

**Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Education
Gallup McKinley County Schools
September 13, 2018**

A Work Session Special meeting of the Board of Education of Gallup McKinley County Schools was held September 13, 2018, beginning at 1:00 PM in the Board Room of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, NM 87301.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Long, President
Christopher Mortensen, Vice President
Michael W. Schaaf, Secretary
Priscilla Manuelito, Member
Kevin Mitchell, Member

NEWS MEDIA PRESENT: - NONE

GUESTS

Jay Santillanes
Matejka Santillanes
Cris Balzano

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Hyatt, Superintendent
Pauletta White, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Jvanna Hanks, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Tim Bond, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services - Absent
Gerald Horacek, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction - Absent
Joan Nez, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Charles Long called the Board of Education meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018, in the boardroom of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico. (Four board members were present for roll call)

Kevin Mitchell entered at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michael Schaaf moved the agenda be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Lobbyist Services

Mike Hyatt request the questions be in a written format, the same question will be given to each lobbyist to response to in writing and the board members will receive a copy. It is not to violate the procurement code. A discussion on why the topic is being discussed when the district has a lobbyist and is currently on contract. The code of conduct was mentioned. The topic has materialized following discussion with other elected leaders and the new board members want the best services for the students and district. According to the elected leaders, they have no problem working with the current lobbyist further we all have to work together. It is unethical to have outside people known about upcoming changes when the board does not know and being asked at a community meeting is not right. The discussion carried into having the two individuals not speaking with one another, there is a lot being proposed for the upcoming legislative session, and scope of work has increased, the fees will increase and the working relationship has to be positive. The conflict of interest was also discussed. Partnership is being supported by the board.

A recommendation made to add on to the September 24, 2018 agenda to take action on having the current lobbyist complete their contract. However not all board members will be present. Michael Schaaf will not attend the September 24, 2018 meeting. Kevin Mitchell will not attend the October 16, 2018 meeting. Therefore, a special meeting is

necessary. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. on Action on Lobbying Services.

The board discussed the pros and cons on the proposal submitted from Balzano, Fleischer and Santillanes. Questions were collected by Mike Hyatt.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Priscilla Manuelito moved the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting) Meeting adjourned Thursday, September 13, 2018, at 2:32 p.m.

Charles Long, President

Michael Schaaf, Secretary

Recorded by
Joan Nez
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