

**PEÑASCO SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**ELEMENTARY COMMONS**  
**Monday, March 9, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome/Moment of Silence/Salute to Flags**

The Special Board Meeting of Monday, March 9, 2020 was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Ms. Amanda Bissell, Board President. Ms. Bissell welcomed everyone present and called for a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag  
Salute to the New Mexico Flag

**2. Roll Call**

Board members present were Ms. Amanda Bissell, Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas, Mrs. Dorthy Lopez-Sherman, Ms. Sherry Archuleta, and Dr. Carlos Abeyta.

Ms. Lisa Hamilton, Superintendent was also present.

**3. Approval of Agenda Contents**

Ms. Lisa Hamilton recommended approval of the March 9, 2020 Special Board Meeting Agenda.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas and seconded by Dr. Carlos Abeyta.

Ms. Amanda Bissell called for the vote. The majority voted in the affirmative.  
Motion carried.

**4. Public Comment** - Several members of the PISD staff, students, parents and community spoke out in favor of or against the renewal of the contract for Ms. Lisa Hamilton as Superintendent.

**5. Statement from Board Member, Dr. Carlos Abeyta** - Dr. Abeyta addressed the Board and the Public

stating that Ms. Hamilton is not purchasing any property from him. He also stated that he is not involved in a conflict of interest that would require him to recuse himself from voting on Ms. Hamilton's contract.

**6. Statement from Board President, Amanda Bissell** - Ms. Amanda Bissell addressed the Board and the Public regarding moving forward and working together for the students and the district. She further apologized for not calling for a vote in the previous meeting on the Superintendent's Contract.

**7. Executive Session**

Limited Personnel Matters

- Superintendent's Contract

A motion to adjourn to the Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's Contract was made by Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas and seconded by Mrs. Dorthy Lopez-Sherman.

Ms. Amanda Bissell called for a roll call vote. Voting in the affirmative were Ms. Amanda Bissell, Mrs. Dorothy Lopez-Sherman, Dr. Carlos Abeyta, Ms. Sherry Archuleta and Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas requested from the Board President the opportunity to explain to the public how the executive session works, what the procedures are. Mrs. Trujillo Mascareñas stated that discussion takes place regarding the items listed on the agenda. The Board will come out of the executive session and if needed will vote on action to be taken. Mrs. Trujillo Mascareñas went on to say that no matter how a vote comes out everyone should all continue to work together and communicate in a friendly manner.

The Peñasco School Board of Education adjourned into the Executive Session at 6:01 pm as provided for in the Open Meetings Act.

The Peñasco School Board of Education reconvened from the Executive Session at 7:56 pm. The Board President reported that matters discussed in the executive session were limited to those specified before closure and no action was taken.

**8. Vote on Superintendent’s Contract**

Mrs. Dorothy Lopez-Sherman recommended approval to award a contract for Superintendent to Ms. Lisa Hamilton with a 2.5% raise for an annualized salary of \$104,000 for the 2020-2021 SY.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mrs. Dorothy Lopez-Sherman and seconded by Ms. Sherry Archuleta.

Ms. Amanda Bissell called for the vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mrs. Dorothy Lopez-Sherman, Dr. Carlos Abeyta and Ms. Sherry Archuleta. Voting against were Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas and Ms. Amanda Bissell. The motion carried.

**9. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the **March 9, 2020 Special Board Meeting** was made by Ms. Sherry Archuleta and seconded by Dr. Carlos Abeyta.

Ms. Amanda Bissell, Board President called for the vote. The majority voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Ms. Amanda Bissell adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

**FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**President** **Secretary**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_