

**DRAFT**  
**HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
April 8, 2026

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent or Tardy

Joaquin Legarreta absent

School Personnel Present:

Superintendent Montalvo, Sheila Stevenson, Taryn Fogle, Carrie Hernandez, Victoria Olivas, Latishia Zamora, Octavio Casillas, Phyllis Sims, Brandy Holguin, Clarissa Casillas, Kathryn Adkins, Gaby Sulzer, Amber Perry, Fernando Sanchez, Carmylina Alvarado, Chris Bardey, Louis Meza, Maria Martinez, Andrew Campbell, and S. Elsa Ramirez

Visitors

Lourdes Ambriz, Julie Garza, Laura Calderon, Aleeya Arriaga, Jimena Pasillas, Alma Arizpe, Concha Benavidez, Andrea Legarreta, Dora Chairez, Claudia Rangel, Arnulfo Moreno

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the NM Flag

1. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2026

B. Approval of March 2026 Bills

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

**Maintenance BARS: 11000, 26204, 27149, 27552, 28190, 31200, 24106, 31703**

**Increase BARS – 27502, 26121**

**Transfer BAR – 27502, 24101**

*Action:* President Marquez called for a voice vote

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

Motion Carried to approve

2. Superintendent Report

- HMS Civic Bee Winners - 8th grade students Jimena Pasillas and Aleeya Arriaga have been selected as regional finalists in the National Civic Bee. As two of the highest scoring essay applicants from our area, Aleeya and Jimena have been invited to compete in the next round of the Bee; a live competition hosted by The Bridge of Southern NM on April 25th at NMSU.
- Fine Arts Presentation - The District Art teachers; Chris Bardey, Kathryn Adkins, and Clarissa Casillas presented to the Board the art work taking place in our schools, they are also seeking members to join the Arts Advisory Committee which is a requirement to continue to apply for additional fine arts funding from the state.
- HR Job Description was presented to the Board for review and approval for the Director of Human Resources position.

3. Limited Public Comment

4. Unfinished Business

A. Update on Vector Training - A list of all staff and their completion status for the mandatory online training was provided to the Board for review. This year, the District offered a stipend to employees who completed the training. Superintendent Montalvo informed the Board that a designated day has been added to next year's calendar to allow staff time to complete the training. This addition will enable the District to hold employees more accountable for meeting the requirement.

B. School Board Self-Evaluation Discussion - The Board completed its self-evaluation for the current school year. Future evaluations will use a tool more closely aligned with the District's strategic plan.

5. New Business

A. Consider Approval of out of State Student Travel to Flagstaff, Arizona – TRIO Upward Bound from July 7th - July 10th; Lourdes Ambriz, Director of the TRIO Upward Bound Program addressed the Board with information regarding requesting permission for an out of state student travel to Arizona.

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

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

Motion Carried

B. First Reading of the School Calendar for School Year 2026-2027

A discussion was held.

C. 2026 NMSBA Student Scholarship Nominations

Superintendent Montalvo informed the Board of the details regarding the 2026 NMSBA Student Scholarship and provided a list of eligible students for consideration. The deadline to submit a nomination to NMSBA is Friday, April 10, 2026.

D. Consider Approval purchase of Technology Items

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

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

Motion Carried

6. Items for Future Meetings

School Calendar SY 2026-27

7. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm  
at the SSTC

8. Adjournment

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

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

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

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm

The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's regular meeting on April 8, 2026.

AFFIRMATION:

ATTEST:

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Richard Marquez, Board President

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Chris Montez, Board Secretary