



## **Serin and White Elected to PESD Board Leadership Positions**

*Award-winning board continues to “bee-lieve” in the students, staff, families and communities it serves*

January 23, 2020 - Phoenix, Arizona – [The Pendergast School](#) District conducted board elections at the January 21, 2020 board meeting. By statute, board elections are held during the first board meeting in January of the New Year. At the meeting, Susan Serin was re-elected as board president, and Jete White elected as vice-president by their peers. Jose Arenas, Hilda Ortega-Rosales, and Senator Martin Quezada round out the five member board.

Serin has served as a board member in PESD for the past 30 years and is a retired Home Office Business Analyst. White, a high school Algebra teacher, was elected to the governing board in 2018. He has a Master’s Degree in Secondary Education and a Master’s in Administration and Supervision. He was elected to the Pendergast Board in 2018. Both are champions for children, serving on the board to ensure all students receive an excellent and equitable education. Serin’s children all attended Pendergast schools and White currently has a daughter attending kindergarten in Pendergast and another daughter who will be a future student.

Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast superintendent, praised the board for their dedication and focus on the future for students. “Our PESD board members are unique in that they are leaders in the district, the communities they serve, and the state. We are able to accomplish so much in our twelve schools, because they are always focused on what is in the best interests of our students. This board has worked collaboratively with the administration to embrace 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning skills throughout the district, and have celebrated the improvement in high achievement for our students through our Strategic Plan of Excellence. Our board is the epitome of education advocates. They set the gold standard of what a school board should be, and have been honored with the highest awards and accolades for this committed service. They are always supporting school and district events with their visibility and community leadership. We are so fortunate to work with them.”