

MINUTES
Capitan Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
February 23, 2026

The Board of Education of the Capitan Municipal School met in Special Session in Room 101 of the Administration Building and virtually at 5:45pm.

I. Introduction

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Mr. Greer, Board President, called the session to order at 5:45pm. Roll Call was taken.

1. **Ascertain a Quorum** – Mr. Rich ascertained that there was a quorum with the following members present:

Zeke Greer	President
Dennis Rich	Vice President
Wes Hacker	Secretary
Brett McInnes	Member
Cynthia Black	Member

Staff attending the meeting in person included *J Vance Lee – Superintendent, Jamie Shepperd – Chief Financial Officer, Leslie Shepperd – Administration Assistant*

Guest attending the meeting in person included *Craig Westbrook*

Guests and Staff are given the option to view all meetings virtually on the District YouTube channel.

B. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Greer led the pledge to the United States Flag and the official salute to the New Mexico Flag.

C. Prayer – Ms. Black offered a prayer

D. Approval of Agenda – Ability to float items within the agenda (Action)

A motion to approve the agenda with the ability to float items within was offered by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Hacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote as follows:

Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Greer - Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

II. Board Items

A. New Business

1. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution approving a Lease-Purchase Agreement (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Lee gave the floor to Mr. Erik Harrigan from RBC Capital Markets to present the information to the Board and answer any questions. Erik Harrigan explained the necessity resolution approved last month, authorizing the issuance of \$935,000 in education technology notes. The notes were locked in at an interest rate of 4.154% and will be paid off by August 1, 2026. The issuance maintains the district's \$2.29 cent tax rate, consistent with historical rates. A motion to approve was offered by Mr. Hacker, seconded by Mr. Rich. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote as follows:

Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Greer - Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

2. Consideration and Approval of a Certificate Purchase Agreement (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Lee recommend the approval of the Certificate Purchase Agreement, as presented. Erik Harrigan explained the lease purchase notes conform to state law and are part of the education technology notes. A motion to approve was offered by Ms. Black, seconded by Mr. Hacker. The motion passed with 5-0 voice vote as follows:

Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Greer - Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

3. Discussion and possible action to nominate an individual for the NMSBA Student Achievement Award (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Lee requested the Board nominate and consider candidates for the NMSBA award. Ms. Black nominated Mr. DuWayne Shaver for his outstanding work in Band and Choir. She also nominated Superintendent Lee for all our school being names Spotlight Schools. The Board agreed with the nominations. A motion to approve the nominations for Mr. DuWayne Shaver and Superintendent Lee with \$50 second award fee was offered by Mr. Hacker, seconded by Mr. McInnes. The motion passed with 5-0 voice vote as follows:

Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Greer - Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

4. Discussion and possible action to approve E-Rate Application #260004055 (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Lee recommended the approval of the E-Rate Application, as presented. A motion to approve was offered by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Hacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote as follows:

Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Greer - Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

III. Executive Session – Limited Personnel Matters as permitted under § 10-15-1(H)(2), specifically to discuss the Evaluation of the Superintendent.

1. A motion to dismiss to a 5-minute break and resume into Executive Session at 6:10pm was made at 6:04pm by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Hacker. The motion passed with a 5-0 Roll Call vote as follows:

Mr. Greer – Yes Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

2. Report on Executive Session

“Matters discussed in closed session were limited to those specified in the notice of the meeting and a motion for closed meeting. No action was taken in the closed session.”

A motion to reconvene into open session at 6:53 pm was offered by Mr.

Hacker, seconded by Mr. Rich. The motion passed with a 5-0 roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Greer – Yes Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

IV. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per individual or 5 minutes per group and must pertain to posted Board Items) No comments

V. Adjournment – at 6:55 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hacker, seconded by Mr. Rich. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote as follows:

Mr. Greer – Yes Mr. Rich – Yes Mr. Hacker – Yes Mr. McInnes – Yes Ms. Black – Yes

APPROVED:

President, Zeke Greer

Secretary, Wes Hacker