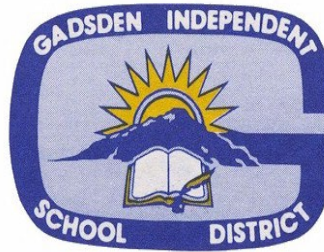


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For August 24, 2023

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. Board Secretary Murillo presided the meeting held at the Berino Elementary School Cafeteria.

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, and Arlean Murillo.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was led by Brijanna Zacarias and Pablo Hernandez.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Judy Creegan, Director of Nursing, recognized two nurses for being the first in the district to be Nationally Certified, Marisela Santillano and Priscilla Zapata.
 - B. Principal Chris Cardona and Assistant Principal Eliana Muñoz from Loma Linda Elementary recognize the school for being honored by Teach Plus New Mexico. Mrs. Muñoz further emphasized that the school takes pride in its identity as a dual language school for grades K-2 and a bilingual transitional school for grades 3-6, fostering cultural awareness and promoting linguistic proficiency. She also stated that Loma Linda places an emphasis on respecting language, from ensuring every document is written in at least English and Spanish, to tracking a student's proficiency in reading while considering the student's proficiency in their native tongue. This is done to put a special emphasis on equity at the school.
 - C. Student Representative-David Garcia, a sophomore from Alta Vista Early College, reported that they would like to welcome the newest faculty member to Alta Vista Early College High School, Sara Nuñez, Math Teacher. Dona Ana County College is back in session since August 16. He stated as a sophomore he is taking his first two community college courses: College Success and Music. College Success is an in-person course and Music is a hybrid course. The seniors attended their first senior seminar class on campus on Friday, August 4th. They are beginning to prepare for graduation. Jostens will be on campus

on October 13th to present and help students order for graduation. Mrs. Brinegar, Media Teacher, is teaching her CTE program full time. She had the opportunity to attend a PBS student and teacher reporting labs workshop this summer in Washington, DC. In the program she learned how to teach students a video-storytelling package which will help students bring a voice to their community. She was also able to tour one of the PBS news hour studios and met one of the show's anchors. Mrs. Brinegar got to collaborate and learn alongside teachers from all over the country. He stated that for the Early Out Friday, students are enrolled in a state test prep course 1st period which is designed to prepare students for the PSAT and SAT tests an 2nd period students got to choose an enrichment elective class. The classes students could choose from are: Chess, Financial Planning, Calligraphy, Field Day, Crochet, BPA/Innoventure Challenge, and Film Classics. David stated that for his enrichment elective class, he chose the BPA/Innoventure Challenge. In this class, student teams are tasked in designing a product based on the competitions theme where the teams will build, market and sell the product. The building of the product will give me the opportunity to help towards his future educational goals in engineering. They will continue to be enrolled in the state test prep class in the spring semester and students will be able to choose new enrichment elective classes in the spring semester. Alta Vista Early College students are excited to continue the school clubs and organizations they had last year such as yearbook, science club, and chess club.

4. Mr. Castillo thanked Principal Carnevale for her hospitality. He congratulated the nurses and thanked them for serving Gadsden students. He stated he spoke with teachers on their start of the year and stated in the beginning we are all overwhelmed however, things will get better.

Mr. Cano congratulated the nurses. He also congratulated Loma Linda Elementary for their recognition. He stated that he will be running for re-election in November and stated that Gadsden will be hosting a meeting on information on how to become a board member.

Mrs. Murillo thanked Principal Carnevale for her hospitality. She also congratulated the nurses. She encourages the community to go out and support our athletes. She stated she attended Coffee with the Principal at Santa Teresa High School and mentioned that they are looking for more parental involvement. She thanked David Garcia for his report on Alta Vista Early College.

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 approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- School Board Minutes 7. Mr. Cano made a motion to approve the August 10, 2023 Regular School Board Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consent Agenda 8. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Open Forum 9. Open Forum: Tom Wilson addressed to the board regarding SPED policies concerns and issues. Luis Villalobos addressed to the board regarding his retirement in the district.
- Action
6 Year
Transformation
Study: GISD
Participation
2023-24 District
Priorities: Action
Plans 10. Action Items:
A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the 6 Year Transformation Study: GISD Participation. Motion carried unanimously.
B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the 2023-24 District Priorities: Action Plans. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion
June 30, 2023 Year
End Financial Report 11. Discussion Items:
A. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the June 30, 2023 Year End Financial Report.
- Upcoming Board
Meetings and Events 12. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming board meetings and events:
A. Special Board Meeting-Lease Purchase Agreement: Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 4:30
B. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023 (Deadline for Item Requests August 28, 2023)
C. Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation Golf Tournament: Friday, September 15 @ 9 am - Butterfield Golf Course
D. NMSBA Fall Region VII Meeting October 17 – Gadsden High School
- Adjourn Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado