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HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING November 12, 2025

Board Members Present:

Joaquin Legarreta, Elva Garay, and Richard Marquez

Board Members Absent or Tardy

Rey Gonzalez and Chris Montez absent

School Personnel Present:

Superintendent Chavez, Sheila Stevenson, Louis Reyna, Octavio Casillas, Amy Lytle, Jessica Batrez, Fernando Sanchez, Latisha Zamora, Amber Perry, Priscilla Garcia, Delany Sanchez, Alejandra Ochoa, Louis Meza, Brandy Holguin, and Elsa Ramirez

Visitors

Dora Chairez, Concha Benavidez, Andy Legarreta, Diana Amador, Madison Morales, Laura Calderon, Petra Vazquez, Dennis Torres, Alaya Martinez, Alexa Garcia, Isai Chacon, Nathan Ruiz, Emmanuel Gomez, Dylan Acosta, Yadid Hernandez, Brayan Herrera, Maria Martinez, Manuel Martinez, Antonia Reyes, Yatzary Martinez, Crystal Mejia, Monica Vacio, Veronica Olvera, Claudia Rangel, Arnulfo Moreno, Marcela Aguilar, Veronica Alaniz, Rogelio Chairez, Mayra Madrid

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the NM Flag

1. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting 10/8/2025 and Special Board Meeting from October 15th and 27th

C. Approval of October 2025 Bills

D. Approval of Budget Adjustments/Requests/Transfers/Cash Request

Maintenance BARS: 27502, 23000, 27536, 27552, 24118, 11000, 21000, 24101, 24103, 24106, 24153, 25278, 27149, 31703

Increase BAR: 31400, 27107

Decrease BAR: 24118

Action: Member Marquez motioned to approve, seconded by Member Garay

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

Motion Carried

2. Superintendent Report

- HS Student Council Presentation - Madison Morales Student Council President shared with the Board how much school spirit has significantly increased this year, she also shared the upcoming events the council will work on. Ms. Delany Sanchez is the Student Council Sponsor.
- School/Student data - Three years of proficiency data show continued growth in ELA, Math, and Science. Compared to surrounding districts, HVPS is on par with the state in ELA at 43%. While Math scores are not yet where we want them to be, they are steadily increasing, and overall improvement trends remain positive.

- Principals from each site shared the strategies they have implemented and the actions they will continue to take to maintain and build on these gains. They emphasized the hard work and dedication of teachers and support staff, as well as the invaluable support from parents, other school sites, and the Superintendent.
- LESC Report (Legislative Education Study Committee) and Legislative Finance Committee are two big committees that have a big impact on schools. One major concern is the high turnover rate of superintendents. The lifespan of a superintendent is anywhere from 2 to 3 years. When you talk about improvements of school we know from research, it takes at least 3 years, but more like 5 to 7 years for change to really take hold. So one of the things that the legislature did last year is pass Senate Bill 137, which limits a local school board's ability to terminate a superintendent without cause immediately following an election, when most superintendents usually get replaced. The districts need stability at the superintendent level to make a difference. In October this was brought to the LESC attention, along with other concerns. So far a bill has been drafted: ***Suspension or Removal of individual School Board Members.***
- Project Report - MS Green House project is being worked on, should be done by Spring; the large animal facility at the VET clinic has been on hold because of paperwork; the VET clinic has also started a small grooming facility, they have appointments all the way through January; transportation portable is in place but still working on water lines and electric lines; the field house is complete and beautiful

Superintendent Chavez expressed his gratitude to the community for approving the bond — this will bring in additional funding to support ongoing and future projects.

Garfield Elementary School (GES) hosted an AG Day, and it was a great success. Special recognition goes to Emilio Garay, a former HVPS student, who served as “Chef for the Day.”

Thank you also to Hatch High School (HHS), Hatch Middle School (HMS), and Hatch Elementary School (HES) for their efforts in honoring our veterans.

3. Limited Public Comment

Dora Chairez addressed the Board with her concerns.

4. New Business

A. Approval and Accepting the award from Public School Capital Outlay Council

Action: Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Member Marquez

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

Motion Carried

5. Items for Future Meetings

Vista Data

6. Executive Session

The Board will go into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(2), limited personnel matters; to discuss the Superintendent’s Contract.

Action: Member Marquez motion to approve. seconded by Member Garay

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

Motion Carried

The Board members convened to an executive session at 7:10

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Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:59pm

Vice President Legarreta brought the meeting back to regular session where he indicated that no action was taken.

Action: Member Marquez motion to approve. seconded by Member Garay

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

Motion Carried

7. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm
at the SSTC

8. Adjournment

With no further business to be conducted, the Vice President Legarreta called for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Member Garay motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Marquez

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

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's regular meeting on November 12, 2025.

AFFIRMATION:

ATTEST:

Rey Gonzalez, Board President

Chris Montez, Board Secretary