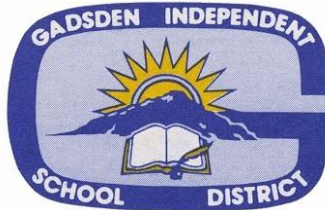


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For October 9, 2014

Introduction
and
Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. Vice-President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex Board Room.

Members present: Craig Ford, Gloria Irigoyen, Maria Saenz and Jennifer Viramontes

Members absent: Daniel Castillo

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by Vice-President Viramontes.

3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:

A. Superintendent's Report

Nancy Bellagamba from the South On-Track Pre-K and Estrella Becerra from the Anthony On-Track Pre-K presented information on the annual St. Jude's Trike- A-Thon. They stated that the Trike- A-Thon has become a community event for the two pre-k centers, in which local law enforcement is involved by directing the traffic and handing out official tricycle licenses. Family and friends attend the event and cheer the students as they ride in honor of the children in need. The Gadsden On Track Pre-K Centers have been participating since 2006 and have raised over \$40,000.00.

Superintendent's
Report

Ann Steinhoff and Nancy Bellagamba with the Gadsden Reading Association will be presenting an English and Spanish book, Bunny Cakes, to each elementary school and Pre-K centers. They also encouraged the schools to join the Read for the Record Program. The books were presented to Mr. Medina and Ms. Fields for distribution to the schools.

Mr. Gabaldon and Ms. Campbell with Chaparral High School Media Club and Skills USA have gone to many competitions since the clubs were first formed and have raised over \$26,000 for their programs. The students compete in newscast productions. They are invited to events where they film and then sell the recording via disc, USB, or disc as part of their fundraising.

Dean Ricardo Jacquez with the NMSU Engineering Department presented information on NMSU's upcoming Bond Election. Dean Jacquez received both his engineering degree and doctoral degree from NMSU recommends that students that are interested in farming and agricultural programs have the opportunity to get a degree in engineering. He indicated that the passing of the bond election would not increase taxes.

Board President
Board Member's
Reports

B. President: President Castillo- absent

C. Board Members:

Vice-President Viramontes thanked the Pre-K's for the Trike-A-Thon, just another way that our students show their generosity as with the Tough Enough to Wear Pink. She congratulated the Chaparral High School Media students and complimented them on the growth of their programs. She said our students always do a great job of representing the district. She thanked Ms. Steinhoff, Mrs. Bellagamba and the Gadsden Reading Association for the book donations, which she will probably read when she goes to read to the students.

Secretary Irigoyen welcomed student representative Jesse Cano. She apologized for being unable to attend the Pink Game at Chaparral High School. She congratulated all of the schools on their fundraising, especially Chaparral Middle School on raising so much money for a worthy cause. Congratulations to Mr. Gabaldon and the Media Club on their great accomplishments. She congratulated the On-Track Pre-K's on their support for the St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon.

Board Member Saenz thanked Ms. Steinhoff and the Gadsden Reading Association for the book donations. She thanked the Pre-K's for their work with the Trike-A-Thon which teaches children to be empathetic. This is not easy. She thanked the CHS Media Club on a great job. Ms. Saenz went to NMSBA resolutions committee meeting. She thanked the Las Cruces Sun News on the wonderful story on Tough Enough to Wear Pink, and printing that GISD does a great job of fundraising.

Board Member Ford went to Chaparral High School Pink Game. The ceremony and the presentations were wonderful. He commented on the problems with the fiber optics in Chaparral that is nearing completion, and he is looking forward to finally achieving this. Mr. Ford is hoping that sometime in the future Chaparral High School will have a gymnasium.

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| Student Representative | <p>D. Student Representative –Jesse Cano, a junior from Chaparral High School. Jesse reported that the Media Club and Business Professionals had raised \$6,000, and that CHS tied with Santa Teresa High School for Tough Enough To Wear Pink. One of the fundraisers that they did for Tough Enough to Wear Pink was an indoor soccer game against the faculty, which the students won. Jesse said that the CHS Boys Soccer team is undefeated in district play. Their Homecoming is coming up during the week of October 20th. The game will be against Santa Teresa High School and the theme is Las Vegas. Events such as Lobo Trail and a parade are being planned to include the community. The students have completed their SBA retakes. MaxPreps (a source for sports) recognized volleyball players Alejandra Nieto and Ana Mora.</p> |
| Personnel Report | <p>E. The personnel report is included for the Board’s information with no action required.</p> |
| Approval of the Agenda | <p>4. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.</p> |
| School Board Minutes | <p>5. Ms. Irigoyen made a motion to approve the September 25, 2014 board meeting minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.</p> |
| Consent Agenda | <p>6. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.</p> |
| Open Forum Action Discussion | <p>7. Open Forum: none
 8. Action Items: none
 9. Discussion Items</p> |
| Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended August 31, 2014 | <p>A. Steve Suggs, CFO, gave the Board an overview of the Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended August 31, 2014.</p> |
| Closed Session | <p>10. Closed Session:
 Mr. Ford made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, NMSA 1978 for Superintendent's and Associate Superintendent’s report on recent personnel actions and issues such as: employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, and employee issues. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 5:45 p.m.</p> |
| Reconvene | <p>11. Mr. Ford made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:24 p.m.</p> |
| Adjourn | <p>12. Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.</p> |

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Gloria Irigoyen, School Board Secretary

Daniel Castillo, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saénz