



# Pecos Independent School District

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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2025  
PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM  
PECOS, NM  
6:00 PM**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION**
- 5. RECOGNITION OF CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM**
- 6. ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**
- 7. OPIOID ANTAGONIST PRESENTATION-POLICY PROPOSAL**
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  - No. 266 - IA – Instructional Goals and Objectives
  - No. 267 NEW - JICJ – Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices in Schools (Two Alternatives)
  - No. 268 NEW - JLCEC – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan- Automated External Defibrillators
  - No. 269 NEW - JLIH – Parental Guidance for Water Safety
- F.** Approval/Disapproval of St. Anthony’s Parish Application for Use of School Facilities

**15. OTHER**

**16. ADVANCE PLANNING**

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- NMSBA 2025 Annual Convention-December 4-6, 2025, Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM
- Regular Board Meeting-December 16, 2025, 6:00 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room

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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 18, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The President, Mr. Grady Barrens called the meeting to order @ 6:00 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**

Eddy Duran	Chris Moore	Monica Montoya	Cathy Gallegos
Brigette K. Lucero	Danielle Seaboy	Mary Daves	Jason Sena
Tammy Sena	Alize Valdez	Aaron Vigil	Teresa Chavez
Thomas Garcia Jr.	Tessa Lynn Garcia	Thomas Garcia Sr.	Megan Muller
Maddison Muller	Briel Perea	Leah Gonzales	Ermalinda Sanchez
Amanda Muller	Vernon Muller	Brian Holton	Cameron Holton
Tanya Begay	Aaliyah Begay	Scarlett Begay	Layla Begay
Grace Begay	Patrick Ortiz	Carlos Ragland	Lynette Gonzales
Sam Gonzales	Nicholas Pelafas	Nikoleta Samara	
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 Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

## **GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION**

Principals announced November award recipients, mentioned the unique characteristics exemplified by the award recipient and presented those in attendance with a recognition certificate. The Golden Panthers recognized were Thomas Garcia-Sophomore, Aaliyah Begay-6<sup>th</sup> grader, Tessa Garcia-5<sup>th</sup> grader, Amaris Valdez-3<sup>rd</sup> grader and Nicholas Pelafas-Staff Member.

## **RECOGNITION OF CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM**

Superintendent Sena-Holton announced at this time, we would like to recognize the accomplishments of our boys' and girls' cross-country teams, noting the girls had an amazing season, who were runner up at the state cross country meet on November 8<sup>th</sup>. She furthermore noted that the boys' teams are back-to-back state champions, who have won the state championship in the last five years. She recognized having an elite program, creating a dynasty with our state championship for our cross-country team.

Coach Patrick Ortiz gathered the present athletes, stated that many team members were missing and reported the final count of athletes participating in the state meet/competing for the 2025 Cross Country Championships. He pointed out athletes competed in the first race, noted it was a magnificent morning that set the stage for a truly wonderful day and highlighted by an exceptional turnout. He acknowledged his high expectations, conveyed the teams delivered an amazing performance, placing perfectly against 32 competitive teams, stated the day was perfect and highlighted the coaches' excitement. Coach Ortiz pointed out the number of athletes that were in the top twenty. Superintendent Sena-Holton commented on expanding the display area to showcase the blue trophies and expressed her congratulations.

President Barrens recognized many were in attendance for the Golden Panther and for the recognition of cross country, pointed out the understanding for the need to leave, conveyed now would be a suitable time, expressed his appreciation and welcomed those who would like to stay.

## **ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH REQUEST FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Mr. Eddie Roy Duran, Community Member, noted while presentations are impressive, school

success is truly a reflection of its leadership and commended the leadership for such a wonderful presentation. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the Superintendent for the opportunity & time she took to meet and discuss the use of school facilities, conveying this has happened on numerous occasions, pointed out her respect and acknowledged her open-door policy. He informed he is the president of the upcoming parish fiesta, shared feedback regarding the first meeting held and provided the event details for the current use of facilities request. Mr. Duran reported the Superintendent has approved the facility use request, noted his desire to provide an overview of the initiative, as requested by the Superintendent and expressed his hope of seeing everyone there. He pointed out the event has a dedicated team of organizers, stated he is the spokesperson, mentioned a future request for use of school facilities in the month of June 2026 and noted the intent of aiming to surpass the success of last year's fiesta. He made it known that the fiesta is the primary fundraiser for the parish and strive to make it as best as possible. Superintendent Sena-Holton touched upon the current dates & times requested/schedule, briefed on working with staff to assist as necessary and noted the archdiocese will provide the liability insurance. President Barrens reported all facility use requests are now subject to Board approval, pointed out the transition to a presentation format and have instituted a requirement for requesters to present their requests directly to the Board.

## **OPIOID ANTAGONIST PRESENTATION-POLICY PROPOSAL**

Superintendent Sena-Holton distributed a draft policy recommended by legal counsel, noted it was not a first reading, invited the Board to review, which will be discussed further and stated the district nurse will present the rationale for this proposed policy.

Ms. Bridette Lucero, PISD District Nurse stated overdose reversal medication is a necessity, as the danger is increasingly hitting close to home and conveyed that her daily commute is a relentless, first-hand view of the local drug epidemic. She noted that in her time with the district she has observed a significant prevalence of substance use and exposure within our student households. She acknowledged exposure is directly impacting our kids; notably, our elementary students are frequently the most transparent about the challenges they face at home. Ms. Lucero expressed the strong need to get the opioid antagonist, stated there are other generic forms that function identically to reverse opioid overdoses and save lives. She indicated it is available at no cost to the school and informed that through local partnerships, we can arrange on-site training for staff, community and those interested, ensuing our district is equipped with this crucial overdose reversal tool and are prepared to handle emergencies immediately. She highlighted her collaborative effort with Superintendent Sena-Holton to equip the baseball/softball field complex and track with AED's, to ensure sporting venues have immediate, centrally located access to emergency equipment. Ms. Lucero reviewed her goal for setup & supply of Narcan, pointed out other central supply and backup locations. She noted the approach taken toward overdose situations and medical emergencies and conveyed the sooner the response, the greater chances of survival. Superintendent Sena-Holton reported that the proposed policy is an existing policy, while adding recommendations.

## **UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS**

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

Ms. Daves confirmed the Physical Therapist began working, reported some students were exited from occupational therapy & physical therapy services, with regard to the comparable/services provided. She touched upon the NMSA Joint Powers Agreement, pertaining to the amount renegotiated. She reported that weekly cafeteria costs were significantly reduced, noted the variable range (depending on the menu) following an optimization of cafeteria operations. Ms. Daves briefed on issues and made it known that her aid was needed. Ms. Daves confirmed the private out-of-state advocate remains unchanged, briefed on an extensive IEP meeting, noting the meeting was adjourned with pending items still to be resolved. President Barrens expressed his curiosity as to the end gain and the reasoning for the protracted meetings. Ms. Daves noted that the student is the primary beneficiary in the IEP process, briefed on a specified request and informed the NMPED facilitator is experiencing challenges maintaining the necessary focus & collaboration required for an effective meeting and conveyed another school district is experiencing these same challenges with the same advocate. She notified the team is operating at an exceptional level, with leadership and instructional staff fully aligned, indicating it is completely transparent/a transparent process.

Ms. Daves touched upon the food service department issues, noted the reasoning behind the significant drop in middle school meal participation in October, in comparison to the participation in September and strategized on improvement measures/efforts. She reported the Veterans Day lunch as a success with an impressive turnout.

### **Middle School**

Ms. Montoya detailed the reasons for the decline in 8<sup>th</sup> grade student enrollment from August to now, citing the factors contributing to the withdrawal/disenrollment of two students. She expressed her hopes for a high turnout for the upcoming Mocktails and Paint Night Family Engagement initiative and reported that supplies on hand will accommodate 90 painters. She outlined the specific refinements to the lesson plans approach within the 90 Day Plan Update and briefed on the idea of providing targeted coaching-based professional development on the concept. Ms. Montoya touched upon the walkthroughs instruction engagement and remarked on suggested refinement areas to boost student learning. She noted the student behavior data numbers are quite decent and pointed out majority of infractions were classroom misconduct.

### **High School**

Ms. Seaboy explained the basis for not providing the IXL student assessment data and conveyed the information will be shared at the next board meeting. She expressed her disappointment with the turnout of the College & Career Fair, noted the vendor turnout fell short of the expectations, mentioned the plan to replicate the initiative in the upcoming quarter and remarked on the turnout for students who attended. She detailed the academic standing of the two students listed as non-

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graduates, briefed on intervention measures for one of the students, conveyed the parent has been informed of the absenteeism patterns and their impact on academic progress and acknowledged ample opportunities have been extended. Ms. Seaboy presented a status/progress report on the Dual Credit Program. She announced high school students were selected to attend the Broadway MJ (Michael Jackson) Musical performance debuting at the Popejoy Hall on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Elementary**

Ms. Gallegos confirmed that the reading initiative remains highly successful, noting third graders actively make progress toward catching up and revealed the top-performing grade will be treated to a movie. She reported that after conducting outreach to 28 families with students exceeding 8 absences, the initiative encountered significant parent pushback and shared several key insights from the feedback received during the interactions. She briefed on the benefits that low absences have on a child's academic success and noted family trips are on the rise. Ms. Gallegos informed that the math initiatives are thriving. She conveyed that the Santa Fe Chamber of Music Performance went well, announced the school has been invited to pilot an integrated art activity and informed the activity will take place through electives classes, designed to tie-in to the musical performance students recently attended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**BUSINESS REPORT**

**FINANCIAL STATUS**

Mr. Chris Moore, K 12 Accounting Business Manger reported there were no Budget Adjustment Request'(s)-BAR's recommended for approval, briefed on the Disbursement Detail Report-highlighted on payment to Waste Management of New Mexico, mentioned the Purchase Order Report-referred to the POs initiated on October 15<sup>th</sup>, specifically for student travel, briefly mentioned the Activity Accounts, touched on the Revenue Report, highlighted on the Expenditure Budget Balance Report-noted the operational fund is about 75% budget consumption, with 25% remaining, reviewed the Bank Reconciliation Report, noted the pledge collateral has been uploaded for October 2025, explained the Journal Entry and asked if there are any questions finance related.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Check Register for Month of October 2025  
Cash Transfer(s), BAR's (if any) and Journal Entries  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-August 19, 2025

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, President Barrens moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of October 2025, Journal Entry #566 and Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-August 19, 2025, seconded by Vice President Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Administrators were dismissed at 7:20 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sena-Holton provided a staffing update and detailed a plan for long-term substitute teacher coverage for the high school math position, which could lead into a contracted position with the district. She confirmed receipt of New Mexico Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) funds earmarked for security cameras. She reported the quote for the auditorium chairs and noted the number of seats. Superintendent Sena-Holton pointed out the hiring of new coaching staff for basketball programs are middle school positions and commented on the lengthy licensure process. She briefly addressed the IT office cleanup initiative, indicating it is near completion. She updated on the diagnostic results for the electric bus in the shop. She reviewed the student participation numbers on the district's selection for the guaranteed attendance pilot program, reported that she is working on the project and conveyed Southwest Capital Bank hasn't been as cooperative as she thought they would have been. Superintendent Sena-Holton confirmed the availability of primary and supplementary paving funds and pointed out various areas/locations in need of repair.

**POLICY**

None

**ACTION ITEM(S)**

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF NMSBA POLICY SERVICES ADVISORY NO. 265-269

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Garcia moved to approve NMSBA Policy Services Advisory No. 265 - EBC – Emergencies, No. 266 - IA – Instructional

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Goals and Objectives, No. 268 NEW - JLCEC – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan- Automated External Defibrillators and No. 269 NEW - JLIH – Parental Guidance for Water Safety and exclude-disapprove No. 267 NEW - JICJ – Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices in Schools (Two Alternatives) due to an existing policy in place, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF ST. ANTHONY’S PARISH APPLICATION FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton’s recommendation, Vice President Garcia moved to approve the St. Anthony’s Parish Application for Use of School Facilities, seconded by Member Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

**OTHER**

Member Tanuz, as a heads-up for the calendar and speaking for the Hunter Safety Program, would like to have use of facilities for January 17 & 18, 2026. He stated he will move forward to initiate the formal request process. Superintendent Sena-Holton recommended presenting the request during the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session and recommended approval for the December Board Meeting.

Vice President Garcia asked if any of the Board Members wanted to attend the Michael Jackson performance.

Superintendent Sena-Holton asked if Mr. Joe Guillen, New Mexico School Boards Association Executive Director reaches out to newly elected Board Members. She stated she is cognizant that we, as a district, have never registered them and recommended reaching out to Mr. Guillen for clarification.


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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:04 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

  
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GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:   
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JAMES TANUZ, SECRETARY