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Public can vote online

Gallup McKinley County Schools could have a new name down the road, depending on the outcome of the discussion to be held by the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting.

No information about the meeting is available at this time, including the projected cost, except that it will occur later in May.

The discussion was supposed to be held during the April 29 meeting, but it was tabled after a motion by Board Secretary Michael Schaaf, stating more time was needed to gather feedback from the public.

The decision to table was not without opposition, however.

"We're capable of making the decision [on our own]," Dist. 1 member Kevin Mitchell said during the April 29 meeting.

Dist. 3 member Priscilla Manuelito asked about the survey the district placed online about potential new names. Those names include:

- McKinley County School District
- McKinley Unified School District
- Gallup-McKinley County Schools
- McKinley Consolidated School District

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Board Vice President Chris Mortensen said that the board should ensure they select a name that makes a lasting impression.

"We can get some more input, and then make sure we're sure [about the name]," he said.

To vote on the proposed new names for the district, visit https://www.surveymonkey.co
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