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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2024
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
February 20, 2024
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
Vacant, Board Secretary
Ms. Claudette Roybal, Board Member
Mr. James Tanuz, Board Member
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Angela Romero	Nicholas Romero	Ashley Salayandia	Ezekiel Salazar
Diego Salazar	Amanda Montoya	Pete Vallejo	Cathy Gallegos
Denisha Moodley	Annette Kirk	Mary Catherine A Vigil	
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 Vice President Garcia. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEM(S)

RESOLUTION TO FILL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

Member Roybal moved to approve the Resolution to Fill Board of Education Vacancy, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

President Barrens nominated Member Claudette Roybal for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education, seconded by Member Tanuz. Member Roybal accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

SWEARING IN OF APPOINTED MEMBER

Secretary Roybal administered an oath of office to appointed School Board Member Edna Herrera. President Barrens and Superintendent Sena-Holton congratulated Member Herrera on her solemn pledge/oath.

GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION

Principals announced February award recipients, stated the attributes of the individual meritorious of the award and presented those in attendance with a recognition certificate. The Golden Panthers recognized were Ezekiel Salazar-Kindergarten, Nicholas Romero-7th grader and Mila Archuleta-Herrera-Freshman.

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

Elementary

Ms. Gallegos recognized the delay in the i-Ready data reporting, noted the data is from the BOY (August) to the MOY (December) and reported the data is schoolwide. She presented the i-Ready BOY-Beginning of Year and MOY-Middle of Year data for reading and math. She reviewed the student growth/gains or any regression that occurred in the *specified* grade levels categories and noted the corresponding percentiles.

Superintendent Sena-Holton mentioned the states yearly objective goal of 10% and conveyed the target had been achieved from the BOY to the MOY.

Ms. Gallegos expressed the enthusiasm about future prospects, acknowledged the efforts of teachers, touched on Professional Development and math lab partnership improvement initiatives taken. She mentioned the amazement with the teacher's response. She pointed out the transformation of hallways with the posting/exposing of math correspondence/standards etc., and remarked on attempts with exposing students to math as much as possible.

Vice President Garcia asked if the standards are 10% as well as reading. Ms. Gallegos acknowledged the standards 10% applies to reading as well.

President Barrens requested explanation of the teacher compliance/buy in. Ms. Gallegos touched upon one of the best benefits is the teaching and facilitation method of training provided during Professional Development. She conveyed teachers feel their time is productive, remarked on the personality/approach of the math lab coach and mentioned the obvious evidence, she's a teacher at heart. She expressed how proud she is of her staff and stated they have been receptive and open to learning/things.

President Barrens recognized the staff is coachable and put forth the idea of a homework only group, as opposed to homework and detention. Ms. Gallegos noted the detention group works well on account of her supervision and stated she does not have an individual to oversee the group. She made aware detention students will work on assignments, conveyed she assists them as well and stated the number of students is manageable. She recognized that an adjustment to the duty schedule allows her to dedicate the two lunch hours to the detention initiative.

Member Tanuz pointed out a decrease in discipline. Ms. Gallegos notified the infractions are repetitious student offenders.

Middle School

Ms. Moodley reported the commencement of actions for the 90-Day Plan for ELA and Math, mentioned the revision of spirits in Quarter Three and touched on the ideas to keep students

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incentivized. She announced the number of students that attended the writing Workshop at NMHU, shared an email received from the Dean conveying PMS students were the only middle schoolers in attendance, PMS had the most students, as well as the only ones willing to present their writing and stated it was a job well done on the student's part. She expressed her surprise to the number of Family Night attendees, noting there were thirty-eight and mentioned the acknowledgement of a parent celebrating her birthday, by the singing of Happy Birthday.

President Barrens requested expansion on what was a success, what worked and want to improve upon. Ms. Moodley stated the success of the initiative was attributed to the classroom advertisement & correlation with the student's grades, explained the concept utilizing a graphic organizer, indicated the strategy was a parent motivator and mentioned being mindful & strategic with the organization/planning of the engagement.

President Barrens inquired on the outcome of the math test preparation sessions. Ms. Moodley noted the sessions are going very well, acknowledged the hardship of getting students to work on practice problems independently, commented on the consideration at utilizing as a grade, bearing in mind it is an intervention for the ten students. She spoke on completion accountability, to correspond with a grade, conveyed it's unfortunate to be compelled to take this action and acknowledged it appears it must be incentive driven. She reported the grades understanding the concept and the grade struggling to retain, giving prominence to.

Secretary Roybal inquired on the Afternoon's with Abuela. Ms. Moodley noted the intent of the host, touched upon the plan and pointed out the objective of the idea.

Secretary Roybal inquired on the outcome of the fieldtrip to The Santa Fe New Mexican. Ms. Moodley reported students were positive, mentioned what they envisioned, noted their surprise to the use of ink and stated the students were very impressed. She informed a history project will materialize from the tour.

Vice President Garcia requested a discipline and vaping update. Ms. Moodley conveyed she has not had to handle vaping for a period of time, alluded to the major discipline cases in the report, mentioning they were deferred to State Police and stated the dealings have been with minor discipline. She complimented new teachers for bringing forth ideas on behavioral management plans they've utilized and stated she foresees improvement by March.

Member Tanuz complimented the impressive work on the other glows. Ms. Moodley noted great efforts were made on the grade books & lesson plans, conveyed she was pleased the grade books were up to date and stated some teaches surpassed the expectation.

High School

Dr. Vallejo reported the first FAFSA Night follow up meeting took place, mentioned the purpose-FAFSA ID creation, pointed out the number of students present (with their parents) and notified individual situations were worked out for the most part. He touched on the requirements prior to completing the application, acknowledged the efforts to ensure students have all their information submitted and approved. He mentioned the additional opportunities application assistance will be provided for parents and expressed his satisfaction with the process.

Vice President Garcia inquired on Dual Enrollment. Dr. Vallejo reported the program and enrolled students are faring well, stated he does not recall any students failing classes the current semester and conveyed students are comprehending their enrollment in dual credit classes has importance and shall be taken seriously. He commented on and expressed excitement with college course offerings and program enhancements for the upcoming academic year.

Vice President Garcia inquired on a funding issue with welding supplies for students and asked if the issue had been resolved. Superintendent Sena-Holton noted SFCC had a grant that did not happen as planned, informed a number of kits were purchased by the district for the current school year and mentioned the intent to apply for CTE Funds. She briefed on the allocation of money for other initiatives. Dr. Vallejo commented on the completion of the welding course, taking account of available resources and the availability of resources and recommended working towards increasing as necessary. Superintendent Sena-Holton reviewed the budget/funding process and remarked on securing grants to offset the costs. President Barrens encouraged finding out the availability of resources, in avoidance of being caught off guard.

Secretary Roybal inquired on where students are ditching to on campus. Dr. Vallejo reported there are students who will find every means possible to hide-out and also utilize the restroom. Superintendent Sena-Holton identified the auditorium dressing rooms as the main culprit and briefed on instruction to personnel.

President Barrens asked what can be attributed to the ELA and Mathematics gains and how the math score decrease can be addressed. Dr. Vallejo noted the MOY Scores are snapshots, with the anticipation of end of the year growth, reported Freshman & Sophomores are starting to take things rather more serious, acknowledge the lack of motivation in Juniors & Seniors and touched on the consistency of solely one math teacher. He gave emphasis on the need to grow academically and briefed on the course of actions for improvement. President Barrens inquired on any new tactics/ideas to address the student motivation. Dr. Vallejo indicated the duration of time spent with Freshman & Sophomores since COVID and pointed out Juniors & Seniors are primetime COVID students and briefed on the perspectives. He noted his anticipation for Juniors & Seniors, as the academic push is pursued, stated the EOY Scores will be evident and conveyed continued efforts will be put forth.

Member Tanuz expressed disappointment with the lack of student motivation midyear.

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Superintendent Sena-Holton challenged Principals to recommend incentive plans for students.

Vice President Garcia inquired on adjustments to the curriculum utilized by ENLACE. Dr. Vallejo informed adjustments have been made, noting the current program is new.

Member Herrera inquired on the announcement of an American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship and Girls State Conference opportunity. Dr. Vallejo conveyed the information has been disseminated to students.

Member Herrera presented an idea to improve at risk student motivation

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Annette Kirk, K 12 Accounting Business Manager reviewed the Budget Adjustment Request(s) recommended for approval. She noted the check listing provided is her preferred format and welcomed questions with regard to the check listing. She made reference to the Purchase Order Listing, Financial Statement Summary, Activity Report Revenue Report and Expenditure Budget Balance Report.

President Barrens inquired on the current position of the Cash Balance. Ms. Kirk conveyed big expenditures are forthcoming and noted the payment of the school buses. Superintendent Sena-Holton reported on the ordering of the buses and reviewed the payment & reimbursement process. Ms. Kirk informed the district is in good financial position and mentioned budget preparations for the upcoming academic year. Superintendent Sena-Holton discussed the concerns of the 180 Day Calendar NMPED proposed ruling and made aware of an anticipated No-Confidence Resolution against the Secretary of Education.

CONSENT AGENDA

Check Register for Month of January 2024
Cash Transfer(s), BAR's (if any) and Journal Entries
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-December 12, 2023

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Garcia moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of January 2024, BAR's #23-#26 and Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-December 12, 2023, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

President Barrens mentioned a resignation and asked if an exit interview was conducted. Superintendent Sena-Holton stated a better opportunity as the reasoning provided.

President Barrens inquired on “problem encountered” noted in the Technology Report. Superintendent Sena-Holton conveyed one of the gym doors did not arrive and informed both doors must be replaced.

Member Tanuz inquired on the East Pecos Property. Superintendent Sena-Holton mentioned her attempted efforts to reach Savannah Richards, NM Environment Department Team Leader and stated she has not responded to the presentation request. She notified the East Pecos Water Association will utilize the PISD or Village of Pecos Board Room for their monthly meetings. President Barrens requested the Board reflect on what they’d like to see materialize, once the results of the report is received.

Superintendent Sena-Holton gave an account of the Sewage Water Testing, pointed out the results are provided, notified it was an Executive Order by the Governor and stated the rationale of the testing has not been specified.

Secretary Roybal inquired on the status of STOPit’s anonymous reporting system. Superintendent Sena-Holton stated she is struggling with the initiative and will delegate to Ms. Daves.

President Barrens inquired on any new ideas/strategies to recruit substitutes. Superintendent Sena-Holton conveyed we are doing well with classroom substitutes, noted the concentration is with non-certified positions and pointed out there are pending applicants. She mentioned the number of ideal active substitutes.

POLICY

None

OTHER


Superintendent Sena-Holton touched on the nomination of two individuals for the NMSBA Student Achievement Award and stated action will occur during the March Work Session.

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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 28th day of May 2024.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

CLAUDETTE ROYBAL, SECRETARY