

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
The Board of Education  
Gallup McKinley County Schools  
April 8, 2020**

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of Gallup McKinley County Schools was held April 8, 2020, beginning at 1:00 PM in the Board Room of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, NM 87301.

**REVISED AGENDA  
APRIL 5, 2020**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charles Long, President  
Christopher Mortensen, Vice President  
Michael W. Schaaf, Secretary  
Priscilla Manuelito, Member  
Kevin Mitchell, Member (*entered at 1:06 p.m.*)

**NEWS MEDIA PRESENT: NONE**

**GUESTS**

Teri Fraizer

**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 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, in the boardroom of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico. (Five board members were present for roll call: Charles Long, Christopher Mortensen, Michael Schaaf, Priscilla Manuelito)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Christopher Mortensen move and Michael Schaaf second to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Four board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Christopher Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGEND ITEM (3a)**

Christopher Mortensen move and Michael Schaaf second to approve to accept the Resolution to offer GMCS part-time employees the ability to participate in the NMPSIA employee benefit lines of coverage as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Four board members present and voting: Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Christopher Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

- A. To accept the Resolution to offer GMCS part-time employees the ability to participate in the NMPSIA employee benefit lines of coverage - CONSENT

**STUDY CIRCLE**

- A. Reports
  - 1. Superintendent Report
    - a. COVID 19 Update

Mike Hyatt reported on COVID-19, student meals are being delivered to 11,000 students per day, a dinner delivery is awaiting approval that will bring the meals to 15,000 a day. Department of Health will rent Miyamura High School to the State of New Mexico to build a step-down hospital, it is currently happening. Approximately 90% of staff are home and working from home, about 10% of staff are in the building working base on need. The employees are being paid as well as other financial debt with the district. The ASBO will have a virtual conference and updates will be provided. More likely there will be budget cuts for the next school year and a special legislative session meeting might be call to prepare. At each of our meeting, all safety precautions are taken, use of PPE, social distancing, complete wipe-down of all facilities the previous week and the custodians are on rotation bases to keep the buildings clean. The Contractors on working preparing for next school year utilizing PPE.

Board Member concerns on food deliveries, upon completion of utilizing Miyamura High School, what measures are being taken to assure parents and students it is safe to return to school.

The Army corps of engineered study the Gallup area per the Governor's direction. An agreement has been development to protect our students and staff to utilize Miyamura High School. The public health needs and the federal governments' involvement, they can take the building over to help the community and protect our students at the same time. A step-down hospital will house non-critical patients, any critical patients will be housed at the main hospitals. The Navajo Nation president was part of the discussion and understand the needs with the Department of Health and the school district. The continued work closely with the Navajo Nation, Fire Department, Hospital, General Clark, Army, internal and external communities is on-going.

Board members recommend to conduct a traditional cleansing prior to students returning. Also reported the superintendent is part of teleconference being conducted by the Navajo Nation regarding COVID-19.

2. Notices and Communication
  - a. April 20, 2020 - BOE Meeting (1PM)

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to realign the boundaries between Indian Hills, Red Rock and Jefferson Elementary Schools to facilitate the closure of Rocky View Elementary School for the 2020-2021 School Year - ACTION

Christopher Mortensen move and Kevin Mitchell second to approve the Approval to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to realign the boundaries between Indian Hills, Red Rock and Jefferson Elementary Schools to facilitate the closure of Rocky View Elementary School for the 2020-2021 School Year as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Christopher Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

- B. Approval of a Continuous Learning Plan - ACTION

Michael Schaaf move and Christopher Mortensen second to approve the Approval of a Continuous Learning Plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Christopher Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

- C. Approval of the agreement between GMCS and the New Mexico Department of Health for the use and conversion of Hiroshima Miyamura High School for a hospital per the New Mexico Governor's decision that it is the best facility to serve the surrounding area during the COVID-19 pandemic – ACTION

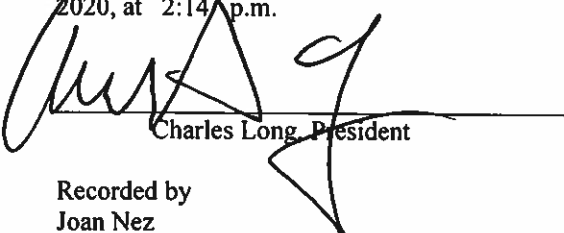
Michael Schaaf move and Kevin Mitchell second to approve the Approval of the agreement between GMCS and the New Mexico Department of Health for the use and conversion of Hiroshima Miyamura High School for a hospital per the New Mexico Governor's decision that it is the best facility to serve the surrounding area during the COVID-19 pandemic as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Christopher Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

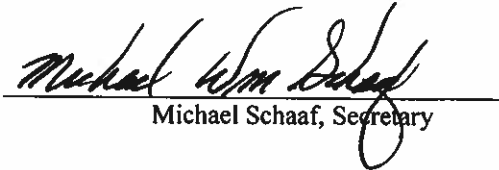
- D. Approval of the suspension of the GMCS School Board grading policy I-6711 IKA-R during New Mexico Governor's declared school closure for COVID-19 - ACTION

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### ADJOURN

There being no further business Michael Schaaf move and Christopher Mortensen second the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Christopher Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes) Meeting adjourned Wednesday, April 8, 2020, at 2:14 p.m.

  
Charles Long, President

  
Michael Schaaf, Secretary

Recorded by  
Joan Nez  
April 8, 2020