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HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2026

Board Members Present:

Richard Marquez, Rey Gonzalez, Chris Montez, Elva Garay, and Joaquin Legarreta

Board Members Absent:

N/A

School Personnel Present:

Andrew Campbell, S. Elsa Ramirez, Jessica Batrez, Priscilla Garcia, Alejandra Ochoa, Samantha Avalos, Carrie Hernandez, and Donna Flores

Visitors:

Dora Chairez, Richard Moyers, Victor Apodaca, Verenice Gutierrez, Gerry Franzoy, Phyllis Sims, Fred Montalvo, Deanna Baderrama, Laura Flores, Tom Sullivan, and Dr. Linda Paul

Call to order 8:00 am

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Purpose of Special Meeting: Superintendent Interviews

1. Approval of the Agenda

President Marquez asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

Action: Vice President Gonzalez motioned to approve, seconded by Member Legarreta

Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried

2. CLOSE OPEN MEETING AND ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will go into Executive Session in accordance with Section 1-15-2, NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Limited Personnel Matters

Specifically, to:

- (1) Review and discuss candidate information.
- (2) Interview candidates for Superintendent.
- (3) Discuss and deliberate selection of a Superintendent including contract terms.
- (4) Engage in contract negotiations for the Superintendent position.

Action: Vice President Gonzalez motioned to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez

Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:05 am

3. EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RE-ENTER INTO OPEN MEETING

Return to open session

President Marquez asked for a motion to return to open session

Action: Secretary Montez motioned to approve, seconded by Vice President Gonzalez
Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried The Board return to open session at 12:27

President Marquez asked for a motion to take a lunch recess.

Action: Secretary Montez motioned to approve, seconded by Vice President Gonzalez
Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried The Board went into recess at 12:28

President Marquez asked for a motion to return from lunch recess

Action: Secretary Montez motioned to approve, seconded by Vice President Gonzalez
Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried The Board return to open session at 1:00 pm

President Marquez asked for a motion to go back into executive session

Action: Vice President Gonzalez motioned to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez
Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried The Board return to executive session at 1:02

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

President Marquez asked for a motion to return to open session.

Action: Secretary Montez motioned to approve, seconded by Vice President Gonzalez
Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES,

Motion Carried The Board return to open session at 2:59

4. POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM:

1. NAMING OF SUPERINTENDENT AND APPROVING CONTRACT TERMS

President Marquez recommended Dr. Fred Montalvo for Superintendent of the Hatch Public Schools.

Action: Vice President Gonzalez motioned to approve, seconded by Member Legarreta
Dr. Fred Montalvo will be the incoming Superintendent for the Hatch Valley Public Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, which would commence on July 1, 2026.

Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: NO, Legarreta: YES,
Motion Carried

5. Adjournment

Board President Marquez asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Garay made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Secretary Montez. On a voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm

The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's special meeting on January 17, 2026

AFFIRMATION:

Richard Marquez, President

ATTEST:

Chris Montez, Secretary