

**DRAFT**  
**HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2026**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

N/A

**School Personnel Present:**

Fred Montalvo, Andrew Campbell, and Victoria Olivas

**Visitors:**

N/A

Call to order 6:00 pm

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the New Mexico Flag

**Purpose of Special Meeting:** Acceptance of Richard Marquez resignation letter as a School Board Member & Board Vacancy

1. **Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez

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

Motion Carried

2. **Acceptance of Resignation of Richard Marquez as a School Board Member**

**Action:** Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Member Legarreta

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

Motion Carried

3. **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 discuss the Board Vacancy

**Action:** Secretary Montez motioned to approve

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

Motion Carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:03 pm

4. **Exit Executive Session and Re-enter into Open Meeting**

**Action:** Member Garay motioned to approve

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

Motion Carried. The Board entered executive session at 6:13 pm

5. **Possible Action Item:**

The Board vacancy will be posted on April 16, 2026 for a period of 12 days, closing on April 28, 2026. Individuals interested in being considered must submit a letter of interest to Dr. Montalvo and Elsa Ramirez no later than Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

The only eligibility requirement is that applicants reside within the district boundaries of Hatch Valley Public Schools. The Board will convene a Special Board Meeting on May 1, 2026 to conduct interviews. At the conclusion of the meeting, a new board member will be selected to replace Mr. Richard Marquez.

**Action:** Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Member Legarreta  
Voice Vote: Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES  
Motion Carried

6. Consider Approval of changing dates of May board meeting from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Action:** Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Member Legarreta  
Voice Vote: Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES  
Motion Carried Regular May Board Meeting will be held on May 20, 2026.

7. Consider Approval of the increase BAR 11000  
**Action:** Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez  
Voice Vote: Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES  
Motion Carried

8. **Adjournment**  
Vice President Gonzalez 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 6:19 pm

The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's special meeting on April 15, 2026

**AFFIRMATION:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Rey Gonzalez, Vice President**

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**Chris Montez, Secretary**