



# Pecos Independent School District

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## School Board

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**James Tanuz**, Member

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**Debra Sena-Holton**,  
Superintendent

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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026  
PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM  
PECOS, NM  
6:00 PM**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**4. GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION**

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None

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**F.** Approval/Disapproval of Little League Program Request for Use of School Facilities

**G.** Selection of NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Award Recipient(s)

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- NMSBA Spring Region II Meeting-March 16, 2026, Santa Fe
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## **MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
Pecos Board of Education  
Pecos Independent School District  
Pecos, New Mexico  
Pecos Schools Board Room  
Pecos, NM  
February 17, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice President, Ms. Claudette Roybal called the meeting to order @ 6:00 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Claudette Roybal, Vice President  
Mr. James Tanuz, Board Secretary  
Ms. Edna Herrera, Board Member  
Mr. Robert Romero, Board Member  
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Grady Barrens, Board President

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Cathy Gallegos	Mary Daves	Chris Moore	Monica Montoya
Brandyn Encinias	Gerald Encinias	Erica Encinias	Michael Rhoades
Grace Giannini	Mary Catherine Vigil	Fernando Herrera	Fernando Herrera
Mirza Recinos	Melissa T. Valencia-Flores		

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION**

Principals announced February award recipients, noted the unique features of the individual earning the award and presented the recipients in attendance with a certificate of recognition. The Golden Panthers recognized were Brandyn Encinias-Senior, Fernando Herrera-Recinos-7<sup>th</sup> grader, Haley Rhoades-kindergarten and Kristina McMillen-staff member.

## **UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **Support Services/Student Nutrition**

Ms. Daves mentioned that the cafeteria operations are running smoothly. Superintendent Sena-Holton announced the rehiring of a cook, who began her duties today and started her second tour with the district. She confirmed that IEP processes remain on track and highlighted that while Child Find screenings occur year-round, the dedicated Spring Child Find event is scheduled for April 13th. She also noted two pending toddler referrals, which must be finalized prior to their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthdays. Ms. Daves articulated the need for a Spanish-fluent diagnostician for one of our monolingual students. She acknowledged the efforts to enhance the quality of the IEP development and documentation, mentioned the team completed specialized training, putting the district ahead of many districts and pointed out the district has a two-year window to transition to the statewide system. Superintendent Sena-Holton mentioned the utilization of PowerSchool as the Student Information System-SIS and conveyed it was advised to wait one full year after its implementation in select schools before the district fully opts in.

Ms. Daves reported serving times have improved attributable to the principal's recent modifications, recognized other challenges remaining are actively being addressed and conveyed while it is a work in progress, progress is being made. She noted secondary lunch participation has increased, indicating lunch has improved a lot and positive feedback is being received from students. She acknowledged taking pride on rotating the menu, never serving the same dish twice in a month, challenging the team to creatively utilize on-hand inventory and conveyed an amazing job was done with creativity and maintaining the course of action. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed of the annual requirement to submit an end-of-year inventory of remaining items to the state. She reported three milk quotes for the remainder of the school year have been secured and are ready for submission and pointed out that the formal bidding process for the next school year will initiate in June. Ms. Daves expressed the intent to retain the current two vendors for their better options.

### **Elementary**

Ms. Gallegos shared the Valentine's dance was a wonderful event, commended the PTO for their efforts, clarified the event was a PTO sponsored event, informed the restricted number of guests was at the request of the PTO and briefed on the reasoning. She presented an overview of the math and

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reading competition; grades 2 & 3-highly competitive and very active, kinder & 1<sup>st</sup>-progressing steadily, with great support from parents reading with them, grade 4-actively participating and coming along nicely and grade 5-currently struggling to gain momentum, noting there are three journal entries total, submitted by a single student. She announced math is going well, noted she missed a few homework help days, and conveyed the initiative is going well also. Ms. Gallegos touched upon the attendance trend/spiked absences; noting on two-hour delay days, Fridays without Pre-k and whenever snow is forecasted, parents keep kids home preemptively, even if the storm doesn't hit. She pointed out student tardiness is becoming increasingly frequent, noted a message was sent through ClassDojo about tardies and conveyed that an increasing number of students trickled in late. She acknowledged early student pickups have become a growing trend that interrupts instruction. Ms. Gallegos briefed on the upcoming field trips. She made aware of a student who has transferred out of the district, a student with high behavior referrals. She mentioned having minor behavior challenges; last week with the boys being super silly, with a teacher out they've been testing boundaries, but nothing unmanageable.

**High School**

Superintendent Sena-Holton welcomed any inquiries regarding the high school, for the record she noted Ms. Seaboy is supervising the game this evening.

**Middle School**

Ms. Montoya reported the San Miguel DWI Program is progressing well; student uptake of the program is hard to measure, presenters are delivering dedicated instruction, indicating it is hard to register whether it's making an impact right now and expressed hope the lessons will resonate with the kids as they grow older. She noted the presenters have requested a letter of recommendation to support their continued funding, indicating she will draft a letter so they can submit to their leadership and making aware we are in the second-to-last week of the program, with one final week remaining. Ms. Montoya pointed out the Valentine's dance turned out great, mentioned she was in an IEP at the time and indicated that by the state of the cafeteria afterwards, students had a great time. She introduced the Reality U Program, a career-focused financial literacy and workforce readiness tool, touched on the framework of the project, outlining the course of events, presented an introductory video of the initiative, pointed out an information attachment was provided alongside the Board Report, acknowledged the focus on community outreach and collaborating with area banks to secure project funding. She informed about a change to the Family Engagement plans. Ms. Montoya notified two middle school students placed in the ELD program based solely on a home language survey, referenced NMPED requirements indicating students do not need ELD services and stated the intent to present the recommendation for review and determination.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

### **FINANCIAL STATUS**

Mr. Chris Moore, K 12 Accounting Business Manager presented the Budget Adjustment Request'(s)-BAR's recommended for approval, noted the Disbursement Detail Report, touched on the Purchase Order Report, referenced the Cash Balances-associated account numbers, briefed on the Activity Accounts Report, summarized the Revenue Report, reviewed the Expenditure Budget Balance Report, went over the Bank Reconciliation Report and summarized the Journal Entries.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Check Register for Month of January 2026  
Cash Transfer(s), BAR's (if any) and Journal Entries  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 18, 2025

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Herrera moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of January 2026, BAR'(s) #8-#11, Journal Entries #804 & #807 and Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 18, 2025, seconded by Secretary Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sena-Holton noted that the New Mexico State Treasurer Laura Montoya expressed interest in presenting to the students on financial literacy. She announced the arrival of the brand-new bus and mentioned the invoicing process. She reported on her recent efforts at the State Capital, including sharing flyers with stakeholders that detail the specific needs of the district. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed President Barrens has tasked her with two main initiatives; drafting a plan to increase the mill levy for a new school waiver petition and develop a list of successes. She gave a staffing update.

### **POLICY**

None

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF J-5350 JLD-ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Tanuz moved to approve J-5350 JLD—Administering Medicines to Students, seconded by Member Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF LITTLE LEAGUE PROGRAM REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Tanuz moved to approve the Little League Program Request for Use of School Facilities, seconded by Vice President Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF NMSBA EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT(S)

Superintendent Sena-Holton clarified for the record, students who have achieved success in academics should not be nominated for this award but rather should be nominated for the NMSBA Scholarship., noted following a discussion about a student nomination, she will collaborate with thigh school staff to steer the student toward that opportunity. She notified an individual being considered for nomination is ineligible for the award.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Tanuz moved to award Charles Vigil the NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Award, seconded by Member Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Tanuz moved to award Rose Gonzales the NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Award, seconded by Vice President Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Herrera moved to award Johnathon Garcia the NMSBA Excellence for Student Achievement Award, seconded by Secretary Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**OTHER**

Secretary Tanuz informed that he picked up the awards awarded to the district's Board of Education /Members during the NMSBA Board Institute. Superintendent Sena-Holton reminded that ongoing education training requirements are linked to accreditation, acknowledged the awarding of the recognition certificates and offered her congratulations.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:21 p.m., Secretary Tanuz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

  
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GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

  
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JAMES TANUZ, SECRETARY