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**PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 21, 2022
PISD WILL UTILIZE GOOGLE HANGOUTS
PECOS, NM
9:00 AM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. DISTRICT MASK REQUIREMENT DISCUSSION**
- 5. OTHER**
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- 7. ADVANCE PLANNING**
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 - Regular Board Meeting-March 15, 2022, 6:00 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room
 - NMSBA Region II Meeting-March 16, 2022, 5:30 pm, PISD
 - NSBA 2022 Annual Conference and Exposition-April 2-4, 2022, San Diego, CA

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MINUTES

**Special Meeting
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
GOOGLE HANGOUTS
Pecos, NM
February 21, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Mr. Grady Barrens called the meeting to order @ 9:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT-via GOOGLE Hangouts Meet/by phone

Brenda Gallegos	Denisha Moodley	Emily Ortiz	Gloria Ruiz
Pedro Vallejo	Leslie Damon	Melissa T. Valencia-Flores	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Gloria Ruiz, Parent voiced the opinion of her and her family; the family should have the option of whether or not they do want to continue wearing masks. She noted it would be great to see athletes competing without masks. She conveyed it's great for every family to have their own option and make their own decisions.

DISTRICT MASK REQUIREMENT DISCUSSION

Superintendent Sena-Holton mentioned when the lifting of the mask came to be; a press conference announcement on Thursday, February 17, 2022. She informed the start of the school day on Friday was optional; decision was optional to parents and students to decide whether or not they wanted to wear a mask and reported over 80% of students and 95% of staff are still wearing masks. She provided an overview on the up-to-date positive cases. Superintendent Sena-Holton presented her recommendation; is that the option is given to parents and students to decide if they want to wear masks or not. She stated the option was given to coaches and conveyed student athletes decided on their own.

President Barrens reemphasized on the continuous surveillance testing. Superintendent Sena-Holton reviewed the onsite testing schedule and pointed out test kits are available on site.

President Barrens asked if protocols are still in place. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed NMPED has not issued a new toolkit and conveyed everything else remains in place. She commented on the anticipated increase in numbers. President Barrens expressed importance on communicating every single other protocol is in place, if the decision is made to make masks optional.

President Barrens inquired on any staff members concerns. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed of the only concern voiced; inadequate ventilation in buses. She suggested optional wear for school buildings on campus and require mask wearing in buses.

President Barrens communicated his mind-set, conveying the mask optional is perhaps the best course and stated his trust that students and staff will continue to wear the mask if they are not comfortable, indicating that doesn't preclude anyone else from not wearing a mask, whether it'd be mask optional.

Member Tanuz supported the point of views presented and encouraged mask wearing as an extra precaution.

Secretary Ortiz voiced her support on the mask wearing encouragement and stated the mask option is a good choice.

OTHER

Superintendent Sena-Holton briefed on the district hosting of the NMSBA Region II Meeting; touched on the meal, invited the administrative team and announced the entertainment performers. She reported on NSBA Conference planning.

ACTION ITEM(S)

DISTRICT MASK REQUIREMENT

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Tanuz moved to make masks optional to staff and students, to the parent and student choice and require mask wearing in buses, seconded by Vice President Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 9:19 a.m., Secretary Ortiz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 19th day of April 2022.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



DARLENE ORTIZ, SECRETARY