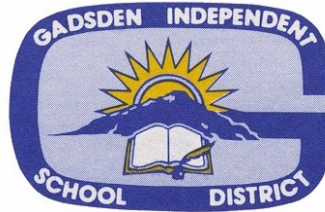


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For August 9, 2018*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:04 p.m. President Castillo presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Introduction  
And Roll Call

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes

Laura Salazar Flores arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. Daniel Estupiñan read the mission statement.

3. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to nominate Mr. Daniel Estupiñan for President. Ms. Maria Saenz second the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Reorganization of the  
Board

President Estupiñan presided over the rest of the meeting.

Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to nominate Mr. Daniel Castillo for Vice-President. Ms. Maria Saenz second the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent's  
Report

4. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Jose Reyes, Bilingual Specialist in Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, recognized Maria del Sol Nunez, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Chaparral Middle School. Ms. Nunez competed in the National Spanish Spelling Bee in San Antonio, TX has successfully defended her crown. The El Paso Herald Post announced their headline as "Three-Peat & Back-to-Back" and "GISD Students Dominate National Spanish Spelling Championship". Mr. Reyes stated that it has been an honor that Maria del Sol Nunez is putting Gadsden on the Map.
  - B. Mrs. Hood recognized the Student District Leadership Committee for the 2018-2019 school year. She thanked the sponsors and student representatives and is looking forward for another school year with new ideas.

- C. Cathie Superintendent Dempsey presented the Staff In-Service: Mini Conferences. She reviewed the Professional Development opportunities provided to all staff in the form of mini conferences.
- D. Mrs. Viramontes welcomed everyone back and looking forward for a great year.

Ms. Saenz welcomed everyone back and thanked everyone for their dedication and wanting to make a difference for our students.

Mr. Castillo welcomed everyone back

Mrs. Flores reported that she attended the Anthony Rotary Club backpack giveaway. She also thanked Superintendent Dempsey for visiting the campuses on Saturday. She thanked Mrs. Hernandez, Principal from Chaparral Middle School, on behalf of the parents the change in the uniform policy that now the students will be able to wear blue jeans. She also congratulated Mrs. Lopez as the new principal at Chaparral High School.

President Estupiñan apologized for missing the last two board meetings. He was at University of Berkeley on business. He noted that in CA, the majority of discussion was about school safety: using metal detectors-bars on windows and locking school doors. He reported that GISD has the most realistic view of school safety. Moreover, he remembered that the NM Law Conference focused on school safety. President Estupiñan stated his concern that mental health or access to guns is not widely mentioned.

He congratulated the MESA Program at Chaparral Middle School for winning nationals and the Spelling Bee Champion Maria del Sol Nunez. He stated that he invited the Student Leadership Team and one of his main goals for this year is to increase student engagement. He thanked the board for appointing him as Board President.

- Personnel Report 5. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.
- Approval of the Agenda 6. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- School Board Minutes 7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the July 26, 2018 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consent Agenda 8. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

9. Open Forum: None

Action

10. Action Items:

Resolution  
Authorizing Sale  
of School Bonds;  
Establishing  
Procedures for the  
Sale and Delivery  
of the Bonds:  
Authorizing and  
Approving  
Submission of a  
Competed  
Application for  
Financial  
Assistance and  
Project Approval  
to the New  
Mexico Finance  
Authority; and  
Authorizing Other  
Matters Relating  
to the Issuance of  
the Bonds

A. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sale of School Bonds; Establishing Procedures for the Sale and Delivery of the Bonds: Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Competed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority; and Authorizing Other Matters Relating to the Issuance of the Bonds. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of  
and approval of a  
Resolution  
Determining the  
Necessity for the  
Lease-Purchase of  
Education  
Technology  
Equipment

B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Consideration of and approval of a Resolution Determining the Necessity for the Lease-Purchase of Education Technology Equipment. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Bi-Lingual Workshop
11. Discussion Items:
- A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Bi-Lingual Workshop. He stated that the purpose for a workshop is to discuss and have our Bilingual department review where we were at and create an action plan of where we might be headed. Superintendent Dempsey asked the board to reconsider moving the Bilingual Workshop to Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. He asked for some guiding questions from the board to present the day of the workshop. Bilingual Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- NMSBA Policy  
Advisories
- B. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the NMSBA Policy Advisories.
- Implementation of  
Early Warning  
System
- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Implementation of Early Warning System.
- Dual Credit
- D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Dual Credit.
- Student Engagement
- E. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Student Engagement.
- Lease Proposal  
Between Gadsden  
ISD and Community  
Action Agency of  
Southern NM
- F. Mr. Holguin presented information on the Lease Proposal between Gadsden ISD and Community Action Agency of Southern NM.
- Closed Session
12. Closed Session
- Mr. Castillo 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's contract was extended until June 30, 2021 with a 2% administrative pay raise. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Laura Salazar Flores, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 6:44 p.m.
- Reconvene
13. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken during closed session. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:36 p.m.
- Adjourn
14. Ms. Saenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

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Daniel Estupiñan, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado