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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2021
PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
PECOS, NM
6:00 PM**

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15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**-to discuss pending litigation-update with New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority as per *NM Statutes Article 15 Open Meetings 10-15-1 Subparagraph H (7)*.

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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 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Darlene Ortiz, Board President-via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone
Mr. Harold J. Garcia, Board Vice President
Mr. Grady Barrens, Board Secretary
Mr. Michael Flores Sr., Board Member
Ms. Claudette Roybal, Board Member
Mr. Ginger Nickell, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT

Lluia Enrique	Liz Rodriguez	Ashley Rodriguez	Jesus Horta
Robert Romero	Cathy Gallegos	Emily Ortiz	Andrea Gonzales
Leah Gonzales	Denisha Moodley	Sophi Barba	Katherine Barba
Jazmin Barba	Melanie Escalante	Julie Roybal	Brenda Gallegos
Melissa T. Valencia-Flores			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Based on Administrator Dr. Vallejo's recommendation, Member Flores motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice President Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Ortiz notified five minutes will be given to speak and noted for the record; those speaking are not to mention any individual's names and asked those to proceed and state their Public Comment.

Mr. Robert Romero, Parent introduced himself, noting the parent to two enrolled students. He conveyed he has concerns and pointed out other parents would like to discuss certain matters. He stated his intention to initiate an anti-bullying/drug awareness program, touched on receiving assistance with the initiative and emphasized on the school supporting and assisting with the intent. Mr. Romero presented his view on communication barrier, mentioned the need to put an end to, spoke on uniting as parents, community and school and begin to communicate for students. He reported one of his children; an honor/merit roll student does not want to attend Pecos Schools, indicated the child does not feel supported by the school and expressed how it's upsetting. He remarked on coming together to correct. Mr. Romero touched on his plan to coach.

Ms. Emily Ortiz, Athletic Director read the following:

Superintendent Holton, members of the Board, I am choosing to address you via public comment tonight in reference to the personnel issue that was allowed as public comment at last month's board meeting.

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge that the Board President, during the last work session, reviewed the Pecos ISD Board Policies regarding public comment and the role of the board in determining the correct protocol going forward. Thank you for that effort. ~~Thank you for providing guidelines tonight for myself and the other public speaker.~~

The New Mexico School Board Association has outlined procedures regarding public comment and the role of the School Board. In Section G of **Procedures for Conduct of Local School Board Meetings**, it is **expected that as a matter of policy, to set aside part of each meeting for the citizens to address the board, such as I am doing tonight. However, quote "This suggested rule allows any individual or group to request to appear on the agenda but permits the board to decide whether, when, and how such comment will be heard, so long as its reasons for doing so are not improper.**

Further, in Section I entitled, Presiding Officer, ...the President shall preside at board meetings...with the following powers of which #2 states: To determine whether a speaker has gone beyond reasonable standards of courtesy in his/her remarks and to entertain and rule on objections from other members on this ground. **Once it was evident that the employee was commenting on a fellow employee, the Board President should have immediately ruled the employee as being out of order, and referred the complaint to the Superintendent for further investigation since it was evident that the complaint was a personnel matter.**

In Section K-1450 of the Pecos School Board Policy Manual, entitled, Public Concerns/Complaints about Personnel, the following:

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Quote: In spite of this, criticism and complaints may be forthcoming from the community. These complaints are best handled starting at the school level, and when necessary, should proceed through the various administrative levels. More importantly, quote "All complaints shall be referred to the Superintendent for investigation. The employee involved shall be given an opportunity, at each administrative level, at which the matter is reviewed, for explanation, comment, and presentation of facts, either formally or informally. ~~The employee will be afforded elements of due process as provided in New Mexico law.~~" End quote.

That did not happen for me.

Still more importantly, Section B-2150 entitled Public Participation at Board meetings, the Board of Education failed to:

A: inform the speaker of any time limit, inform the speaker that personnel matters the proper protocol when addressing the board regarding a personnel matter.

**** It is my recommendation that the presiding officer, such as the president of the board, provide guidance and protocols for public comment so that the person who is addressing the board publicly, will know how much time they have to speak, the decorum that is expected (Ie: cannot not name employees by name; that any personnel matters should be referred to their direct supervisor first;**

GOLDEN PANTHER AWARDS

Principals announced November award recipients, identified the traits that qualified the individual for the award and presented those present with a recognition certificate. The Golden Panthers recognized were Sophia Barba-Romero-3rd grader, Jesus Horta-6th grader and Ginger Nickell-Sophomore.

President Ortiz and Board Members congratulated recipients and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

DRESS CODE BILL PRESENTATION

Dr. Vallejo announced Ms. Ashley Rodriguez from Student Council is making a presentation today.

Ms. Rodriguez introduced herself and stated she is presenting an Act to Improve the Dress Code at Pecos High School for approval. She presented the act in detail:

Contemporary Issues Assembly

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Senator Olonia
Senator Martinez
President Rod.
Senator Nickell
Bill Author

Delegation

Title: An Act to Improve the Dress Code at Pecos High School

Preamble: This bill would give students the opportunity for more control over their bodies and wardrobe as well as more freedom of expression. This bill would help maintain a safe educational environment.

Be it hereby enacted by the Contemporary Issues Assembly:

Section 1: If this bill were passed it would improve the dress code by applying and enacting the following changes.

- i.** Allowing tank tops and muscle shirts, a shirt not completely covering the entire shoulder, with sleeves with a minimum width of one inch. With a measurement on a person's index and middle finger to approximately be around one inch. Three inches if bare midriff or sheer tops without an undershirt are not acceptable. Allowing Crop tops and tank tops. Not allowing halter tops or tube tops. Tank tops are shirts with sleeves that are not capped or covering the full shoulder. Crop tops are shirts that are shorter than the waist line. As well as not going any further than the armpit. Anything lower that shows any undergarments shall not be permitted. To help prevent any negative feedback such as body shaming, bullying, catcalling etc. Will be treated as bullying and shall not be permitted. As well as the Student Council shall hang up body positivity posters in bathrooms and hallways to remind students that everybody's shape is acceptable.
- ii.** Allowing leggings as long as they are not sheer or see through. This includes yoga pants. Long Johns or any type of undergarments, i.e. spanx or tights, shall be not permitted. Leggings are a different type of fabric such as color pattern, fabric, and feature compared to undergarments which are normally a solid plain fleece fabric. Unacceptable clothing includes: sagging/baggy pants, tube tops, spandex shorts or excessively tight tops, ripped or excessively/inappropriately tattered clothing, pants, dresses, shirts, or shorts that expose underwear. Students who do not present themselves according to the dress code will be asked by a teacher, staff, or faculty member to obtain

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appropriate clothing and the student may be removed from class until appropriate clothing is worn before being allowed to return. (Please refer to section 2)

iii. Crocs and sandals are acceptable footwear. Blankets as well as slippers are not acceptable and shall not be permitted. Head coverings and headwear i.e. hijabs, turbans, caps etc. shall be worn but for religious and cultural purposes. ~~Headwear, such as hoodies, beanies, and bandanas, and sunglasses, are allowed as long as they are not graphic, a safety hazard or obscure the person's identity. State mask mandates still apply. Head~~

Section 2: Dress code violations should not interfere with the educational environment. No student should be kept out of class for a dress code violation unless the attire is offensive i.e displays or promotes drug paraphernalia, sexual activity or violence, or disrespect or bigotry towards any group. After 3 violations of the student dress code, students will be referred to the Dr. Vallejo for further disciplinary action.

- I. Please see the student petition.
- II. Please see the other school dress codes

Rio rancho public schools
<https://www.rtps.net/article/489372>

New Mexico school of the arts (attached)

5.4 DRESSING AND GROOMING POLICY The NMSA dress code is designed to encourage professionalism, neatness and comfort without sacrificing individual expression, and is designed to support the instructional environment. A dress code teaches students how to dress in a variety of situations. A student's dress should reflect good personal grooming and hygiene habits, avoid unkempt appearances, and demonstrate respect for the academic setting. Without limiting the generality of these principles, the following guidelines will be observed: New Mexico School for the Arts Student/Family Handbook - Page 27 of 73 • No attire or accessories that advertise, display or promote any drug, alcohol, tobacco, sexual violence, disrespect, or bigotry towards any group are permitted. • Tops that show more than three inches of bare midriff or sheer tops without an undershirt are not acceptable. • Shorts should cover the bottom of the buttocks by at least 3 inches; skirts and dresses shall extend to the tip of the fingertip when arms are extended by the side. • Shirts that are backless, shirts with low necklines, sheer or spaghetti strapped tops must also have an undershirt along with appropriate undergarments. • Undergarments should not be visible. • Shorts, spandex, or tights must be worn under all skirts or dresses that are above the knee to avoid the exposure of

undergarments. • Appropriate shoes, such as sneakers for PE and closed-toed shoes for laboratory work, are required. Students who do not comply may be asked by faculty to not participate. • Shoes must be worn at all times unless otherwise instructed. • Visual Art students must wear closed-toed shoes at all times while working during the Arts Block. • Unacceptable clothing includes: sagging/baggy pants, tube tops, spandex shorts or excessively tight tops, ripped or excessively/inappropriately tattered clothing, pants, dresses, shirts, or shorts that expose underwear. Students who do not present themselves according to the dress code will be asked by a teacher, staff, or faculty member to obtain appropriate clothing and the student may be removed from class until appropriate clothing is worn before being allowed to return. After 3 violations of the student dress code, students will be referred to the Head of School or Designee for further disciplinary action.

Section 3: This bill will be subject to school board approval and Dr. Vallejo.

Dress code Petition

We as students believe that the dress code policy is unfair and unjust. We believe that our education is more important than what we are wearing. We believe that our bodies are not a distraction. We believe that we should not be sexualized in a place of education. Please sign if you support the protest of the dress code.

1. *Angie Nickell*
2. *José Soto*
3. *Jazlynn Raybal*
4. *Elyse Longula*
5. *Natalia Mantuza*
6. *Natalie Angula*
7. *Nicholas Ruiz*
8. *Jesus Torres*
9. *Devine Tapia*
10. *Lorena Rodriguez*
11. *Katelin Roybal*
12. *XAVIER Mencia*
13. *Fern Rodriguez*
14. *Adriana Cordova*
15. *Tim Montoya*
16. *Mayra Conros*
17. *Agustine Nieto*
18. *Lawrence Raylan*
19. *Fernanda Vargas*
20. *Kayla Garcia*
21. *anahigh armijo*
22. *JosHVA Gonzalez #22*
23. *Jauren Vigil*
24. *Daniela Chavez*
25. *Tammy Gonzalez*
26. *Arianna Bena-Rodriguez*
27. *elijah Vigil*
28. *walter Anstich*
29. *Sarissa Sorrell*
30. *Angelica Gomez*
31. *Ashley Rodriguez*
32. *Alecia Tamica*

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33. Ryan Romero
34. Emily Lozano
35. Joshua Lopez
36. Ashleigh Dorrell
37. Christopher Ortiz
38. Justin Romero
39. Larycia Serna
40. alexia Pacheco
41. Ixhia Ventura
42. OSCAR GUERRERO
43. CONNER GORDON
44. KATLYN ORTIZ
45. Seferina Ortiz
46. LeeAnn Hands
47. Angelina Medina
48. Deja Montano
49. Estrella Gonzalez
50. Mathias Luninshreter
51. Dominique Salinas
52. Ashlyn Ujan
53. Ashley Galvan-Perez
54. Ariana Singer
55. Derik Ortiz
56. Jarvis Gonzalez
57. Antonio Vales
58. Isabel Sandoval
59. Estevan Ulibarri
60. Nayelli Terrazas
61. Viktoriano Quintana
62. Felicia Pacheco
63. Kai Martinez
64. Devin Valencia
65. Clarence Sanchez
66. Davian Zucero
67. Jerome Lopez
68. Gabriel Loya
69. Kristina England
70. Carlos Ortiz
71. Isaac Gonzalez
72. Jonathan Lopez-Vicifando
73. Israel Ullcyos

74. Crystal Chavez
75. Nevach Sandoval
76. Isabel Flores
77. Liana Canela
78. Karon Ortega
79. ANGEL AVILA
80. Jeronimo Gonzalez
81. Prandon Morales
82. Malik Barrera
83. Zael Fox
84. Aidan Holton
85. Josiah Padilla
86. Garbe Montoya
87. Lorenzo Ortega
88. Frank Ward
89. Benjamin Martinez
90. Bailey Cox
91. Daron Pereira
92. Gregory Ortiz
93. Justin Muller
94. Zack Fox
95. Samuel Perez
96. Jonathan Gutierrez
97. Octavio Luis
98. Andy Valley
99. Angelique Dlonia
100. Natalia Stoot
101. Rayne Dimas
102. Ian Garcia
103. Marco Arana
104. Isabella M. Sanchez
105. Ryan Herrera
106. Ethan Ortiz
107. Keshia Luce
108. David Jimenez
109. Jonathan Garcia
110. Shaye Buncano
111. Angulo Benavidez
112. Alyssa Roybal
113. Miranilla Cruz
- 114.
- 115.

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Board President Ortiz announced no action will be taken on the Act to Improve the Dress Code at Pecos High School at this time; stated further discussion will take place at the next Work Session and thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her presentation.

Secretary Barrens asked if the recommendations were created by Student Council Members or was this negotiated somewhat with the Administration as well. Ms. Rodriguez stated it was negotiated with Administration as well, she noted conversation took place with Dr. Vallejo, Mr. Padilla-High School History Teacher as well as with Superintendent Sena-Holton.

Secretary Barrens referenced previous discussion regarding tank tops and muscle shirts in particular, the concern with not allowing them was having to monitor them, noting same thing with midriff. He asked if any of that discussion come up when discussed with the administration. Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged the discussion, conveying conversation was held with Dr. Vallejo regarding the two fingers, measuring approximately one inch with the index and middle finger, as well as the midriff.

Vice President Garcia asked about the time it takes to monitor. Dr. Vallejo reviewed the proposition process, emphasized on ensuring students felt they had a voice and conveyed the information is what students are presenting. He pointed out the intention of his and Superintendent Sena-Holton's to work with the students, ensuring they are aware conversations were intended for ideas, frame work, and guidance for the next phase in presenting the proposal to the Board for further discussion, in terms of dress code changes.

Secretary Barrens questioned the reasoning for the exclusion of headwear, such as hoodies, beanies, bandanas etc., sunglasses in the dress code. Ms. Rodriguez noted camera issues cannot be deciphered as it abstracts someone's identity, if someone is wearing the headwear and pointed out the matter is a security issue. He asked if hoodies sold in fundraisers are no longer going to be allowed. Dr. Vallejo clarified, having/wearing the hood over the head, he noted the concern was presented for discussion and stated the student's decision was to remove from the bill.

Secretary Barrens asked if incidents have occurred on camera where we couldn't identify what student it was. Dr. Vallejo acknowledged there have been times a face cannot be seen for identification purposes.

Member Roybal asked if the identification of student's issue was prior to or after the mask mandate. Dr. Vallejo reported in the face of the mask mandate, validation is made through different and several identifying marks and emphasized on having several and not going off of a single identity marker.

Ms. Nickell reported, during her collection of petition signatures hats was the article brought up the most, out of any other clothing item students requested. Secretary Barrens asked if petition signatures were in support of the details presented. Ms. Nickell informed the signatures supported changing the dress code and noted the students who signed the petition did not see the final draft.

Secretary Barrens noted his son gets his hair braided and wears a head cover, nonreligious, indicated he considers it cultural and asked if it would be allowed. Ms. Rodriguez gave an affirmative reply, specifying cultural purposes.

Vice President Garcia asked if there has been, this school year an issue with identity from someone that wasn't allowed in school. Dr. Vallejo informed fortunately we have not had the issue thus far.

President Ortiz questioned Secretary Barrens on how he associates getting his son's hair braided with a head cover, isn't that a fashion statement and not cultural? Secretary Barrens responded, stating, "no, it's not a fashion statement". She asked where it was stated it was cultural and conveyed she looked it up and it says it's a fashion statement; it's not a cultural statement. He asked where she looked it up. President Ortiz stated she looked it up on google and had a supervisor who is of color, who she asked about that and he says that that is not cultural, he said it's a fashion statement. Secretary Barrens indicated he found the information interesting and conveyed every black person in his family will tell you that it is cultural. She affirmed the person is black, was a supervisor and stated he stated that it was not considered and presented the question asking where it states it's cultural. Secretary Barrens asked if the information requested was pulling up the head covering rules and stated he didn't know if such a thing exists, just like there's not a headscarf rule or a hijab rule or a yamaka rule that can be pulled up and referenced. She stated she did not agree with Secretary Barrens and maintained it's a fashion statement and not cultural. He acknowledged they would agree to disagree.

Vice President Garcia asked if the description was maybe a matter of opinion. President Ortiz reiterated her feeling on the matter. Secretary Barrens queried President Ortiz's view, basing the opinion off of one person's opinion.

Ms. Nickell expressed her point of view citing, "I think as people who aren't of color we should let Mr. Barrens speak on his culture without being second-guessed". President Ortiz stated she was not second-guessing him, just asking the question, "where does it say that it's cultural, that's all I'm asking". Secretary Barrens explained there are no Black Cultural Rules that can be printed up and google searched and pointed out his certainty there are no Hispanic Cultural Rules that can be google searched and printed up.

Dr. Vallejo recommended discussing further at the Work Session. Vice President Garcia supported the recommendation and suggested inviting a number of students interested in participating in the discussion.

Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged she had some commentary regarding Secretary Barren's comment concerning the cultural reason, recognizing the reason for requesting approval on changing the dress code noting the allowance of additional freedom of expression, especially those of color. She informed Mr. Barrens son has been part of the process, presented question regarding the headwear and acknowledged the reason for inclusion.

2022 GRADUATION

Dr. Vallejo noted the event is set for May and informed there are no changes to report at this time. He mentioned attendance ticket questions have been presented, pointed out the uncertainty of any COVID impacts and conveyed the number of tickets allowed will be determined closer to the event. He reported Herff Jones was onsite and presented to Juniors & Senior, briefed on the information presented and pointed out the packet due date.

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Elementary School

Ms. Gallegos noted the packet included the 1st Nine Weeks Honor Roll, alluded to midterms and informed they will be sent out by the end of the week. She briefed on the midyear diagnostic assessment preparation, utilizing the i-Ready and Istation Programs and remarked on the data measurement, in comparison to the beginning of the school year. She informed each classroom has a Chromebook Cart, spoke on the convenience and touched on bringing back the sense of importance and seriousness to the tests. Ms. Gallegos announced the Halloween Carnival was a great success and mentioned the money generated will be utilized for an incentive student fieldtrip. She announced ClassDojo is operating well.

Middle School

Ms. Moodley reported 19 student/family participants attend the October Halloween STEM Night, recognizing the largest turnout; spoke on encouraging and possibly bringing others to the next event. She announced the improvement in math scores at all three grade levels and briefed on the effective approach and classroom incorporation. She made a correction to the vocabulary analysis trends, noting there were 7 6th graders score 100% and remarked on the celebratory benchmark/success. Ms. Moodley reported on families reaching out and becoming more involved with the tutoring initiative. She announced Quarter 1 Awards were sent out and spoke on the creation of nontraditional awards, in efforts to recognize students who may have not had academic successes but succeeded in other ways. She noted behavioral issues are occurring and recognized the responsiveness of families and teachers and the approach in addressing issues as a team.

Ms. Moodley briefed on the importance of family participation, touched on addressing behavioral needs at the middle school with families and recognized families are also having a lot of difficulties. She expressed her hope that the events and behavioral health entities facilitating the parent academies provides assistance to the entire family and supports parents as well. She mentioned the desire to support positive student behaviors, an incentive-based initiative and briefed on planned activities. Ms. Moodley touched on Professional Development, to support redirecting new behaviors and creating awareness initiatives. She announced the math teacher has created a construction piece, converting the old tech lab into a makerspace and reported on the curriculum component.

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Vice President Garcia inquired on when parents are brought in, what time of day to address behavioral issues. Ms. Moodley explained the course of action, pointed out the flexibility in meeting with parents and conveyed the communication piece is essential. She mentioned majority of parents are meeting with the school counselor but not the Wellness Counselor or School Psychologist. She lay emphasis on finding an entity to assist and named the entity Teen Court utilizes.

Secretary Barrens inquired on consequences for the complainant, in reference to the bullying incident investigation that revealed allegations made were not all truthful. She informed the student is no longer attending PMS. She remarked on her dealings with a consequence for false reporting.

Vice President Garcia inquired in the submission of an elementary report. Ms. Gallegos noted a report was submitted, recognizing there may have been an issue in the method of submission.

High School

Dr. Vallejo reported, based on the nature of events his teachers have actually become a stronger unit, working and supporting each other. He extended an invitation for staff to remind each other that there is a lot of good stuff going on, recognizing more good than frustrating. He expressed the meaning to him as a principal. Dr. Vallejo briefed on the Halloween Door Decoration Contest, mentioned the door judging by Pre-K and Kindergarten and conveyed school can be fun. He spoke on the interviewing for the Library Educational Assistant position. He identified discipline as an area of concern, informed there are insufficient therapists in our region and echoed on supporting families. Dr. Vallejo reported on onsite services/assistance and facilities and mentioned the services available/provided at the district level.

Secretary Barrens asked if the college and military recruitment occurred on campus. Dr. Vallejo reported the initiatives are taking place on campus and noted correspondence is communicated on a regular basis, as information is received. He explained the basis for the Soft Skills Class (UNM).

Athletics

Ms. Ortiz distributed sports schedules. She announced the completion of the Cross Country, Season, informed the Boys Team secured the State Championship Title and noted the girls placed 5th. She reported on the Winter Parent and Coaches Night, held on November 11th, briefed on the topics/information discussed/presented and pointed out Superintendent Sena-Holton spoke about the cases of vaping and progressive discipline. Ms. Ortiz mentioned her attendance of the Middle School Girls Basketball Tournament on Nov 12th & 13th and commented on the level of competition. She reported Middle School Wrestling participated in the Memorial Middle Wrestling Invitational on Nov 13th. She noted her efforts to confirm the 2022 Baseball Schedule. Ms. Ortiz briefed on the head volleyball and softball coaching staff, reported the announcement locations and all staff email. She updated on the Tri City Tournament initiative, touching on feedback received, concerns, participation, level of competition, hosting information and noted a decision is essential, to proceed with future

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planning. She notified the district will host the District Wrestling Tournament in February, noted home games are scheduled for the same date and briefed on accommodating both competitions. Ms. Ortiz touched on the scheduling of Homecoming & Prom.

Vice President Garcia inquired on the decision level. Ms. Ortiz conveyed her uncertainty and stated she did not have a frame of reference. She noted the continuous need for activity/athletics drivers and a desperate need of a defensive driving class, so that coaches can utilize suburban's for smaller teams.

Secretary Barrens asked if parents can participate in the defensive driving class. Ms. Ortiz remarked on the legality, indicating the person might have to be a school employee and referred to vehicle insurance and liability, in the event of an accident.

Vice President Garcia inquired on the inclusion of parents for the Thanksgiving Lunch. Dr. Vallejo informed parents will not be included this year because of COVID. Member Garcia asked on the type of discussion brought up on the matter and inquired on who made the final decision. Dr. Vallejo conveyed Ms. Damon, in consultation with Ms. Sena-Holton, ensuring guidelines are followed.

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Brenda Gallegos, Finance Director noted the Cash Balances for the month is within the packet. She reported Reimbursements for Requests, through October 15th have been submitted to NMPED. She mentioned the Check Register for the month of September 2021 is in the packet, she summarized the Payroll and Accounts Payable Report, Cash Transfers/BAR's, Internal BAR's and Journal Entries. Ms. Gallegos announced the Audit has been completed and submitted to the State Auditors.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Vallejo abstained from answering questions by the Board.

POLICY

- Policy Services Alert-October 29, 2021

Dr. Vallejo reviewed the Policy Services Alert-October 29, 2021. Vice President Garcia recommended Superintendent Sena-Holton give a detailed explanation/update at the next Work Session.

ACTION ITEM(S)

None

OTHER

Vice President Garcia informed Ms. Nickell handed the Board an Eating Disorder Symptoms from the National Eating Disorder Association and requested input on the topic. Ms. Nickell mentioned her involvement in conversation with middle & high school students regarding girls with symptoms and signs of eating disorders. She reported students recommended additional education in the curriculum and teacher trainings on recognizing eating disorders. She briefed on the definition of anorexia, stated a list of symptoms and signs was attached and reviewed a few of the indicators. Ms. Nickell referenced the website for the National Eating Disorder Association, as a resource. She recommended discussing further and noted as a student she has never received any education on eating disorders, other than one day in health class and emphasized the matter is a serious concern for many students.

Vice President Garcia recommended placing on the Work Session Agenda for discussion.

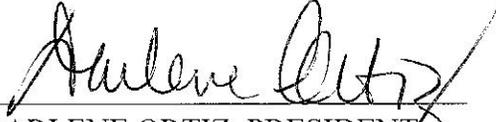
President Ortiz reminded of the upcoming Check Please Drama Class Presentation.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 p.m., Vice President Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 7th day of February 2022.



DARLENE ORTIZ, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



GRADY BARRENS, SECRETARY