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**HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2026**

Board Members Present:

Richard Marquez, Rey Gonzalez, Chris Montez (on zoom), Elva Garay and Joaquin Legarreta

Board Members Absent or Tardy

N/A

School Personnel Present:

Superintendent Montalvo, Shelly Ortega, Andrew Campbell, Sandra Williams, Taryn Fogle, Libby Gonzalez, Victoria Olivas, Amanda Avalos, Luis Meza, Fernie Sanchez, Latishia Zamora, Octavio Casillas, Brandy Holguin, Alysia Truillo, Maria Balcazar, Maria Rodriguez-Gomez, Tarina Bothma, and S. Elsa Ramirez

Visitors

Rosa Olivas, Concha Benavidez, Andrea Legarreta, Phyllis Sims, Maria A Cisneros, Marfyll A. Alcala-Cisneros, Elysa Delgado, ? Delgado, Ambraya Gonzalez, Alexa Puentes, Blanca Puentes, Cynthia Diaz, Lorena Garcia, Becky Olivas, Joey Montenegro, Karinna Porras, Maria Alvarez, Laura Calderon, Lucia Cortes, Celia Andrade, Maria Martinez, M.R., Abby Turner, Petra Vazquez, Maribel Santoyo, Maria G Reyes, Silvia Soto, Claudia Y. R, Arnulfo M, Mariza Serrano, Irma Vazquez, Leslie Porras, Charlie Poe, Veronica Ramirez, MG, Rosanne Rios, LLuvia Martha, Naila Gomez, Brenda Gomez, Juan Gomez, Alan Martinez, Dora Chairez, Crystal Mejia, Michael Lozano, Ruben Olivas, Veronica Alaniz, Addison Arriaga, Taytum Trujillo, and Dajah Howell

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the NM Flag

1. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda - President Marquez requested to move item 5C to 5B on 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

B. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2026

C. Approval of February 2026 Bills

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

Maintenance BARs: 11000, 13000, 27149, 27552

INITIAL BUDGET: 29135 - TRANSFER: 11000

Increase BAR: 24101, 29107, 31703, 26204

Decrease BAR: 26204

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

2. Superintendent Report
 - **NMSBA 2025 Leadership Development Program Awards**
 - Elva Garay- Exemplary (Earned 20 or more hours within the program/training year)
 - Rey Gonzalez- Level I (Reached 24 Cumulative training hours within the program/training year)
 - Joaquin Legarreta- Level I (Reached 24 Cumulative training hours within the program/training year)
 - Richard Marquez- Level II (Reached 36 Cumulative training hours within the program/training year)
 - **Educators Rising presentation** - Presentation is on You Tube
 - **Heart of the Bear Award-** “Catharina Bothma” from the Finance department has completed the Accounts Payable Certification from NM Schools Business Officials Association.
 - **25 SPED staff members completed a training “Inclusive Practices”** - Thank you Ms. Fogle and her team for organizing the training.
 - **1st week in Office Report** - Superintendent Montalvo reported that his first week in the district has been exciting, busy, and productive. He has begun a “listening tour” and has been meeting with school and district-level leaders. He reported that he is nearly finished meeting with these individuals and has had productive discussions regarding the work taking place across the district.

The Superintendent also shared that he has met with several community members and parents and will continue these meetings. He stated that he looks forward to sharing more information with the Board and the community in the future.
3. Limited Public Comment

Phyllis Sims addressed the Board.
4. Unfinished Business
 - A. Discussion/Reassignments on Board Advisory Committees
The Board came to an agreement for the following:
Audit Committee: Member Garay & Secretary Montez
DACC: Member Garay & Member Legarreta
Finance: Vice President Gonzalez, & Secretary Montez
Maintenance & Facilities: Vice President & Secretary Montez
5. New Business
 - A. Consider Approval of out of State Student Travel to Portland, Oregon.
HS ED Rising Students
Action: Member Garay motioned to approve, seconded by Vice President Gonzalez
Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES
Motion Carried
 - B. Consider Approval of the Audit
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
 - C. Consider Approval of Transitioning HVPS to a Four-Day School Week Schedule beginning in the 2026-2027 School Year
Action: Board President Marquez called for a motion to approve transitioning to a 4-day school week beginning of the school year 2026-2027.
No motion was made; therefore, no action was taken and the current **5-day school week remains in place for the 2026–2027 school year.**

D. Consider Approval of E-Rate Category I Internet Services Award & Possible Upgrade Bandwidth from 2GB to 5GB

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

Voice Vote: Marquez: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Montez: YES, Garay: YES, Legarreta: YES
Motion Carried to upgrade to 5GB

E. Consider Approval of purchase of Access Control for HS, MS, SSTC, CO, & Transportation

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

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

F. Consider Approval of purchase of Security Cameras for Warehouse, Transportation, Vet Center, Field House, CO, and all 5 Schools

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

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

6. Items for Future Meetings

Vector Training Report

7. Executive Session

The Board will go into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1 (2), limited personnel matters; specifically, the Board will review and discuss terms of Dr. Montalvo's Short-Term Superintendent's contract (March 2, 2026 – June 30, 2026).

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

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

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:08

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:32

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made by Vice President Gonzalez and seconded by Member Legarreta. The Board President indicated no action was taken.
Motion carried.

8. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm
at the SSTC

9. 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, Legarreta: YES
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm

The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's regular meeting on March 11, 2026.

AFFIRMATION:

ATTEST:

Richard Marquez, Board President

Chris Montez, Board Secretary

