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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2023
PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
PECOS, NM
6:00 PM**

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15. EXECUTIVE SESSION- to discuss limited personnel matters-notify of complaint against an individual employee as per *NM Statutes Article 15 Open Meetings 10-15-1 Subparagraph H (2)*.

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MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
Pecos Schools Board Room
Pecos, NM
January 19, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The President, Mr. Grady Barrens called the meeting to order @ 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Grady Barrens, Board President
Ms. Darlene Ortiz, Board Secretary
Ms. Claudette Roybal, Board Member
Mr. James Tanuz, Board Member
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Harold J. Garcia, Board Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

Pete Vallejo	K Garner	Bobby Zamora	Brittany Zamora
Jolene Jaramillo	Jenny Parks	Mike Dabrieo	C Gallegos
Paul LeFrancois	Melissa T. Valencia-Flores		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Roybal motioned to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION

Principals announced January award recipients, identified the characteristics that deemed the individual deserving of the award. The Golden Panthers recognized were Cassidy Perea-3rd grader, Angel Morales-8th grader, and Josiah Vigil-Gonzales-Freshman. Superintendent Sena-Holton stated there were two staff recipients. Ms. Moodley expressed the pleasure of presenting the award to staff members Mr. Bobby Zamora and Ms. Ida Valencia. She noted the saying, “Children learn more from what you are than what you teach”. She reported on the evening of December 15th an opposing team player fell very ill and mentioned the parent of the student happened to also be the team coach. She recognized Coach Bobby and Coach Ida for their efforts, assistance and emotional support provided to the opposing team and pointed out the gratitude expressed by the visitors. Ms. Moodley pointed out the Coaches used their actions to teach those visiting students what it means to act with genuine compassion, what it means to act as a strong team and what it means to be a Pecos Panther. She conveyed that night reminded her of why she loves being here at Pecos, on account of people like Coach Bobby and Coach Ida, people who are able to teach children through who they are and not simply through what they teach. Superintendent Sena-Holton conveyed in between all of that he helped with a discipline issue as well and pointed out a job well done.

LANL PRESENTATION

Ms. Jenny Parks, LANL Foundation President & CEO and Mr. Michael Dabrieo, Education Enrichment Director introduced themselves and mentioned the presence of Mr. Paul LeFrancois, K12 Program Coordinator. Ms. Parks pointed out the honor felt to be present on a night when honoring the wonderful students and teachers and expressed appreciation for having them. She reported they are the LANL Foundation and conveyed they are not part of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. She informed the Lab started the foundation 25 years ago, conveyed they share the name, however are a public charity, a 501(c)(3) separate foundation. She mentioned the location of the office is in Espanola and a field office in Santa Fe, NM. A PowerPoint was presented touching on the goal of the presentation, the creation of the foundation-vision, mission & commitment, the service area-a seven county with statewide input, history-founders, incorporation, funding & purpose, whom the serve, method of operation, touched upon the theory of change, Early Childhood Education-advocacy education & collaboration, K-12 Programming-research, action & celebrating excellence, Inquiry Science Education Consortium, grants-who they are as a grant maker & philosophy, scholarships-programs and College, Career & Community Pathways. Mr. Dabrieo discussed progression, collaboration and partnership initiatives.

President Barrens inquired on integrating efforts with school districts. Mr. Dabrieo noted the initiative is based on the project or specific request and conveyed the objective is what's best for kids. He briefed on the approach, intent and design of programs. President Barrens inquired on accessing or researching pertinent information. Mr. Dabrieo commented on efforts to improve upon the initiative, mentioned an invitation will be sent to Superintendents and stated the intent to grow and be better partners as well. Ms. Parks acknowledged relationships with the district have not been strong as desired, recognized part of the efforts would be reaching out to the district when the foundation has opportunities and stated the desire to have a stronger relationship with the district. Mr. Dabrieo spoke on the support provided to teachers, briefed on professional development offered through the Inquiry Science Program and made aware of ongoing professional learning communities of support. He presented examples of ongoing support and support that has been provided in the past.

Ms. Parks showed appreciation for their presence, for making the connection and stated her hopes some of the things shared will be taken advantage of.

PSFA FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AWARD DISCUSSION

Superintendent Sena-Holton reported the amount awarded by PSFA and the districts contribution/match, for the development of the master plan. She mentioned a couple of vendors have expressed interest and will make contact with them, to initiate the process. She noted the plan is a requirement for Capital Outlay participation.

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Elementary

Member Tanuz asked how things went with Dr. Portlet from the NEREC. Ms. Gallegos noted he provided incredibly good information for the specific student, which coincided with training arranged on CPI. Member Tanuz expressed amazement on the information/support Dr. Portley can provide. Ms. Gallegos briefed on fine points of his presentation, recommended district wide attendance and a longer time period.

President Barrens asked Ms. Gallegos to touch base on the book study. Ms. Gallegos announced the next discussion meeting on January 31st, reported the review of MOY-Middle of Year diagnostic preliminary data and informed the data has not been broken up into classrooms, per say. She noted math scores are low, asked teachers to be mindful of their classroom data, as they go through Chapters 4-6. She briefed on how she plans to conduct the session.

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President Barrens inquired on how Ms. Gallegos plans to share the school data publicly. Ms. Gallegos stated the information will be added to bulletin boards in the hallways and a report will be sent home to parents. She mentioned use of the i-Ready Reports, when teachers meet with parents. She emphasized on the importance of sharing the data.

Member Roybal asked Ms. Gallegos for her perspective on how students did with MOY testing. Ms. Gallegos stated she felt they took it a little more seriously, reported 5th grade showed good growth, remarked on the reading sections and mentioned the continuation of individual student meetings.

Support Services

President Barrens inquired on the reasoning for the Special Education Teacher Resignation. Ms. Garner reported a change in career path and leaving education.

President Barrens inquired on the nature of some of the threat assessments and what actions were/are being taken. Mr. Garner stated she is not permitted to disclose too much information and shared notification was received students had suicidal ideation and was immediately addressed. She reported the threat assessments were handled quickly.

President Barrens requested clarification on an issue reported on the Top 5 (School Psychologist category), reported by students. Ms. Garner conveyed the students didn't exactly articulate it; however that is the general idea they were sharing and touched on how students felt and how it impacted their social and academic relationships. She briefed on assisting teachers with differentiating instruction, to meet the need of students and spoke about the Unique Special Education Curriculum Program.

Member Roybal inquired on the whole class interventions on bullying. Ms. Garner informed it was a teacher request, reported the manner the School Psychologist presented the information and stated an intent to continue the intervention on a relatively regular basis.

Member Roybal inquired on the INDEPTH Program, to address vaping. Ms. Garner notified she has not participated in the program and reported information that has been passed on to her; the program is a 4 hour curriculum and completed with the School Psychologist one-on-one. She announced five students have completed the program, with no repeated infractions. Superintendent Sena-Holton conveyed the program is in lieu of suspensions.

Ms. Garner reported things are going well in the cafeterias; the state inspection was rescheduled because of weather and awaiting the next Professional Development.

High School

Dr. Vallejo handed out scholarship information to the Board, as requested; making aware contact is being made with students. He notified of scheduled college visits to UNM and briefed on the schedule of events. He mentioned the inclusion of trade schools.

President Barrens inquired on the HMH monthly data. Dr. Vallejo reported Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is a publisher of textbooks. He mentioned the previous year was the adoption for English and ensured the support materials were included, that coincide with the HMH English-ELA textbook series. He informed HMH is the acronym for the publishers, who have their own support assessments and touched on the data assessment provided.

Member Tanuz mentioned the upcoming Parent Night scheduled in February. Dr. Vallejo pointed out the information that will be reviewed; registration, assisting parents with online registration- specifically dealing with registration and enrollment of classes for the next academic year.

Dr. Vallejo gave an update on Seniors; reporting 50 are currently on the books, one who will be a fifth-year student, who is in Special Education and one other who is a third year Senior, who will be a Summer Graduate. He announced the other 48 Seniors are on track to graduate, with the passing of all their classes.

President Barrens expressed his appreciation for including the positive phone calls.

Middle School

President Barrens asked what the percentage signifies on the Math revisions for word problems that required dividing fractions by a fraction. Ms. Moodley reported the percentages are the amount of students who got the questions correct. She conveyed she is an artifact person and noted her difficulty in preparing reports in the current format. She recognized graphic organizers make use of a great deal of English, stated she had never seen it used in Math and reported the method basically helped students dissect the math word problem, based upon her own computation. Ms. Moodley noted the effort to pursue application of the method, to what extent and pointed out students are more engaged in completing the word problems. She recognized it's tough to gauge, as a result of so many staff members absence, that it has not been completed consistently for the past two weeks. She reported an electronic copy of the organizer will be sent, to perceive how the lesson plan looks for teachers.

Member Tanuz inquired on students Paw-Folios. Ms. Moodley provided information on the creation of the folios and the projects/material that are/is placed in the folio.

Ms. Moodley elaborated on middle school curriculum, touched upon at risk students in Special Ed and noted it was in regards to electives.

BUSINESS REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton announced the K 12 Accounting Business Manager assigned to the district is Vanessa Gonzales, who is expecting a baby any day and notified Jolene Peres is the interim, during Ms. Gonzales's maternity leave.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Peres informed a short period of time was given to compose the information and reported the only thing presented is the Vouchers. She stated upon review of the information submitted prior, it appears to be a different/unique template Ms. Gallegos had used and didn't have access to the specific template and presented an alternative.

President Barrens expressed interest in the typical analysis that is provided to clients, for review, continuation and future direction.

Ms. Peres stated there are no BAR's recommended for approval, on account of a delay in access to the system.

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Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Ortiz moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of December 2022, Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 15, 2022, Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-December 6, 2022 and Minutes of Work Session-January 3, 2023, seconded by Member Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

President Barrens asked where a staff member previously worked. Superintendent Sena-Holton reported the location, briefed on a replacement and possibilities. He inquired on Technology-ongoing issues with specified doors. She explained the challenges/damage, that has had an impact on the system and briefed on the solicitation of quotes to repair/replace. President Barrens asked if anyone has ever been financially accountable. Superintendent Sena-Holton indicated, likely not and gave emphasis to replacement and mentioned the approximate number of doors.

Member Tanuz inquired on vacancies. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed the positions have been advertised, briefed on the interest expressed and recruitment efforts.

POLICY

- NMSBA Policy Services Alert

ACTION ITEM(S)

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF PROPANE BID

Superintendent Sena-Holton's reported no bids were submitted and stated the bid invitation will need to be re-advertised. She noted vendors were contacted, informing of the invitation.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF PLUMBING BID

Superintendent Sena-Holton reported no bids were submitted and stated the bid invitation will need to be re-advertised.

OTHER

Superintendent Sena-Holton notified the surveyor made contact with her, reported he has not received full compensation and has not provided a finished product. She stated a meeting is necessary, spoke on accommodating his needs for the meeting and recommended the presence of the attorney, on account of issues discovered during the survey. She remarked on all members being privy to the outcome.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:49 p.m., President Barrens made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss limited personnel matters-notify of complaint against an individual employee as per *NM Statutes Article 15 Open Meetings 10-15-1 Subparagraph H (2)*, seconded by Secretary Ortiz. Action item as a result of executive session if necessary. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

At 8:18 p.m., Secretary Ortiz made a motion to reconvene from executive session, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 p.m., Secretary Ortiz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 21st day of March 2023.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



DARLENE ORTIZ, SECRETARY