

**HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)
November 18, 2020**

Board Members Present:

Greg Mitchell, Elva Garay, and Chris Montez
(via zoom)

Board Members Absent

Lupe Castillo and Merlinda Hinojos

School Personnel Present:

Superintendent Chavez, Sheila Offutt, Dr. Toni Hull, Amber Perry, Brandy Holguin, Ramona Marquez, Shara Montoya, Efren Duran, Kim O'Byrne, Latishia Zamora, and Ariadne Dominguez, David Holguin, and Caydence Roberts.

Call to Order at 6:08 pm by Board President Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **A. Approval of Agenda**

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez
Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES
Motion Carried

B. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 14, 2020

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez
Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES
Motion Carried

2. **Reports**

A. Superintendent Report

- FFA students competed for the first time ever in a live national creed contest with over 222 students from 8 states including Puerto Rico.
High School Students: David Holguin and America Zuniga competed in the senior division.
Middle School Students presentation - Caydence Roberts recited the FFA creed in English and Ariadne Dominguez recited it in Spanish the only New Mexican and the youngest contestant, both girls finished in the top ten.
- **Operations**
Construction update - Geothermal project at HES should be completed by the end of the week.
- **Instruction**
Grades/Attendance update - after a lot of work and aligning with remote learning the average daily attendance is at 95%; chronic absenteeism has gone down after re-evaluating and understanding what does it mean to be chronically absent, we are now at 3.5%.

As far as students failing the teachers and principals have been working hard to make sure they are doing what needs to be done to make things better, earlier in the semester it was reported that the HVPS was at a 80% failing rate, now we are at 40%.

40th day data has been validated for this year and in comparison to last year we are only down 20 students, still a concern but not compared to other districts. The loss of units (students) will be made up in the Bilingual program.

- COVID 19 update

Number of positive cases in the Hatch Valley has hit a record and they will continue to increase due to availability of testing. In the District the High School Cafeteria has been hit the worse with positive cases. Rex Lish, Food Service Manager is working on opening HES and HMS Cafeterias to separate workers. This will help minimize the people exposed.

3. Limited Public Forum - None

4. Approval of Financials

A. Approval of October 2020 Bills

Action: Secretary Montez made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice President Garay
Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES
Motion Carried

B. Approval of Budget Adjustments Requests/Transfers/Cash Requests

Fund 24118 – Fresh Fruit & Vegetable

Fund 24106 – IDEA B

Fund 24109 – IDEA B PreSchool

Fund 24160– Rural & Low-Income Schools

Fund 24305 – CARES Act

Maintenance BARS: Funds 11000;24106;23000;21000;24101

Transfer BAR: Fund 41000

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to approve, seconded by Secretary Montez
Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES
Motion Carried

5. Unfinished Business

A. Approval of the NMSBA Policy Service Advisory #209 Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to table this item, seconded by Secretary Montez
Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES
Motion Carried to table

6. New Business

A. Approval of a Timeline Notice for Reentry - The Board and Administration discussed what would be an appropriate timeline to inform staff, parents and students that school would reopen either by hybrid or full entry.

Action: Secretary Montez made a motion to approve to give a 60 day notice to inform everyone when school will start up in hybrid mode, seconded by Vice President Garay.
Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: Yes
Motion Carried

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Update on Grades & Attendance
NMSBA Policy Advisory #209

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will go into executive session in accordance with Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4, NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Limited Personnel Matters. No action will be taken until the Board returns to open session.

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Secretary Montez. The Board members retired into executive session at 7:06 pm

Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES

Motion Carried

9. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Secretary Montez.

Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES

Motion Carried

The Board returned from executive session at 7:40 pm.

10. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at HVPS Central Office

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be conducted, Board President Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn.

Action: Vice President Garay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Secretary Montez.

Voice Vote: Mitchell: YES, Garay: YES, Montez: YES

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

The above minutes are a true and correct reflection of the Board of Education's regular meeting on November 18, 2020.

AFFIRMATION:



Greg Mitchell, Board President

ATTEST:



Chris Montez, Board Secretary