

HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Chris Montez, Lupe Castillo, and Merlinda Hinojos  
Elva Garay (absent), Greg Mitchell (arrived 6:34)

**School Personnel Present:** Superintendent Chavez, Sheila Offutt, Edward Fernandez, Gabriela Corrales, Rosela Morales, Andrew Comapbell, and Elsa Ramirez

**Visitors:** Robbin Romiguere, August Garcia, Marcena Thompson, Clea Gutterson, Carol Helms

1. **Call to order at 6:29 pm by Board Secretary Montez**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Executive Session**

Board Secretary Montez called roll: Board President Mitchell - absent, Vice President Garay - absent, Board Secretary Montez - present, Board Member Castillo - present, Board Member Hinojos - present. A quorum is present.

*Ms Carol Helms, Legal Counsel informed the Board that Ms. Robbin Romiguere requested an open hearing. The evidentiary part of the hearing will be in open session and the deliberation will remain in closed session. Although Ms. Romiguere called for an open hearing the rules of executive session still apply. (the hearing will not be recorded)*

Board Secretary Montez requested a motion to delegate to Legal Counsel Carol Helms the authority to preside over the evidentiary portion of the termination hearing and authority to assist the Board in resolving any legal issues which may arise during the hearing including any pre hearing motions or disputes, objections to evidence or other legal questions or issues which either party needs addressing.

**Action:** Board Member Castillo made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hinojos. On a voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

***Board President Mitchell arrives - 6:34 pm***

***Board goes into deliberation 9:49 pm***

3. **Return to Open Session**

**Action:** Board Secretary Monez motioned to reconvene into open session. The motion was seconded by Board Member Castillo. On a voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by the Board. Board reconvene at 9:49 pm

4. **Action Item**

**Action:** Board Member Castillo motioned to uphold Superintendent Chavez's decision of termination of the non-certified tenured employee. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Montez. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed on the following recorded vote:

Voting ay: Greg Mitchell, Chris Montez, Lupe Castillo, and Merlinda Hinojos.


Voting nay: N/A

5. **Adjournment**


With no further business to be conducted, President Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Castillo. The motion was seconded by Board Secretary Montez. On a voice vote the motion was passed unanimously by the Board. The meeting was adjourned by 10:11 pm.

**The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's September 30, 2019 Special Board Meeting.**

**AFFIRMATION:**

  
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Greg Mitchell, President

**ATTEST:**

  
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Chris Montez, Secretary