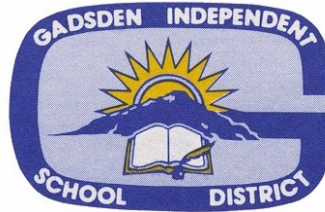


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For January 25, 2018*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:05 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Laura Salazar Flores, Maria Saenz and Jennifer Viramontes.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The presentation of colors was performed by the STHS NJROTC Color Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were led by Erick Martinez. The mission statement was read by Mr. Estupiñan.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Mrs. Nunez is a graduate and Science Teacher at Santa Teresa High School. Mrs. Nunez stated that when she first received the news that she would be a National Geographic Grosvenor Fellow, she didn't truly know what to expect. Now, that she has returned from Antarctica she feels much more passionate about being in the classroom. The photograph, videos, and first-hand accounts of the white continent are what she can share with all students in our district. She wants to inspire all students of Gadsden ISD to explore the world for themselves.
  - B. Superintendent Dempsey reported that President Viramontes, Mr. Gallegos, and himself attended a PSCOC meeting where they requested an additional \$650,000 to address Loma Linda HVAC project. Also, President Viramontes and Superintendent Dempsey were able to stop at one of the representative office to talk about possibility of a street light at Santa Teresa High School.  
Superintendent Dempsey reported that House Bill 2 is a bill that funds public schools. He stated what he is starting to hear it's somewhere between a percent half and two percent increase for teachers. Superintendents have asked for a three percent increase across the board meaning all teachers and support staff. He stated that today is the first day he heard anything about unit value increase and if we get a unit value increase, we as a school district and board members will have some ability to move things around and shuffle. However, if it's targeted (meaning if

the bill comes out and says you give a one percent here and a two percent here where it's very targeted) we will have little room to do that. However, now with this unit value conversation coming from the Secretary of Education.

Superintendent Dempsey stated it is very good news which sounds we are looking at a raise with the unit value increase Superintendent Dempsey explained the House Bill 141. The idea is to return any dollars that is taken during the cash claw back last year. The majority of those dollars came from instructional material and transportation. There is a significant amount of energy in both Houses to get that bill to the Governor's desk. However, the governor has clearly said she is not in support of it. Superintendent Dempsey stated he does not see the bill getting signed.

He explained House Bill 22 has some implications for teachers. It's a bill that would require teachers to provide a text message notification to parents when they're given a test in their class.

He explained House Bill 23 is requiring a next step plan. Every senior will have a final next step plan and they would need to have some type of application completed and submitted attached. It could be an application to the military, two-year college, a four-year college, out of state university, or a job.

Superintendent Dempsey explained House Bill 24 is where you cannot give an A through F grade for a physical education class.

Superintendent Dempsey explained House Bill 30 is soft skills education requirement which is very simple in terms of like a proper greeting, how to handle an interview, resume skills.

Lastly, Superintendent Dempsey explained House Bill 57 would limit school assessment times to 25 hours per school year.

President Viramontes mentioned that when they were up in Santa Fe it was quick to the point, there was a couple people believing that we shouldn't get the funds but for the most part the way it's written as far as funding for the PSCOC was the way it should have been funded and it went pretty quickly through. She thanked Mr. Gallegos for being prepared. When they visited Representative Gomez, the first thing she pushed was the light at Santa Teresa High School. President Viramontes stated she received a call back from Representative Gomez on Monday morning saying he did talk to the State Highway and he is looking for it to push through. She also talked about growth in our area and how we need to work on infrastructure more than we need as we have growth in Santa Teresa and Sunland Park area. She stated infrastructure is a key component to anything and we don't do that around here and looking at changing some regulations and how we build in our area. President Viramontes mentioned they will be heading up to Santa Fe and looking to sit down with some legislators as a group and talk about what we

need in our areas as a district. President Viramontes thanked Superintendent Dempsey for the information.

- C. Student Representative-Dominic Flores, a junior from Santa Teresa High School. Dominic stated that Santa Teresa had a successful Winter Arts Performance involving the band programs. The NHS is planning an animal shelter food drive. Student Council is working out the details of organizing a PEP Rally in preparation of the upcoming Spring Sport Season. Mrs. Gonzalez and her students are working on getting people from all sorts of occupations to participate in the Annual Career Day.

- Personnel Report 4. The personnel report is included for the Board’s information with no action required.
- Approval of the Agenda 5. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- School Board Minutes 6. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to approve the January 11, 2018 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consent Agenda 7. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Flores had a question about item 7F. Mr. Holguin explained the purchase of 3 new buses and have been approved to replace 2006 model year buses. The PED requires that all school buses be replaced on a 15 year cycle.
- Open Forum Action 8. Open Forum-None
- Rescheduled February 7, 2018 Board Meeting 9. Action Items:
  - A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reschedule the February 7, 2018 board meeting to February 15, 2018. This change is necessary for the Board and Superintendent Dempsey to travel and attend the NM Board Member Institute in Santa Fe on February 8-10, 2018. Mrs. Martinez stated her finance staff will travel to New Mexico Winter Conference on February 22, 2018 and needs to cover BARS for the month of February. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Adjourn 10. Discussion Items-None
- 11. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Daniel Estupiñan, School Board Secretary

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Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President