

**Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Education
Gallup McKinley County Schools
March 15, 2018**

A Work Session meeting of the Board of Education of Gallup McKinley County Schools was held March 15, 2018, beginning at 9:00 AM in the Cultural Education Conference Room of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, NM 87301.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NEWS MEDIA PRESENT:

Shaquana Desiderio, Gallup Independent

GUESTS

Billy Padavich	James Mariano
Kelvin Akeson	Henry Moore
Ben Chavez	Netty Etsitty
Leonard Perry	

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
Gerald Horacek, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Joan Nez, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Charles Long called the Board of Education meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018, in the cultural education conference room of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico. (Three board members were present for roll call)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. School Safety – discussion

Mike Hyatt reviewed the agenda for the meeting citing the Status of GMCS school safety and invited the law enforcement for their insights and recommendations for improved school safety in GMCS, and the next steps.

There was discussion on security guards, installation of cameras, electronic door locks, video intercom, starting to utilize community to be mindful and report of suspicious behavior, training staff to recognize students that need help and better communication with local entities and law enforcement.

The board discussed the absence of the Navajo Nation police representation, jurisdictional issue, building access, identification cards, dress codes, and a plan to derive from this meeting to ensure protection of our students, staff and administration. Further discussion on prepare for an attack through drills, yearly active shooter training for staff and updated safety plans. Continue with suggestions for improvement as one-point access to school grounds, switch for armed security guards, and ensure classroom doors can be locked quickly, design our new building for safety and SRO's or sub stations. Additional areas need improvement by keep staff/substitutes trained, keeping the sense of urgency, rural schools are more exposed, keeping safety technologies function, more law enforcement – career pathway, mental health care and legislation to ensure school building are equipped for safety.

Law Enforcement participated providing what the school district is doing already and what can be done for improvement, education is a must, friendly stop-overs at the school buildings, living on school campus and continuous trainings.

Recommendations made to set up an anonymous tip line.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Michael Schaaf moved the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting) Meeting adjourned Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 11:47 a.m.

Charles Long, President

Michael Schaaf, Secretary

Recorded by
Joan Nez
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