

**Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Education
Gallup McKinley County Schools
May 7, 2021**

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of Gallup McKinley County Schools was held May 7, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Board Room of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, NM 87301.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS

Marilyn Werner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Hyatt, Superintendent
Jvanna Hanks, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Joan Nez, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Charles Long called the Board of Education meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021, in the boardroom of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico. (Four board members were present for roll call: Charles Long, Chris Mortensen, Michael Schaaf, and Kevin Mitchell)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michael Schaaf move, and Chris Mortensen seconded the agenda be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Four board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-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 Chris Mortensen 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. (Four board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-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 Marilyn Werner, a certified employee of the School District. He presented the informal hearing procedures.

Michael Schaaf move, and Kevin Mitchell 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. (Four board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

Marilyn Werner request to confer with Samantha Adams, school district attorney. An agreement was reached to resign effective May 7, 2021. No further action needed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Render Decision on the outcome of Hearing to discharge or to reinstate the employee or for continuance of the hearing-ACTION (no action taken)

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 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. Marilyn Werner, including discussions with and receive support from legal counsel on conducting

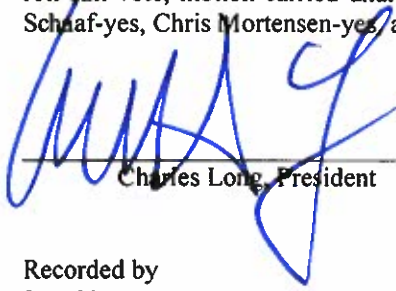
and holding said personnel hearing pursuant to statute. This portion of the meeting with the exclusion of any and all Board deliberations following the personnel hearing will be open to the public should the employee demand it to be open to the public at the time of hearing.

Michael Schaaf made the motion, and Chris Mortensen seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 10:07 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Four board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

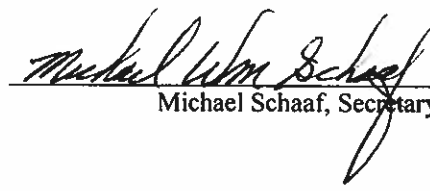
Chris Mortensen made the motion, and Michael Schaaf seconded to reconvene the meeting from the executive session at 10:29 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Four board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-yes, and Charles Long-yes)

ADJOURN

There being no further business Michael Schaaf move, and Kevin Mitchell seconded the meeting be adjourned. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Four board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-yes, and Charles Long-yes) Meeting adjourned Friday, May 7, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.



Charles Long, President



Michael Schaaf, Secretary

Recorded by
Joan Nez
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