

**Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Education
Gallup McKinley County Schools
April 2, 2021**

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of Gallup-McKinley County Schools was held April 2, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Board Room of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico 87301.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS

Valencia Chato

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Hyatt, Superintendent
Joan Nez, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Charles Long called the Board of Education meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021, in the boardroom of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico. (Three board members were present for roll call: Charles Long, Michael Schaaf, and Priscilla Manuelito)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michael Schaaf moved, and Priscilla Manuelito seconded to move the agenda be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

Charles Long stated the Board is meeting for a personnel hearing. The motion is to close the meeting for the purpose of Limited Personnel Matters, and to conduct a personnel hearing.

Michael Schaaf move and Pricilla Manuelito seconded to close the meeting for the purpose of Limited Personnel Matters, and to conduct a personnel hearing be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

Andy Sanchez, school attorney stated the Board of Education for the Gallup McKinley County Schools is meeting in a quasi-judicial capacity to hear proceedings in the discharge of Valencia Chato, a classified employee of the School District. He presented the informal hearing procedures.

Michael Schaaf moved and Priscilla Manuelito seconded allowing Andy Sanchez, school counsel be delegated the authority to assist the Board in resolving any legal issues, which may arise during the hearing, including pre-hearing motions or disputes, objections to evidence or other legal question or issues with either party needs addressed. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Render Decision on the outcome of the Hearing to discharge or to reinstate the employee or for continuance of the hearing — ACTION ITEM (following the executive session)

Michael Schaaf moved and Priscilla Manuelito seconded to uphold the outcome of hearing to discharge Valencia Chato, classified employee be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION-The Board will meet in executive session on Pursuant to Sections 10-15-1 (H)(2) and (7) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board will convene an executive session for a limited personnel matter to conduct a Discharge Hearing regarding the employment of Ms. Valencia Chato, including discussions with and receive support from legal counsel on conducting and holding said personnel hearing pursuant to statute. This portion of the meeting with the exclusion of any and all Board deliberations following the personnel hearing will be open to the public should the employee demand it to be open to the public at the time of hearing.

Michael Schaaf made the motion, Priscilla Manuelito seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 10:02 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

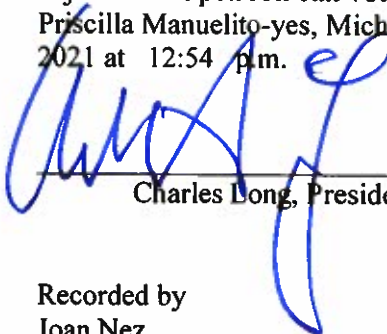
Priscilla Manuelito made the motion, Michael Schaaf seconded to reconvene the meeting from the executive session at 12:52 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

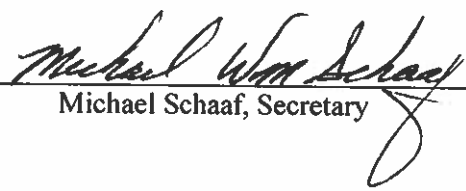
Charles Long stated for the record only personnel items were discussed in executive session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Priscilla Manuelito moved and Michael Schaaf seconded the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Three board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, and Charles Long-yes) Meeting adjourned Friday, April 2, 2021 at 12:54 p.m.



Charles Long, President



Michael Schaaf, Secretary

Recorded by
Joan Nez
April 2, 2021