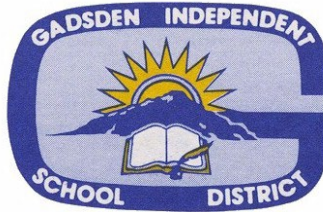


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For July 21, 2022

Introduction
And Roll Call

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

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was recited. Armando Cano read the mission statement.
3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey recognized Viola Ramos, former student at Gadsden High School, who was awarded the NMSBA Scholarship.
 - B. Mrs. Villalobos, Associate Superintendent for Federal Programs, introduced Debbie Holguin, Lead Social Worker, to present the MTC Otero County Prison Facility: Partners In Education. Mrs. Holguin gave an overview of the partnership with the Otero County Prison and The Otero Processing Center. Together they provided 50 Thanksgiving food boxes to families in the Chaparral area. Seven years later those projects have grown to providing 75 food boxes during Thanksgiving annually, also during the Christmas holiday they have provided over 300 toys to the Chaparral Elementary's along with adopting 25 families and providing food boxes and gifts for each family member. They have provided backpacks filled with school supplies and this year they have opt to purchase school uniforms for our students. They have also provided mental health packets to our middle school and high school students and assist with our food bank distribution every month. Mrs. Holguin presented Warden Hector Rios and the Otero County Prison Staff and Warden Dora Castro and the Otero County Processing staff with an award of

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recognition for the continued dedication and contributions to the Chaparral community.

- C. Superintendent Dempsey recognized Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, and Mrs. Burciaga, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, for their services in registering families for the “Meals To You” Project.
- D. Superintendent Dempsey reminded the board of the Board Work Session for Saturday, August 13, 2022 on Academic Planning.
- E. Mrs. Murillo reported that she attended that NMSBA Leadership Retreat in Taos, NM. She stated she has been receiving calls from parents regarding Security Resource Officers and wants to assure them they are being heard and encourages parents to contact their local legislators, Superintendent Dempsey, and principals. She reminded parents to check their Remind APP for updates and importation information regarding their child’s school. She stated she did receive a “Meals To You” box and was impressed to see how much food was received.

Mr. Cano dittoed what Mrs. Murillo reported. He stated that the “Early Out Wednesdays” is for teachers to be in training to be better educators to have our students have a better learning system. The goal is to aim to move ahead and be the best district in New Mexico.

Mr. Castillo announced that his first granddaughter was born a couple weeks. He also reported that he dropped off his youngest son at Auburn University. He thanked his colleagues for the gift for his new granddaughter.

Mrs. Rodriguez congratulated the Castillo Family for welcoming their granddaughter. She reported that she also attended the NMSBA Leadership Retreat. She stated she is proud to say that we had a team from Gadsden present at the Leadership Retreat. She reported that everyone at Gadsden is working hard and she is looking forward for a new school year. Lastly, she truly believes that Gadsden has the best educators.

President Flores congratulated Mr. Castillo for the birth of his granddaughter. She congratulated the new assistant principals: Monica Nuñez, AP for Mesquite Elementary and North Valley Elementary; Erika Cervantes, AP for Gadsden Elementary; Luz Valenzuela, AP for Vado Elementary. She also congratulated and welcomed the new Bilingual Director, Mrs. Nubia Tarazona; Silvia Lorenzo, Director for Early Childhood. She thanked Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Burciaga for their hard work in coordinating the “Meal To You”. She wished a Happy Birthday to all the July babies.

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| 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 accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for June 9, 2022 and the Special School Board Minutes for June 23, 2022. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 8. Open Forum: Jennifer DeGraaf addressed to the board the mental health and stakeholder involvement. Gabriel Holguin addressed to the board the additional school resource officers in Anthony. |
| Action Open Meetings Act | 9. Action Items:
A. Mr. Castillo made the motion to approve the Open Meetings Act. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Certification Of Annual Capital Asset Inventory 2021-2022 | B. Mrs. Rodriguez made the motion to approve the Certification Of Annual Capital Asset Inventory 2021-2022. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Resource Officer(s) MOU | C. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to continue and amend the MOU that is currently in place for the one officer in Sunland Park area and to proceed with the City of Anthony to obtain that one officer; and table the third officer position for future meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion with stipulation that we cannot let this timeline get away from us. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Graduation Requirements | D. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Graduation Requirements. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Selection of Architect for Gadsden MS | E. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Selection of Architect for Gadsden MS. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Selection of Architect for Chaparral MS | F. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Selection of Architect for Chaparral MS. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |

Discussion
Presentation For The
MESA MOU for
2022-2023

Policy Advisory-
Policy GBA, Policy
GE

GISD Wellness
Policy

ENMU MOU For
Occupational
Therapist Assistant
Program

GISD Legislative
Priorities

Closed Session

Reconvene

10. Discussion Items:

- A. Terry Ramirez, NM MESA Southwest Regional Coordinator, presented information on the MESA MOU for 202-2023.
- B. Mrs. Burciaga, Interim Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, presented information on the Policy Advisory- Policy GBA, Policy GE.
- C. Mrs. Creegan, Director for Nursing, and Mrs. Guerra, Director for Student Nutrition, presented information on the GISD Wellness Policy.
- D. Mrs. Burciaga, presented information on the ENMU MOU For Occupational Therapist Assistant Program.
- E. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the GISD Legislative Priorities. He discussed further that this would be a continuation of the conversation to include a suggested list of projects or needs for GISD. Also, GISD would present to area legislators prior to the upcoming legislative session. Items include school security officers, enhanced locking mechanisms for classrooms, support STEM programs, funding for arts and music programs, and additional provisions for Career and Technical programs. He stated that he is planning a legislative luncheon to open discussions with area legislators which also provides an opportunity to present the results of the community needs assessment that we completed during the development of the GISD strategic plan.

11. 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 issue 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, Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 7:12 p.m.

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 9:49 p.m.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Claudia Rodriguez, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado