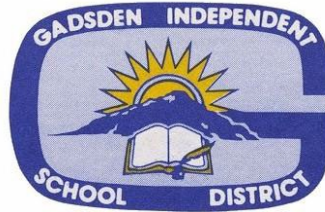


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For May 25, 2023

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:02 p.m. President Laura 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 were recited. The mission statement was read by Daniel Castillo.

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Principal Legarreta, from Gadsden High School, introduced the sponsors for E-Sports, Mr. Patrick Baca and Mr. Bayro Ramirez. Mr. Baca recognized the State Championship E-Sports recipients: Isaac Perez, Vincent Tellez, Daniel Santillano, and Nico Hernandez.
 - B. Principal Legarreta recognized the 2023 NMAA GHS Athletic Training Team Challenge State Championship recipients: 1st Place-Odeth Varela; 2nd Place-Destiny Ortiz; and 3rd Place-Clarissa Caldera. Elysa Gamez, Fatima Oliva, Yadhira Garcilazo, Aracely Romero, Brooklyn Yount, and Angelina Flores participated in the Athletic Training Challenge.
 - C. STHS Varsity Baseball State Tournament will be postponed for the next board meeting.
 - D. Mr. Castillo congratulated the Esports and Athletic Trainers. He stated he attended the County Commissioners meeting for the School Resource Officers and stated the district is trying to give parents and everyone a sense of safety with the support of the Sheriff of Dona Ana County.

Superintendent's
Report

Mr. Cano stated as he reflects on the 2022-2023 school year there were hard decisions to make by closing and consolidating two of our schools; however, the greatest achievement is giving our teachers what they deserve and everything they've done for our students. He stated our students are performing whether it be in sports and/or academically. He stressed that he is looking

forward to the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Cano gave a moment of silence to Dante Luna, a senior from Eastwood High School.

Mrs. Rodriguez congratulated the Esports and the Athletic Trainers from Gadsden High School. She stated the district distributed backpacks to all elementary students that included reading books. She wished everyone an enjoyable summer. She states she looks forward to attending the graduations. She congratulated the Class of 2023 and their families.

Mrs. Murillo also congratulated the Class of 2023. She stated she also attended the County Commissioners meeting. She thanked the principal's for keeping the board members up to date on all the end of the year events. She wished everyone a happy summer.

President Flores congratulated everyone for a successful year. She congratulated the Class of 2023. She stated she was able to attend Chaparral High School and Gadsden High School senior award ceremonies. She congratulated all the students who received scholarships. She thanked the elementary and middle school's administrators for hosting the promotion ceremonies and award ceremonies. She stated she attended the Chaparral Middle School award ceremony. She thanked the County Commissioners for recognizing the Chaparral Middle School Mesa team who won nationals. She stated that there was an article in the El Paso Times about Michaela Biddle who is blind and will be graduating from Chaparral High School. She thanked Ray and Mary Miller, board members for the First American Bank, who awarded a course of \$5,000 a year for the course of five years to Chaparral students only.

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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 May 9, 2023, Regular School Board Minutes and the May 18, 2023, Special School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mrs. Murillo 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: None |

Action
GISD Policy: JF
Student Admissions

2023-24 School
Calendar
Amendments

Discussion
Transportation
Contract for SY 2023-
2024

Application For
Permit To Construct
Access/Median
Opening on Public
Right of Way

Regulation Policy JG
Assignment of
Students to Classes
and Grade Level

Board Member
Report: Agenda
Placement

Board Meeting
Protocols:
Superintendent's
Recommendation

Quarterly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended March
31,2023

9. Action Items:

- A. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the GISD Policy: JF Student Admissions. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to approve the 2023-24 School Calendar Amendments. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion Items:

- A. Mrs. Cadena, Associate Superintendent for Support Services, presented information on the Transportation Contract for SY 2023-2024.
- B. Mrs. Cadena presented information on the Application For Permit To Construct Access/Median Opening on Public Right of Way. She further explained that
- C. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Director of Secondary Schools, presented information on the Regulation Policy JG Assignment Of Students To Classes and Grade Levels. He explained that this is an additional regulation for Policy JG to define the maximum age of enrollment for GISD comprehensive high schools at age nineteen. Students turning nineteen prior to the start of the school year will be enrolled in or transferred to Desert Pride Academy. Exceptions will be made for students with disabilities, students served under the McKinney-Veno Homeless Assistance Act, or students granted an additional year of eligibility by the New Mexico Activities Association.
- D. President Flores presented information on the Board Member Report: Agenda Placement. Generally, the agenda has included an item titled Board Member Report which has been included with the Superintendent's Updates and Recognition. President Flores requested to move the item as a stand-alone item.
- E. President Flores presented information on the Board Meeting Protocols: Superintendent's Recommendation. She explained that each action item includes a verbal recommendation from the Superintendent stating. The proposal is to eliminate this verbal recommendation process and provide the opportunity for the board to discuss.
- F. Mrs. Martinez, Chief of Finance, presented information on the Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended March 31, 2023.

Upcoming Board Meetings and Events

11. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming meetings:
- Graduation:
AVECHS, Friday, May 26 @ 7 pm UTEP Magoffin Auditorium
Gadsden High, Saturday, May 27 @ 8 pm UTEP Don Haskins
Santa Teresa High, Saturday, May 27 @ 12 pm UTEP Don Haskins
Chaparral High, Saturday, May 27 @ 4 pm UTEP Don Haskins Ctr
Desert Pride Academy, Saturday, May 27 @ 8 pm UTEP Don Haskins Ctr
NMSBA Law Conference June 1-3 Albuquerque
Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023
NMSBA Leadership Retreat July 13-15 Cloudcroft

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 movements. 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 6:11 p.m.

Reconvene

13. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:19 p.m.

Adjourn

14. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado