

**Minutes of Special Meeting
The Board of Education
Gallup McKinley County Schools
September 20, 2018**

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of Gallup McKinley County Schools was held September 20, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM 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 Manuelito, Member
Kevin Mitchell, Member

NEWS MEDIA PRESENT: - NONE

GUESTS

Mark Fleisher
Matejka Santillanes
Jay Santillanes

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Hyatt, Superintendent - Absent
Pauletta White, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services - Excused
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 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018, in the boardroom of the Student Support Center, 640 Boardman, Gallup, New Mexico. (Five board members were present for roll call)

Gerald Horacek acted in the capacity of the superintendent for the special meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chris Mortensen moved the agenda be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously. (Five board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-yes, Priscilla Manuelito-yes, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Action on Lobbyist Services

The board reviewed the questions that were to be emailed to the lobbyist and the responses are made available to the board, the board received hard copies this evening. Priscilla Manuelito feels uncomfortable about Balazano's answer about being bias; our rural district will get out voted as seen during the legislation. He will not support us. Kevin Mitchell feels that there is no fairness about the Balazano at this time.

Priscilla Manuelito discussed that MJS Consultant did not fully used the funds allocated. Kevin Mitchell feels that it shows how to spend the funds without overspending. It shows are that they are wise and can budget and is comforting.

Further stated the lobbyist works well with the Navajo Nation, a bridge has been built, and it will only strengthen through MJS, that will be beneficial for GMCS.

Charles Long called for the question.

Michael Schaaf moved the Action on Lobbyist Services be awarded to Fleischer Consulting and Smith Consulting be approved as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried. (Five board members present and voting: Kevin Mitchell-no, Priscilla Manuelito-no, Michael Schaaf-yes, Chris Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes)

Board members Priscilla Manuelito and Kevin Mitchell asked to include their conversation on how the lobbyist was hired in hindsight, an investigation request and being label receiving campaign funds from the current lobbyist.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Chris Mortensen moved 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, Chris Mortensen-yes, Charles Long-yes) Meeting adjourned Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 6:14 p.m.

Charles Long, President

Michael Schaaf, Secretary

Recorded by
Joan Nez
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