

PEÑASCO SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Online Meeting due to COVID-19
Thursday, April 30, 2020
6:00 P.M.

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

The Special Board Meeting of Thursday, April 30, 2020 was called to order at 6:01 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. Dorothy Lopez-Sherman, Ms. Sherry Archuleta, Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas, and Dr. Carlos Abeyta.

Ms. Lisa Hamilton, Superintendent was also present.

3. Approval of Agenda Contents

Ms. Lisa Hamilton recommended approval of the April 30, 2020 Special Board Meeting Agenda.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mrs. Mary Trujillo Mascareñas and seconded by Ms. Dorothy Lopez-Sherman.

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

4. Approval of Board Minutes

Ms. Lisa Hamilton recommended approval of the April 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dr. Carlos Abeyta and seconded by Ms. Sherry Archuleta.

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

5. Public Comment

None

6. Discussion Items

a. Indian Policies and Procedures - Committee members will be Governor Quanchello, Bobby Richardson, two parents and Ms. Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton has requested a virtual meeting. Suggestion was made to take minutes of any meetings, record who is in attendance and post meeting agendas..

b. Extended Learning.- Mr. Mitchell reported the results of the recent survey: 336 responses, 91.1 opposed and 8.9 in favor. The Extended Learning Program would add 12 days to the school year. Funds for Extended Learning come from a special line-item in SEG. This is a line-item that comes into the SEG and could be sent back. Seventy percent would be budgeted for salaries and benefits. Discussion followed regarding different options for the program.

c. Community Schools Program Update - Michael Noll - deadline for funding application is Monday. Ten or twelve other partners with connections to the community have been written into the grant. Partnering with local organizations and individuals to provide services. Team is discussing getting back to school in the fall, serving them now, but also in the summer. One way is to create more communication among stakeholders through a video platform. The Elementary is the school that qualifies but the MS/HS students can also be served. The planning grant was funded for \$50,000 and the Implementation grant will bring in \$150,000 per year up to 3 years if funded. The district will have to apply every year. About to roll out a program with NMAA, sending seeds home with kids for gardening.

The Board took a break at 7:32 pm and returned at 7:41 pm.

d. Graduation Plan/Celebrating Seniors - Mrs. Marina Lopez let the Board know that the Seniors do not want a parade or a video show but would like to have a slideshow at commencement. The slideshow would have a recent photo (preferably in cap and gown) and a baby photo of each Senior. Plans for an autobiography on the webpage along with a photo, name of Seniors on the marquee, ordering t-shirts or hoodies. Ms. Hamilton will check on the cost of a full-page ad in the Taos News. Trying to figure out a good date for commencement. Right now they cannot tell anyone what the definite plan will be due to COVID-19. Anyone interested in sponsoring a Senior? Questions regarding Baccalaureate. Suggestion to contact Father Simeon.

e. 2020-2021 SY Calendar - The Board reviewed, questions were asked and information presented:

- Parent-teacher days can count as instructional days.
- Calendar input meetings at the school sites. Elementary meeting was not well attended and the MS/HS meeting had 100% attendance.
- MS/HS staff are happy with this year's calendar. They would like to see a few more holidays observed and would like to trade Mondays for Fridays when snow days or emergency days are called.
- Representatives from each site did not meet at a calendar meeting to provide input.
- Dr. Abeyta would like to explore returning to a five day a week calendar.
- Request to place professional development days on the calendar.