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**PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 12, 2024
PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM
PECOS, NM
6:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS**
- 5. OTHER**
- 6. ACTION ITEM(S)**
 - A.** Appointing of New Board Member
 - B.** Resolution to Fill Board of Education Vacancy
- 7. ADVANCE PLANNING**
 - Regular Board Meeting-February 20, 2024, 6:00 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room
 - Work Session-March 5, 2024, 5:30 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room
 - Regular Board Meeting-March 19, 2024, 6:00 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room
 - NMSBA Region II Meeting-March 19, 2024, Los Alamos, NM
 - NSBA 2024 Annual Conference and Exposition-April 6-8, 2024, New Orleans, LA

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MINUTES

**Special Meeting
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
Pecos Schools Board Room
Pecos, NM
February 12, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ben Sandoval

Edna Herrera

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

BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS

President Barrens reported questions have been submitted, indicated there are a few common general questions the applicant assessment will begin with and made aware each Board Member will ask questions. Questions posed were relevant to interviewees talking about themselves, their interest in filling the vacant Board position-if given the opportunity, changes that would impact student achievement, notions on improving employee performance/professional development, experience with policy, handling of a particular situation/problem-not definite of the answer to, supporting a school board decision, addressing differences of opinion with particular relations, identifying a few current notable issues facing/specific to the district, approach to & response to confidential & impartial state of affairs and advocating for students and what is best for the district etc., if not appointed to the position.

Superintendent Sena-Holton noted the number of meetings held per month and mentioned regional meetings. President Barrens pointed out the minimum mandatory training hours required by Board Members, remarked on valuable information presented and the knowledge gained from the meetings/trainings provided. He presented an opportunity to ask questions or comments etc. The first contender identified the question most prominent, presented the logic for their interest in filling the position, gave their stance on the school board and conveyed the opportunity is a challenge for own self. The second contender expressed understanding of the overall role of a Board Member, touching upon first-hand experience & observation.

OTHER

Superintendent Sena-Holton notified the final report was received on the East Pecos property, stated review of its entirety has not yet been completed, reported lead & some asbestos has been detected and spoke on use of the portable on site. President Barrens commented upon the arrangement of a detailed presentation of the report by the environment department and remarked on the cleanup-based on decisions/future plans of/for the site.

ACTION ITEM(S)

The Board commented/held discussion on the positives, challenges and transitioning into the position, on the basis of the Board Member interviews conducted.

Vice President Garcia inquired on the interview of other candidates who expressed interest in the vacant position. President Barrens reported they were no longer interested, made known telephone conversations were held with the individuals and provided feedback on the reasoning provided.

Vice President Garcia expressed his disappointment with the interest exhibited. President Barrens commented on the enthusiasm about education.

President Barrens recognized his position as a Junior/Senior Board Member, remarked on the function of the present Board and stressed the importance of maintaining the foremost functionality, despite of individual votes.

Vice President Garcia highlighted on serving the public as school Board Members/Elected Officials and recognized the difficulty.

President Barrens acknowledged the good faith effort in reference to recruitment initiatives.

APPOINTING OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Member Roybal moved to appoint Ms. Edna Herrera as New Board Member, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

RESOLUTION TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

President Barrens moved to table the Resolution to Fill Board of Education Vacancy, seconded by Vice President Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 p.m., Vice President Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 16th day of April 2024.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

CLAUDETTE ROYBAL, SECRETARY