

HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 15, 2025

Board Members Present:

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

School Personnel Present:

Andrew Campbell and S. Elsa Ramirez

Visitors:

Dr. Linda Paul, Tom Sullivan, and Dora Chairez

Call to order 6:00 pm

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance & Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Purpose of Special Meeting: Current Superintendent Contract and review/select Superintendent Applications

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

2. Executive Session

The Board will go into Executive Session in accordance with Section 10-15-2, NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss limited personnel matters related to the Current Superintendent's Contract and review/select Superintendent applications. No action will be taken until the Board returns to open session.

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

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

Motion Carried

The Board members convened to an executive session at 6:01

3. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:13

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

Action: Secretary Montez motion to approve. seconded by Member Marquez

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

Motion Carried

President Gonzalez announced that the Board had selected the candidates for an interview. There will be a press release as soon as everyone has been notified.

4. **Possible Action on the Current Superintendent Contract**

President Gonzalez moved to have the authorization with consultation with legal counsel to negotiate and upon a successful negotiation execute a separation agreement with Superintendent Chavez.

Action: President Gonzalez, motion to approve, seconded by Member Marquez

Voice Vote: Vice President Legarreta: YES, Member Garay: NO, Member Marquez: YES, Secretary Montez: NO, President Gonzalez: YES

Motion Carried 3-2

5. **Adjournment**

Board President Gonzalez asked for a motion to adjourn. Secretary Montez made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Garay. On a voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

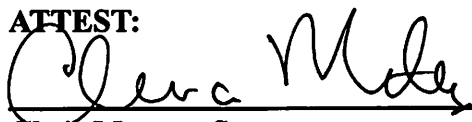
The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's special meeting on October 15, 2025

AFFIRMATION:



Rey Gonzalez, President

ATTEST:



Chris Montez, Secretary