



Pecos Independent School District

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PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION AGENDA NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM PECOS, NM 5:30 PM

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2. **ROLL CALL**
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4. **STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONE COMMUNICATION DEVICES REVIEW**
5. **EAST PECOS PROPERTY UPDATE**
6. **PISD MEETING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REVIEW**
7. **STAFFING UPDATE**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
9. **ACTION ITEM(S)**
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10. **OTHER**
11. **ADVANCE PLANNING**
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 - Work Session-December 3, 2024, 5:30 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room
 - NMSBA 2024 Annual Convention-December 12-14, 2024, Embassy Suites Hotel, Albuquerque, NM
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MINUTES

**Work Session
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
Pecos Schools Board Room
Pecos, NM
November 5, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Mr. Grady Barrens called the session to order @ 5:31 p.m.

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

Anita Gonzales, Representative Elect

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONE COMMUNICATION DEVICES REVIEW

The board reviewed the proposed Cell Phone Communication Devices policy. The board discussed that the policy was not a complete ban on cell phone use. They liked that the policy listed approved times and locations of approved use of cell phone use. The board recommended revisions to the policy by adding locker rooms and restrooms as a specific restricted use area. In addition, the board recommended that once cell phones were confiscated during disciplinary actions, that the school would not keep possession of student's cell phone. Parents or guardians would have to pick up the cell phone.

EAST PECOS PROPERTY UPDATE

Superintendent Sena Holton gave the board an update of the East Pecos remediation project which will begin on November 11. She informed the Board that Board President Barrens and herself attended an abatement meeting with the Projector Director, the environment department, and the contractor working on the East Pecos Project. Superintendent Sena Holton overviewed the timeline of completion, the type of remediation planned for the portable and the main building, and how the contractor and maintenance will work together. Estimated completion will be the week of November 18, 2024.

PISD MEETING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REVIEW

Superintendent Sena Holton shared with the board a disclosure statement Principal Morales created to combat nonproductive conversations among stakeholders that become negative. After reviewing the statement, the board decided to reduce the statement to shorter statement which will be used foster positive and productive dialogues with all stakeholders. Recommendation from the board is to place the statement on our website, school sites, newsletter. Board Vice President Garcia recommended Superintendent research Kindness 101.

STAFFING UPDATE

Superintendent Sena Holton reviewed the district's current vacancies. Discussion ensued for the need more substitute teachers and cooks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEM(S)

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF BUS DEPOSITION

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Vice President Garcia moved to the Bus Deposition (2014, Bluebird) seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

OTHER

Representative Elect Anita Gonzales spoke to the board about her intent to help district with regulating school transportation funding. She also spoke about internships for students within our county, the need for more STEM initiatives and school safety. Board President Barrens stated that New Mexico often does not "Fund for Success" and not just band aid issues. Discussion about shortage of science and math teacher occurred. In addition, the board extended an invitation to Representation Elect to come to other board meeting or other Pecos School events. She graciously accepted and stated she has purchased her Panther gear.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 p.m., Vice President Garcia moved to adjourn the session, seconded by President Barrens. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 19th day of November 2024.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

CLAUDETTE ROYBAL, SECRETARY