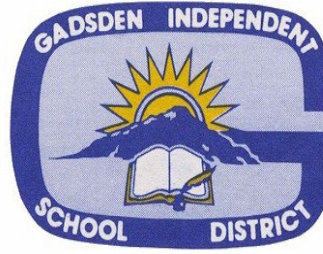


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For November 9, 2023

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. Vice President Rodriguez presided the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, and Claudia Rodriguez.

Introduction
And Roll Call

President Flores arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Arlean Murillo was absent.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was recited. The mission statement was read by Armando Cano.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the New Mexico Vistas: Statewide Assessment Data. He gave an overview of the data assessment conducted last school year and a break down by subject.
 - B. Student Representative-Denise DeAnda, a freshman from Alta Vista Early College High School, reported that the students have had several opportunities to learn outside of the classroom to broaden their horizons through various educational field trips. For the second consecutive year, the 10th-grade Biology teacher, Ms. Campos, took her students to Carlsbad Caverns on Friday to explore the ecosystem within the caverns. Additionally, her Science Club went to the El Paso Zoo to learn about venomous animals in the area on October 13th. This past weekend, the dual-certified Chemistry and DACC teacher, Dr. Acuña, attended a STEM Challenge professional development opportunity in Albuquerque. On Saturday, 22 Alta Vista students attended a MESA Rally at Gadsden High School. Students were able to visit various booths and learn about

STEM and robotics through hands-on learning. Local colleges gave information about the programs they offer and admissions information. On October 20th the DACC Music class attended The El Paso Symphony at The Plaza Theater. Students were able to see their DACC instructor, Mr. White, in a professional performance as a member of the orchestra. To welcome Fall Break, they had their traditional Fall Field Day. It was a great success with designated areas run by teachers and staff for various sports competitions. They plan to bring in spring break the same way. On November 17th, they will be hosting the fall festivities, which include: a newly organized Powder Puff game, followed by their annual Fall Festival, and ending the evening with a Fall Dance. The Business Professional of America group of 20 students is preparing for Regionals in December at Arrowhead Early College High School in Las Cruces, New Mexico. On October 27th, NMSU Admissions came to promote their university to the seniors and answer any questions they had about the application process. Also, seniors took their cap and gown photos. They will be continuing to offer their enrichment elective classes as well as the state test prep in the spring semester.

4. Mr. Castillo congratulated the Gadsden High School football team for a great season. He thanked everyone that went out and voted for the DACC bond and Gadsden bond. He also thanked everybody for their support that voted for him. He stated he will be on board for four more years and definitely plans to retire.

Mr. Cano thanked Mrs. Jaramillo's team and Mrs. Nunez's team who were running for Sunland Park candidates for City Hall. He also thanked his campaign team which consisted of his wife and sons for their support. He stated he will continue to do more as a parent. He congratulated Mr. Christian Lira, the new District 1 Board Member. He congratulated Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Rodriguez. He wished the board a successful next four years. He also congratulated the Gadsden football team.

Board Member
Report

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Denise De Anda for her updated report on Alta Vista Early College. She thanked everyone that went out and voted. She encourages anyone that would like to run as a board member and to be part of the change. She stated that she attended the Veteran's parade at North Valley Elementary. She recognized Superintendent Dempsey with a certificate on behalf of North Valley Elementary for his services in the Air Force. She reminds parents that there will be Coffee with the Superintendent coming up next Tuesday and reminds parents to please attend.

President Flores thanked Mr. Castillo, Mr. Lira and Mrs. Rodriguez for their election. She also thanked Mr. Cano for his service. She thanked the voters from Dona Ana County that went out to vote for the DACC bond and Gadsden bond. She thanked all of the cafeteria workers for their hard work in the preparation of the Thanksgiving luncheon. She stated she participated in a flag football game at Sunrise Elementary with 6th grade students. She reminds seniors to apply for scholarships and work with their counselors.

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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 approve the Regular School Board Minutes for October 26, 2023. 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: None |
| Action
GISD Wellness
Policy JL

Special Board
Meeting | <p>10. Action Items:</p> <p>A. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the GISD Wellness Policy JL. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>B. Mr. Cano made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Dempsey further explained that due to delays associated with NMPED’s novice staff’s understanding of the disbursement process and allowing adequate time for GISD’s finance department to assign accurate line items he is requesting that the board consider a Special Board Meeting to approve Budget Adjustment Requests for the approved employee leave buy back process. Special Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.</p> |
| Discussion
2024-2025 School
Calendar

SPED Audit | <p>11. Discussion Items:</p> <p>A. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Director for Secondary Schools, presented information on the 2024-2025 School Calendar.</p> <p>B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the SPED Audit. He further explained that the audit consisted of interviews, file review, staffing model, data analysis, salary scheduled study, and job descriptions.</p> |

Quarterly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended
September 30, 2023

C. Mrs. Villarreal, Director for Finance, presented information on the Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended September 30, 2023.

Upcoming Board
Meetings and Events

12. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming board meetings and events:
- A. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2023 (Deadline for Item Requests Monday, November 27, 2023)
 - B. NMSBA Annual Convention-November 30-December 2, 2023-Embassy Suites Albuquerque
 - C. Legislative Primer Event-December 5, 2023-GHS 5:30 p.m.

Closed Session

13. Closed Session
- Mr. Cano 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, and Claudia Rodriguez all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 5:54 p.m.

Reconvene

14. President Flores made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

Adjourn

15. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado