REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For May 14, 2015

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:11 p.m. President Saenz presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex Board Room.

   Members present: Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes.
   Members absent: Daniel Castillo.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were done during the Employee Recognition with Presentation of Colors by the Santa Teresa High School NJROTC Color Guard.

3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:
   A. Superintendent’s Report
      President Saenz presented the NMSBA Student Achievement Award to Mr. Terry Dollar, music teacher from North Valley Elementary.

      Mr. Dollar’s All State Choir, Marissa Gallegos, Eva Lipinski, Laura Ramirez, Lottie Jaramillo, and Oziel Escalante performed the Restaurant/Star Wars gig they learned from the All State Choir director.

      GHS Principal Hector Giron announced that Natalie Corona has had perfect attendance from Kindergarten thru 12th grade with a 4.0 GPA.
      Principal Giron announced that Marisa Valois a top ten graduate is the recipient of the Daniels Fund Scholarship.

      Gadsden High School teacher Marcos Meyers announced that the Robotics team traveled to Albuquerque to compete at the International RoboRave competition. Two teams competed in Line Following and placed 2nd and 8th. Two other teams competed in the Fire-Fighting challenge placing 8th and 9th. The GHS Robotics teams competed against teams from Japan, China, Colombia, Philippines, France, Czech Republic and Nigeria.

      Gadsden High School art teacher Debbie Hartman announced that her students had participated in the Anti-Underage Drinking Poster Contest sponsored by the Border RAC. The students placed in the 10 top places, which has never been done by one school. Some of
the students’ art work will be used as billboards for Anti Drinking campaign.

STHS Assistant Principal Nicholas Wohlgemuth announced that three students have perfect attendance from Kindergarten thru 12th grade: Alejandro Arroyo has enlisted in the Marines, and Miguel Luna will study Chemical and Nuclear Engineering. Joanna Miranda was not able to attend as she is at the State Track Meet, she will study Chemical Engineering.

Mr. Wohlgemuth announced that Santa Teresa High School had two Daniels Fund Scholarship recipients, Dominic Ebert and Dimitri Viramontes. Veronica Espinoza will be receiving the Gates Scholarship.


Superintendent Yturralde announced the Bridge to Excellence winners. Ms. Christina Renteria from Santa Teresa High School was in the top nine, Ms. Candace Herrera from Santa Teresa Elementary was the runner up, and Mrs. Deborah Hernandez from Gadsden High School was the winner. The teachers were nominated by their students, The nominating essays were judged by doctoral students at NMSU.

Board President

B. President: President Saenz said that DACC track their students. She suggested to Mr. Estupiñan to put his concerns in writing and email them to Superintendent Yturralde. She congratulated Mr. Dollar and said she enjoyed the performance by his students. Ms. Saenz congratulated the three teachers awarded the Bridge to Excellence honors.

Board Member’s Reports

C. Board Members: Vice-President Ford complimented and congratulated the students being recognized on all of their accomplishments.

Board Secretary Viramontes congratulated everyone and apologized for not being able to attend all of the schools events.
She is looking forward to graduation ceremonies, especially her sons.

Board Member Estupiñan expressed concerns regarding parents being allowed to visit the campuses. He said he just finished his first year at NMSU. He said that the district should look into tracking graduating seniors. He expressed a concern about mold in a classroom. Mr. Estupiñan indicated security at Santa Teresa High School needs to be enforced.

Board Member Castillo -absent

D. Student Representative – Oscar Reza, a freshman from Alta Vista Early College High School. Oscar said that this school year has been a growing year and that he has seen a lot of improvements. He said that administration has worked diligently to improve their school and they can now have physical education. He said Alta Vista is soaring to new heights.

E. The personnel report is included for the Board’s information with no action required.

4. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

5. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the April 23, 2015 board meeting minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

6. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

7. Open Forum: None

8. Action Items:

   A. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget for Submission to Public Education Department. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

   B. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve amending Regulation JFABD-R – Admission of Homeless Students. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

   C. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to Authorize Superintendent to Submit Fine Arts Elementary Renewal Application. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

   D. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to Authorize Superintendent to Submit Title I Migrant Application. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

   E. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to Authorize Superintendent to
Superintendent to Submit Title I Part A Application
Authorize Superintendent to Submit Title II Application

Desert Pride Academy, Phase II, Road Improvements
Gadsden Middle School Waste Water UV Project
Santa Teresa H. S. Auxiliary Gym and Locker Room Roofing Project

Discussion
Quarterly Budget Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2015

Community Eligibility Provision Program

Regular Board Meeting School for 2015-2016

New Warehouse Tour

Adjourn

9. Discussion Items:
A. CFO Steve Suggs gave the Board an overview of the Quarterly Budget Report for the quarter ending on March 31, 2015.
B. Richard Chavez, Associate Superintendent for Support Services, presented information to the Board about the Community Eligibility Provision Program. He said that the district was notified that the it was eligible to participate in the USDA’s Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. This program offers free school breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost. Participation in this program will not affect the current “free meals” status and will result in substantial administrative savings by eliminating individual household applications, streamlined meal service operations, higher student participation and more opportunities for our children to receive nutrition necessary to optimize academic achievement.
C. Superintendent Yturralde gave the board information on the proposed Board Meeting School for 2015-2016. Schools selected to host the meetings are based on a rotation schedule.
D. Superintendent Yturralde proposed two dates for the Board to take a tour of the new warehouse. The Board selected the date of May 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

10. Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.