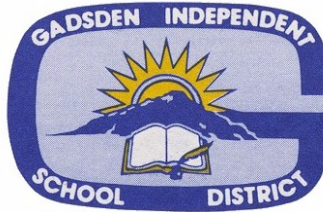


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For January 10, 2019*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:03 p.m. President Estupiñan 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 Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Superintendent Dempsey presented Santa Teresa Middle School as a recognized National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Distinguished School for closing the achievement gap between subgroups of students. The Public of Education Department (PED) under the ESEA recognize Santa Teresa Middle School's success at raising student achievement and closing the achievement gap amongst students at the school. Superintendent Dempsey stated that only two school from each state may be selected as National ESEA Distinguished Schools. Representatives from Santa Teresa Middle School and Gadsden ISD are invited to attend the National ESEA Conference to be recognized for the school's outstanding achievement January 30 – February 2, 2019 in Kansas City, MO.
  - B. Superintendent Dempsey presented the PED Honor Roll. This is the first year that PED has released an Honor Roll. He stated that ten schools are recognized meeting certain criteria such as school grade. Three of the schools from Gadsden ISD were recognized: Anthony Elementary, Mesquite Elementary, and Santa Teresa Middle School.
  - C. Mrs. Viramontes welcomed everyone back. She congratulated Anthony Elementary, Mesquite Elementary, and Santa Teresa Middle School for their recognition.

Ms. Saenz wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated the recognized schools.

Mr. Castillo wished everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated the recognized schools. He stated he hoped that GHS Boys' Gym would be on the agenda and a board workshop this coming Saturday and requested to place GHS Boys' Gym for January 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting as an action item on the agenda.

Mrs. Flores welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated the recognized schools. She reminded the employees and public to attend the workshop on Saturday for their input on GHS Boys' Gym.

President Estupiñan congratulated the three schools for their recognition. He is hopeful with the new governor he feels our district is model for the state. He's looking forward for another year continuing to grow.

- D. Student Representative-Emmanuel Acevedo, a sophomore from Alta Vista Early College High School, wished everyone a Happy New Year. As a new semester begins, sophomores are scheduled in three DACC courses: Music, Information to Computer Technology, and Biology. Juniors will be attending DACC and High School courses on campus. Seniors will be attending DACC courses at Gadsden Center or Sunland Park Center and will continue to report to AVECHS on Fridays for their Senior Seminar where they will work on scholarships and university applications. He is happy to say that the students did very well on their EOC's. The plan for second semester is to offer after school curricular activities. Mrs. Alicia Stevens, Chemistry and Oracle Academy teacher, has been selected as one of the 23 teachers in the state of New Mexico to the 2019 New Mexico Science Dream Team. Emmanuel stated that this is the first time AVECHS has offered a computer science class for the new pathway. Michelle Rivera, a freshman, qualified for State at regionals to compete in SQL Database Fundamentals in Albuquerque next month. She was the only qualifier for Gadsden ISD. He stated he is hopeful for their future at AVECHS where students will continue to thrive towards their Associate's Degree.

Personnel Report

Approval of the  
Agenda

School Board Minutes

4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.
5. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Mrs. Saenz made a motion to approve the December 13, 2018 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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| Consent Agenda   | 7. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Open Forum   | 8. Open Forum: Betty Gonzalez addressed the Board regarding renaming of the GHS Football Field in honor of Salvador Gonzalez along with Fernando Macias, Armando Reyes, and Ramon Gonzalez.  |
| Action   | 9. Action Items: None  |
| Discussion<br>Monthly Budget<br>Report For The<br>Month Ended<br>November 30, 2018<br>Closed Session | 10. Discussion Items:<br>A. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended November 30, 2018.  |
|  | 11. Closed Session<br>Mrs. Viramontes 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 Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupinan, Laura Salazar Flores, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 5:39 p.m. |
| Reconvene  | 12. 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 7:43 p.m.   |
| Adjourn  | 13. Ms. Saenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 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