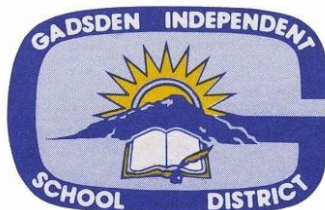


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For July 20, 2023*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:03 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 Mrs. Rodriguez.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Superintendent Dempsey mentioned that Gadsden ISD was recently recognized by SREB at their annual Making Schools Work Conference for their progress associated with graduation rates and increases in student achievement.
  - B. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, provided a brief overview of the sessions held at the recent Principal Academy.
  - C. Mrs. Villalobos, Associate Superintendent for Federal Services, provided a summary of the expenditures of ESSER II funds.

Board Members  
Report

4. Mrs. Murillo reported that she is excited to see teachers and students getting ready for the new school year. She wished everyone to be safe and good luck to a great start of a new school year. She stated she attended the NMSBA Leadership Retreat in Cloudcroft with her fellow board members. Also, she attended a Board Workshop where some of the things that they are learning in the professional development. She stated she is proud to say that they are a district that leads.

Mrs. Rodriguez reported that great things are happening in Gadsden ISD: Gadsden was recognized by SREB at their annual Making Schools Work Conference and Loma Linda Elementary was recognized at the state level. She stated she's looking forward to this upcoming school year. She mentioned that schools will be having Open House and excited to know that student's will be receiving supplies. She wishes everyone a wonderful school year.

Mr. Cano reported that he attended the NMSBA Leadership Retreat. He stated that attending these conferences helps them on how to make the district better. He wishes good luck to the students as they head back to school. He stated he wants to see the district push for more seniors to have a Bilingual Seal.

Mr. Castillo reported that he also attended the NMSBA Leadership Retreat. He stated the retreat is great information to know as serving for the board in making decisions.

President Flores reported that she also attended the NMSBA Leadership Retreat and thanked her fellow board members for their commitment. She welcomed Principal Leon Smith and Assistant Principal Humberto Diaz to Sunrise Elementary, Principal Vicente Sanchez to Chaparral Elementary, and Assistant Principal Cathie Williams to Chaparral Middle School. She congratulated Principal Danielle Rodriguez to Santa Teresa Middle School, Nancy Vela as the Director for Energy Management and Construction, and Rene Ortega as the Head of Security. She thanked the Leadership Team for making their way to Cloudfcroft for the Board Workshop. She announced that Class of 1983 will be hosting their 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion at the VFW in Anthony this Saturday.

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| Personnel Report                                | 5. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.  |
| Approval of the Agenda                          | 6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| School Board Minutes                            | 7. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the June 8, 2023, Regular School Board Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Consent Agenda                                  | 8. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Open Forum                                      | 9. Open Forum: Ana Pinela, Jose Catarino, and Luis Aguilera addressed to the board regarding Project Search. Ray Lara addressed to the board regarding NMMI Scholarship.      |
| Action<br>Open Meetings Act                     | 10. Action Items:<br>A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| District Priorities for the 2023-24 School Year | B. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to table the District Priorities for the 2023-24 School Year. Superintendent Dempsey asked to table the item due to Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Resources Officers: MOU                  | C. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the School Resources Officers: MOU. Motion carried unanimously.  |

- Gadsden High School Training Room Roofing
- Vado Elementary School Roof Project
- Chaparral On-Track Addition
- Application For Permit To Construct Access/Median Opening on Public Right of Way
- Certification Of Annual Capital Asset Inventory 2022-2023
- Discussion Proposed Land Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership dba: Verizon Wireless
- Utility Easement Access For El Paso Electric to Proposed Verizon Cellphone Tower
- Redistricting: Purpose and Proposed Process
- Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended May 31, 2023
- Upcoming Board Meetings and Events
- Closed Session
- D. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Gadsden High School Training Room Roofing. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Vado Elementary School Roof Project. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. President Flores made a motion to approve the Chaparral On-Track Addition. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to approve the Application for Permit To Construct Access/Median Opening on Public Right of Way. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to approve the Certification of Annual Capital Asset Inventory 2022-2023. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Discussion Items:
- A. Mr. Smythe, Physical Plant Director, presented information on the Proposed Land Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership dba: Verizon Wireless.
- B. Mr. Smythe presented information on the Utility Easement Access For El Paso Electric to Proposed Verizon Cellphone Tower.
- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Redistricting: Purpose and Proposed Process.
- D. Mrs. Martinez, Chief of Finance, presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended May 31, 2023.
12. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming meetings:
- A. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, August 10, 2023 (Deadline for Item Requests July 31, 2023)
- B. NMSBA Fall Region VII Meeting October 17-Gadsden
13. Closed Session
- Mr. Castillo made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, of the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 as amended 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. 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 6:37 p.m.

Reconvene            14. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

Adjourn              15. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado