has been communicated with staff, however not to families directly and conveyed a school messenger will be sent with applicable information.

Vice President Vigil inquired on the submission of the 40th Day Report. Superintendent Sena-Holton responded to the inquiry, informing the reporting is in progress, presented the current enrollment, pointed out a reduction and mentioned motives for the disenrollment's. Ms. B Gallegos informed the reduction is a ripple effect, not just in student membership and presented an example of the impact.

Superintendent Sena-Holton shared the Legislative Finance Committee's proposal to hold districts harmless and not use this year's enrollment for next year's funding.

Vice President Vigil requested a Dual Credit update. Dr. Vallejo acknowledged the inquiry, noting second semester registration, class withdrawals, briefed on action plans and evaluations for graduation purposes.

POLICY

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ACTION ITEM(S)

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF NMSBA POLICY SERVICES ADVISORY NO. 209 JJJ
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY AND CORRECTION TO POLICY
ADVISORY NO. 196 JJJ-EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Vigil moved to approve No. 209 JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility and Correction to Policy Advisory No. 196 JJJ - Extracurricular Activity Eligibility, seconded by Member Flores. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF I-7350 © IKF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Vigil moved to approve I-7350 © IKF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, seconded by Member Flores. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

OTHER

Superintendent Sena-Holton inquired on a December 2020 Work Session. President Ortiz proposed the discussion of year-round school. Superintendent Sena-Holton conveyed guidance is needed from NMPED and the research of additional information. She informed strategic plan correspondence is forthcoming.

ADVANCE PLANNING

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Vice President Vigil gave a Graduation Video & Picture update

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m., Member Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice President Vigil. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 15th day of December 2020.


DARLENE ORTIZ, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


GRADY BARRENS, SECRETARY