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BOARD MEETING AGENDA PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 21, 2025 PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM PECOS, NM 6:00 PM

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5. PHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR NMHU-ENLACE
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MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
Pecos Schools Board Room
Pecos, NM
January 21, 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
Ms. Claudette Roybal, Board Secretary
Ms. Edna Herrera, Board Member
Mr. James Tanuz, Board Member
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Harold J. Garcia, Board Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

Crystal Ortiz	Cathy Gallegos	Mary Ann Daves	Gowan Hays
Jesus Horta	Gilbert S. Morales	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 Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION

Principals announced January award recipients, referred to the exceptional features of the individual deserving of the award and presented those in attendance with a recognition certificate. The Golden Panthers recognized were Jessie Rodriguez-1st grader, Emiliano Torres-Freshman, Marcus Quintana-8th grader and Natasha Ortiz-staff member.

President Barrens welcomed Golden Panther Families to stay, expressed understanding for the need to leave and stated the meeting will continue to proceed.

PHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR NMHU-ENLACE

Ms. Crystal Ortiz, Secondary Language Arts Teacher introduced herself. She notified the school has been in collaboration with the Engaging Latino Communities for Education-ENLACE Program, based out of NMHU and touched on the objective of the program. She pointed out the need for a 2025 Legislative Session Internship Representative, conveyed the opportunity was originally opened to Seniors, announced none of the Seniors applied and stated she was unaware it was opened to Juniors as well. Ms. Ortiz mentioned the Junior that came to mind, briefed on the application requirements/submission and reported Mr. Jesus Horta had been selected for the position-to represent the region. She expressed her gratitude for Mr. Horta for always willing to step up to the challenge, takes opportunities that are given to him and conveyed how proud she is of him. She indicated Mr. Horta will benefit from the three-day experience at the roundhouse, shadowing and assisting Senators/Legislators during the legislative session. She expressed appreciation for the commemoration of Mr. Horta and for permitting her to speak on his behalf. Ms. Ortiz noted he is exceptionally valuable, a person full of potential and is deserving/meriting of so many good things.

Superintendent Sena-Holton notified about an ENLACE Luncheon celebration planned for Friday, February 14, 2025, in recognition/acknowledgment of the students that were selected. Ms. Ortiz noted Mr. Horta will attend the New Mexico Legislature February 12-14, 2025.

President Barrens urged Mr. Horta to be mindful of what he hears & sees, in like manner to what he does not see or hear. He touched on how the ambience will be perceived, really understanding the process and being in the most prominent position as an ENLACE Representative. He conveyed it's a great opportunity, expressed how proud he is and congratulated Mr. Horta.

CYBER ATTACK REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton noted a School Messenger was sent on the 10th of January, briefed on how she was made aware PowerSchool had a cyber-attack, noted daily PowerSchool correspondence is received, pointed out the district was notified on Jan 7th, touched on the information conveyed via the email and informed two district files were exported-a teacher file and student file. She specified the duration of the upload, identified the student population that had social security numbers linked with PowerSchool, briefed on the standard email received from PowerSchool to forward to parents & staff, which was vetted by the school district attorney. She briefed on the information PowerSchool is declaring will be provided upon completion of their investigation and mentioned the support they intend to offer those impacted and compromised by the attack. Superintendent Sena-Holton pointed out NMPSIA notified the district may file a claim, informed a claim was submitted and briefed on her meeting with Beazley. She expressed her opinion with regard to the notification, stating PowerSchool could've done a better job, referenced the timeline of events and remarked on the format of the notification. She notified that the breach was nationwide, mentioned the expected duration it will take to compile the list and informed the district will bear the financial burden if the legal route is pursued. Superintendent Sena-Holton alluded to the support desired for those impacted and indicated there are families that don't have the knowledge/are familiar with monitoring their kid's credit. She noted the benefits of filing a lawsuit were not provided. She mentioned an inquiry received from PowerSchool on the desire of the district to contact individuals from the district that were compromised, discussed the present state of affairs and seeking legal advice/consulting with an attorney. Superintendent Sena-Holton remarked on conflicting information on a ransom that was paid by PowerSchool. She pointed out other school districts that experienced a cyber security incident. She noted that is her understanding in regard to the online attack and stated she will notify of any updates that are received.

Member Tanuz asked if any parent phone calls were received. Superintendent Sena-Holton referenced her response to phone calls received from parents; indicating she shared all the information provided & that she could provide and conveyed parents enquired on the next step. She acknowledged needing advice prior to instructing PowerSchool how to proceed further.

2025 NMSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Superintendent Sena-Holton stated the time of year has arrived for the Board to choose a recipient(s), pointed out the nomination deadline and mentioned the number of recipients awarded in past years. She gave an overview of the criteria, selection process and purpose of the award. She informed the district will bear the cost for the additional awards. President Barrens recommended each member prepare to present a nomination and discuss further during the March Work Session.

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Secondary

Mr. Morales reported homecoming week festivities were a success, conveyed the dance went well & students enjoyed themselves and mentioned a selection of the themes for the dress-up days. He touched upon The Bead Game. He briefed on the planning/scheduling of the Principal Honor Roll Certificate Assembly. Mr. Morales gave an explanation of his recommended Social Emotional Learning (SEL)-Why Try Social Emotional Learning platform, mentioned the student benefits and types of instructional/ learning resources and spoke briefly about the application/incorporation of the program.

President Barrens noted in the event of a decision to move forward with the math student intervention considerations/proposals, he expressed interest in a comparison & details-a summary of software program that are complimentary to those purchased. Mr. Morales pointed out the logic behind his recommendations and divisions; raw data, substantiation, research and utilization. He touched upon a few of the program recommendations, stated the suggestions are based on the needs and presented the idea to implement and utilize, in addition to intervention.

President Barrens requested an update on the Proposed Tutoring Interventions. Ms. Morales reported the initiative continues to be in the development stages. President Barrens remarked on previous efforts, acknowledged the difficulties encountered in prior attempts, conveyed his interest in the feedback obtained and solutions he's (Mr. Morales) bringing forth.

Elementary

Superintendent Sena-Holton gave kudos to the elementary music program for their holiday performance and noted the design of the musical performance was different from the traditional, in a good manner.

Ms. Gallegos identified the i-Ready reading and math grade level placements and coordinating color that signifies the BOY and MOY diagnostics/assessment. She reported the data is school wide, presented the data comparison, noting the corresponding percentiles for student growth/gains or any regression that occurred in the specified grade levels. She stated she is discontent with the reading gains, briefed on improvement measures/concentration areas and weighed in on the placement of kinder & 1st grade students. Ms. Gallegos reported greater gains in math and mentioned the preference of science textbooks as opposed to the online program. She pointed out the difficulty with student's ability to complete independent work and commented on corrective action. She stated she is gratified with the math transformation.

Ms. Gallegos discussed a pilot project-an end of year initiative, defined the objective-to help students build fluency with the assistance of parents and presented the plan; conduct a parent meeting for incoming third graders to review math standards, share some examples and be able to

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provide a resource kit to complete over the summer. She noted if the initiative is a success, the intent is to implement with other grade levels with math as well.

President Barrens expressed appreciation for the tone, approach, presentation and the recognition that the progress can be refined further.

Superintendent Sena-Holton encouraged pointing out the incentive for completing the work over the summer and provided ideas. Ms. Gallegos outlined her approach.

Ms. Gallegos extended an invitation to the Valentine's Dance.

Support Services/Student Nutrition

Ms. Daves reported student nutrition operations are progressing well, noted the salad bar continues to be popular and commented on attendance. She announced a complaint presented was immediately addressed. She notified a Wellness Team (SHAC) Meeting was held and touched on the items reviewed. Ms. Daves provided an explanation for the number of meals served, with regards to the increase in student participation, conveyed the serving of warm food items and a serving modification attributed to the increase in numbers. She pointed out the motivation and initiative of one of the cooks. She stated the cooks are achieving the 80% from scratch recipes. Ms. Daves notified vending machines must be disconnected during the school day, as noted by the Wellness Policy, on the basis of students do not have access to snacks that are not smart snacks during the school day.

Member Tanuz shared an expression by a student, who once was on his SPED caseload about his excitement with nearing the exit/completion of his IEP.

Ms. Daves reported the grade range of the gifted students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Mr. Gowan Hays, K 12 Accounting Business Manager presented the Budget Adjustment Request(s)-BAR's and briefed on the Journal Entries recommended for approval. He pointed out the Purchase

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Order Report, invited any questions on the Cash Balances, Activities Report, Athletic Activity Report, Revenue Report and Expense Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Check Register for Month of December 2024
Cash Transfer(s), BAR's (if any) and Journal Entries
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 19, 2024

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, President Barrens moved to approve the Check Register for the Month of December 2024, BAR's #5-#7, Journal Entries and Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-November 19, 2024, seconded by Member Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton confirmed the ongoing search for an Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist. She noted services are not contracted out, on account of not finding anyone to contract with, therefore services are not being provided. She mentioned the resignation of the secondary school secretary and conveyed interviews were conducted in the present day. Superintendent Sena-Holton announced the newsletter has been posted to the homepage of the district website. She commended Susan Ortega for her efforts in/with the 80th Day NOVA Reporting, provided an update on the reporting process and announced the date for the 120th Day. Superintendent Sena-Holton gave a status report on the East Pecos Property and stated she would request a status update. She briefed on the bus auction and mentioned correspondence has been received for further processing of the titles for the new buses.

POLICY

None

ACTION ITEM(S)

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF FY24 AUDIT

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Roybal moved to approve the FY24 Audit, seconded by Member Herrera. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF CELL PHONE/COMMUNICATION DEVICE POLICY

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Roybal moved to approve the Cell Phone/Communication Device Policy, seconded by President Barrens. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

OTHER

Superintendent Sena-Holton elaborated on the fax line issues.

ADVANCE PLANNING

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52 p.m., Secretary Roybal moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 18th of March 2025.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



CLAUDETTE ROYBAL, SECRETARY
HAROLD J. GARCIA, VICE PRESIDENT

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