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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 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
December 15, 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

Pedro Vallejo	Leslie Damon	Denisha Moodley	Brenda Gallegos
Helena Hains	Ashley Rodriguez	Danielle Rodriguez	Johnathan Vigil
Cathy Gallegos	Theresa Vigil	Gloria Ruiz	Melissa T. Valencia-Flores

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

GOLDEN PANTHER AWARDS

Principals announced December 2020 award recipients, pointed out attributes 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 Danielle Rodriguez-Kindergarten, Johnathan Vigil-6th grader and Ashley Rodriguez-Sophomore.

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

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Elementary

Secretary Barrens inquired on the perception of consistent on-line student engagement matters and the parent-teacher resolution efforts. Ms. Gallegos responded to the inquiry, reporting infractions have decreased, mentioned the on-line participation success as a result of trouble shooting efforts. She notified technology is no more a participation/attendance concern, on account of the district providing various forms and on-line opportunities. She mentioned the access/navigation struggles of several students, commented on parental support and noted the continuous efforts in meeting the educational needs of those students.

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Brenda Gallegos, Finance Director noted the Cash Reconciliation Report for the month was emailed earlier in the day and informed each of the funds and operational cash balances are in good standing. She notified the opportunity did not arise to provide the additional report outlining the encumbrances, projected cash balances and end of year projection as mentioned in the previous meeting. Ms. Gallegos summarized the Payroll and Accounts Payable Report, Check Register for the Month of November 2020, Cash Transfers/BAR's, Internal BAR's and Journal Entries.

CONSENT AGENDA

Check Register for Month of November 2020
Cash Transfer(s), BAR's (if any) and Journal Entries
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 17, 2020

Based on the Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Flores moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of November 2020, Cash Transfer(s), BAR's- #12, Internal BAR's, Journal Entries and Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 17, 2020, seconded by Vice President Vigil. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton offered to entertain any questions.

Secretary Barrens requested an overview of the district practice schedule. Superintendent Sena-Holton replied to the request, reporting she and the Athletic Coordinator spoke to all Coaches, informed softball and baseball were not practicing and identified the team sports focused upon. She explained the scheduling process, emphasizing on sanitizing and ensuring everyone has an opportunity to practice. She briefed on the allowance (at the district level) of practice during Christmas Break, with the exception of Christmas day and reported an NMPED notice was received a short time later permitting practice during the break, with a mandated shutdown of January 4-17, 2021. Superintendent Sena-Holton mentioned the alternation of gymnasium usage and pointed out the facility usage plan in place for cross country, if needed.

Secretary Barrens inquired on the reasoning for the closure. Superintendent Sena-Holton responded to the inquiry, reporting the implementation of surveillance testing, in efforts to assist with post holiday virus spread. She informed coaches will be included in the testing.

Secretary Barrens inquired on district/NMPED Covid-19 vaccination plans. Superintendent Sena-Holton replied to the inquiry, reporting the idea has not been touched upon and conveyed the only information mentioned was that teachers were going to be on the list. She mentioned the surveillance testing program the district will take part in, explained the procedure and pointed out an upcoming training.

Secretary Barrens commented on the advantage of utilizing the local medical center, a Federally Qualified Health Center. Superintendent Sena-Holton acknowledged the comment, informing on communications with the center's personnel and briefed on a potential up to date non-covid vaccine and other medical service initiatives.

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Vice President Vigil asked if the district is prepared to stream sporting events, if and when sports are being conducted within the gymnasiums. Superintendent Sena-Holton responded to the inquiry, notifying NMAA gifted the district with a pixel camera, pointed out the connection of internet service and briefed on the implementation of cashless operations, an NMAA recommendation. She gave a sports return to play update and recognized the influence reinstatement of practices has had on student athletes overall. She noted the streaming option is available solely in the high school gymnasium.

Member Garcia asked on the reasoning for not filling the District Support position. Superintendent Sena-Holton answered the question, stating budget purposes.

POLICY

None

ACTION ITEM(S)

Superintendent Sena-Holton referenced the Boards approval of remote learning at the beginning of the school year and proposed remaining remote for the first nine weeks, based on numbers. She conveyed the last week has been very difficult, presented the number of positive cases within the district and mentioned the staff members and students are healing and overcoming the virus. She reported the severity has been mild to severe, noting several students were hospitalized in the very beginning. Superintendent Sena-Holton notified NMPED has not approved any hybrid classes in the secondary, indicating the focus is only elementary. She acknowledged the elementary are able to enter the hybrid model, presented the parents and staff survey results and reiterated NMPED has not authorized middle school or high school students to enter the hybrid model.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF RE-ENTRY PLAN

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Garcia moved to approve the virtual re-entry plan for the first nine weeks-only, of the second semester, with the possibility of revisiting as needed, seconded by Secretary Barrens. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

OTHER

None

ADVANCE PLANNING

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:32 p.m., Vice President Vigil made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding an employee complaint as per *NM Statutes Article 15 Open Meetings 10-15-1 Subparagraph H (2)*, seconded by Member Flores. Action item as a result of executive session if necessary. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

At 7:07 p.m., Member Garcia made a motion to reconvene from executive session, seconded by Vice President Vigil. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.


ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07 p.m., Member Flores moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice President Vigil. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 19th day of January 2021.



DARLENE ORTIZ, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



GRADY BARRENS, SECRETARY