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REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2025
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
October 21, 2025
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The President, Mr. Grady Barrens called the meeting to order @ 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Grady Barrens, Board President
Mr. Harold J. Garcia, Board Vice President
Ms. Claudette Roybal, Board Secretary
Ms. Edna Herrera, Board Member
Mr. James Tanuz, Board Member
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Monica Montoya	Danielle Seaboy	Chris Moore	Tanya Begay
Scarlett Begay	Aaliyah Begay	Byron Begay	Layla Begay
Mary Ann Daves	Dorothy Ortiz	Orlando Gutiérrez	Kelsie Montoya
Keira Sofia Barba Romero		Jazmin Barba	
Melissa T. Valencia-Flores			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION

Principals announced October award recipients, noted the defining traits of the individual deserving of the award and awarded recipients in attendance with a certificate of recognition. The Golden Panthers recognized were Scarlett Begay-4th grader, Keira Barba-8th grader and Kelsie Montoya-Junior.

President Barrens welcomed Golden Panther Families to stay, expressed understanding for the need to leave and stated the meeting will continue to proceed.

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

High School

President Barrens inquired on what strategies are we implementing to address math scores and improve math proficiency. Ms. Seaboy touched upon the extent of the support that is being offered/provided to students; Panther Power Hour-student use of IXL to increase math skills, mentioned the plan to implement math and literacy night, the special education teacher provides in-classroom support-assist with building skills students are lacking. She made known the low percentage was no surprise to her, noted the student's diagnostic score indicates they are significantly behind the expected skill/working below standard for their current grade and requested to be mindful of this cohort as the post-pandemic generation/youth impacted by the pandemic, noting the 6th graders are now the current Seniors and referred to how students were impacted. President Barrens noted as a follow up, the devaluation of having math skills and addressing it somehow warrants significant emphasis. Ms. Seaboy conveyed the topic is a key component of financial literacy education and mentioned switching some of the math classes the following year is an approach to consider. She asked to keep in mind that the initial BOY test assesses skills they may not have encountered, as testing begins at grade level; these competencies are likely to develop over the school year. She provided an overview of how information will be disseminated to parents during parent teacher conferences. Superintendent Sena-Holton announced New Mexico Public Education Department developed diverse mathematical pathways for high school students and informed that she has shared with the high school counselor and principal.

Secretary Roybal reported students shared positive feedback regarding yesterday's presentation, expressing that they really liked it.

Ms. Seaboy gave an overview of the arrangement for the upcoming college fair. President Barrens remarked on the presenters having strong executive presence, inquired about coordination as far as what will be presented and encouraged speakers to emphasize that base math skills/working knowledge of mathematics is essential in order to succeed.

Middle School

Ms. Montoya was thrilled to report that the 6th graders had a really good time at the Balloon Fiesta and conveyed they were very well behaved. She remarked that it had been quite some time since she last facilitated a field trip. She noted the prices at the Balloon Fiesta took the students by surprise and suggested it is recommended that students bring at least a minimum of $40 spending money.

President Barrens inquired about the factors contributing to the decrease in 8th grade enrollment. Ms. Montoya identified the causes of the enrollment decline and noted the count may be a clerical error. She presented a summary of the walk-through progress and commented on the staff's reception of the classroom walk-through feedback. She identified the key components of language usage in assessments. President Barrens conveyed he is intrigued by the differences between reading and language usage and expressed interest to hear the insights on the underlying drivers of this trend. Ms. Montoya briefed on ideas as to why the spread on things as such/briefed on the factors driving the variance. Ms. Seaboy pointed out the shift in modern instruction, as opposed to the foundational teaching methods, noting it is the structural design of the curriculum at the state level and identified key focus areas for educators. President Barrens highlighted on the importance of writing effectively. Ms. Montoya mentioned the routine tasks performed during lunch detention.

Support Services/Student Nutrition

Ms. Daves verified the reported meal counts reflect monthly totals and highlighted the procedural adjustments contributing to the increase. She pointed out milk is the most frequently wasted item and touched upon a delivery storage issue with the current milk supplier. She summarized the reimbursable school meal requirements, guidelines and calculations.

Ms. Daves presented a Gifted Services update and pointed out the possibility of a state allocation for each student in the gifted program. She conveyed the team is phenomenal. Superintendent Sena-Holton noted Ancillary services are almost completely staffed. Ms. Daves reported last year's advocate was very challenging, but we are working with someone new now who finds no issues with our current compliance and conveyed she is unfamiliar with how advocates in this field are paid. She noted currently working through a very highly contentious situation at hand with an advocate at the high school. President Barrens expressed it's reasonable to assume a contingency is in place.

Elementary

Ms. Gallegos expressed the feeling of losing the plot regarding discipline in recent days, recognized the need to increase operational resilience and strengthen internal controls and conveyed these behaviors will be reflected in the next board report student behavior data summary. She stated she was absent from the previous PTO meeting and mentioned the key items addressed. She reported the Tower of Books Challenge has been a huge success and conveyed families have been instrumental in the success. Ms. Gallegos briefed on the multiplication initiative and reported on attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Mr. Chris Moore, K 12 Accounting Business Manger reviewed the Budget Adjustment Request'(s)-BAR's recommended for approval, asked if there were any questions regarding the Disbursement Detail Listing/Report, referenced the Purchase Order Report, highlighted key insights from the Cash Balances, briefed on the Activity Accounts Report, touched on the Revenue Report, presented the key points of the Expenditure Budget Balance Report, gave an overview of the Bank Reconciliation Report-defined & explained the concept of pledge collateral and provided the business purpose for the journal entry information provided, which has already been reviewed and approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Check Register for Month of September 2025
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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-July 17, 2025

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Herrera moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of September 2025, BAR'(s) #4-#6, Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-July 17, 2025, seconded by Vice President Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton apologized for not submitting a report. She reported the number of teacher vacancies, mentioned the positions and touched on the hiring initiatives. She announced the need of activity drivers and commended the transportation department for their assistance with activities. Superintendent Sena-Holton provided a transportation department update: activity bus evacuations are underway, completion of regular route bus evacuations, second round of random drug testing was performed and stated results have not been received. She reported on the progress of technology department projects; noted the installation of the high school intercom system, eligible devices upgraded to Windows11, Chromebooks order was placed, pointed out the utilization of an external consultant for E-Rate filing and are currently working with them on the upcoming funding year. Superintendent Sena-Holton gave a briefing on athletics; announced the

date of district cross country meet- solicited volunteers and mentioned the contract of a timing system (to streamline the meet), commended the middle school wrestling program-noted the new coaches have really sparked an interest and the program is thriving, announced middle school wrestling and girls basketball seasons has commenced, stated coaches are undergoing a mandatory background check requirements and credential verification, informed the winter sports schedule is nearing completion and notified it is the year of travel. She shared the monthly traffic to the district's website averages 4,000 hits. She reported the nutrition procurement audit is currently in progress and mentioned initiating the solicitation of bids process for food service and milk contracts in the future. Superintendent Sena-Holton made aware of efforts to resolve concerns and touched upon implementing solutions for Sunrise Clinics on-site clinic-related issues. She conveyed that a bilingual waiver had been approved for a teacher, ensuring compliance on the 40th-day NOVA report. She notified the Administrative Team completed their Professional Development Plans-PDPs. Superintendent Sena-Holton pointed out the need to review & discuss Salary Schedules during the next Work Session, as a result of a discrepancy. She notified NOVA Reports have been submitted, noted we are down thirteen students district wide from the end of the year and stated funding is determined by the average of the 80th and 120th-day enrollment counts. She pointed out the completion of the FY27 enrollment predictions. She stated the audit remains in progress. Superintendent Sena-Holton commended principals for their outstanding work in completing the 90-day Action Plans and noted their first monitoring is due at the end of the month. She informed the state embargo was lifted, stated her intent to present the data at the Work Session and conduct on-site data presentations at all school locations. She briefed on Legislative-committees and local initiatives. She made aware she is putting considerable effort into stepping back and working on/letting others do their job/drive their tasks. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed that she is working on safe school plans and stated her intent to meet with sites. She gave a status update on the track field repair project. She offered recognition to the elementary school for the trip to the governor's mansion and commended the group of fourteen students who were taken to New Mexico Highlands University for Youth Day on their behavior.

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ACTION ITEM(S)

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF SANTA FE INDEPENDENT YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL PROGRAM REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Garcia moved to approve the Santa Fe Independent Youth Girls Basketball Program Request for Use of School Facilities, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried as follows- H Garcia-yes, C Roybal-yes, E Herrera-yes, J Tanuz-yes and G Barrens-abstained from voting; 4-0-1.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF EAST PECOS MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMER'S ASSOCIATION-EPMDWCA REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Tanuz moved to approve the East Pecos Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association-EPMDWCA Request for Use of School Facilities, seconded by President Barrens. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

OTHER

None

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 p.m., Vice President Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 20th day of January 2026.

GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: Claudette Roybal

CLAUDETTE ROYBAL, SECRETARY

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