



Gadsden Independent School District  
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Anthony, New Mexico 88021

December 11, 2003

**School Board Agenda Items**

Title of Agenda Item: School Board Minutes for November 13<sup>th</sup> & 22  
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- Consent Agenda
- Action
- Discussion Items

Board Meeting Date: December 11, 2003

Submitted By: Originator – Cruz Drake Department – Supt.'s Office Date – December 2, 2003

To Be Present By: Daniel Rollings, School Board Secretary

Approved By: Ron Haugen Date – 12/02/03

Background and Summary:

Minutes for the Regular School Board Meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> and the Special Board Meeting of November 22, 2003.

Recommendation:

Approval.

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Assigned to Board Agenda for Meeting of (Date): December 11, 2003



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***REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES***  
***November 13, 2003.***

Introduction 1. The regular meeting of the Gadsden School Board convened in open session at 5:30 p.m. with President David J. Garcia presiding. This meeting was held in the Mesquite Elementary School Cafeteria located on 205 NM Highway 228 in Mesquite, New Mexico.

Roll Call Board Members present were Dr. David J. Garcia, Ms. Luz E. Vargas, Mr. Daniel L. Rollings and Ms. Maria Saenz. Mr. Fred Garza was absent.

Closed Session Mr. Rollings moved to go into Closed Session for Reports of Audits Pursuant to 12-6-5, NMSA 1978 as amended to discuss the 2002-03 Audited Financial Statements, for Personnel pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, NMSA 1978 as amended to discuss personnel actions, and for Real Property & Water Rights Pursuant to 10-15-1, H-8, NMSA 1978 as amended to discuss an elementary school site. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 5:32 p.m. Only matters pertaining to audited financial statements, personnel actions and land acquisition were discussed in closed session.

***The Board came out of closed session and went to the Ribbon Cutting for the new classroom addition at 7:15 p.m.***

Reconvened In Open Session 2. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Rollings moved to reconvene in Open Session. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call 3. Board members present were Dr. David J. Garcia, Ms. Luz E. Vargas, Mr. Daniel L. Rollings, and Ms. Maria Saenz. Absent was Mr. Fred Garza.

Students from Mesquite Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Vargas read the Mission Statement.

Supt.'s Report 4. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence  
A. (1) Supt. Haugen thanked Principal Phillips, Mr. Leyva, and the entire staff of Mesquite Elementary for hosting the Board meeting. Ms. Phillips introduced the Mesquite Elementary students who entertained the Board and the audience with their songs and their performance.



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Supt.'s  
Report

- (3) Superintendent's Report—Supt. Haugen praised the students for their presentation. Supt. Haugen gave the Board a copy of the Pre-K Center design. He said that Mr. Fulton, Owner of the Sunland Park Race Track, gave another donation of \$500,000 for the completion of the Pre-K Center. He publicly thanked Mr. Fulton for his help. Pres. Garcia requested that Supt. Haugen express the Board's appreciation to Mr. Fulton.

Supt. Haugen announced that several students tried out for the All State Choruses; and students from Santa Teresa High School and Berino Elementary made it to All State Choral Program. He congratulated the students and their teachers. These students will be performing in Albuquerque in January.

Supt. Haugen gave the Board the draft copy of the 2004-2005 school calendar. He said that the calendar is basically the same as this year's and he explained the changes.

Supt. Haugen gave the Board information on the Licensure System. He said that a lot still has to be developed and training has to take place.

Supt. Haugen gave the Board the construction schedules as prepared by Mr. Boyd. He said that these construction projects will be addressed later on in the meeting.

Supt. Haugen gave the Board a copy of a letter from the Cuddy law firm thanking the Board for choosing them as Gadsden's Bond Counsel.

Supt. Haugen said that the Dedication of Sunrise and Santa Teresa Elementary will take place on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. He will invite legislators that have supported the funding for these schools.

Board Pres.  
Report

- B. Board President's Report— Pres. Garcia gave copies to the Board of documents he received during a workshop. These documents are for licensure procedures, the definition of a highly qualified teacher, the federal requirements for para professionals, educational assistants, and alternative licensure, and other items in House Bill 212—consequences of not holding or applying for a license, teacher and administrators evaluations.

Board  
Members

- C. Board Member--Mr. Rollings reminded everyone to be thankful for the men and women in the service who are defending our nation both at home and abroad. Mr. Rollings thanked Mr. Ralph Yturralde for doing



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a superb job during the transition between La Union and the new elementary at Santa Teresa.

Ms. Saenz thanked Ms. Phillips and all her staff for all their hardwork, and congratulated their children for a beautiful job.

Ms. Vargas also thanked Ms. Phillips and Mr. Leyva for hosting the Board and congratulated the parents for all the talented children they have.

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| Student Rep.                                   | D. Student Representative – Not Present.   |
| Modification of the Agenda                     | 5. Modification of the Agenda—Mr. Rollings moved to change item 6B 2002-2003 Audited Financial Statements and make it item 8D. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Vargas moved to approve the agenda as modified. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Consent Agenda                                 | 6. Consent Agenda—Mr. Rollings moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Open Forum                                     | 7. Open Forum— Ms. Archuleta, Mr. Arias, and Mr. Sedillo made comments about the loss of stipends by four dual language teachers after the school was changed from a dual language school to balanced literacy and requested that the stipends be reinstated. The bilingual student numbers have decreased and and for this reason some bilingual teachers have lost their stipend.  |
| Plan Design For New Northern Elementary School | 8. Action Items<br>A. Plan Design for New Northern Elementary School—The design for the new northern elementary school was submitted to the Board. Mr. Alley, Architect, said that the Vado Community is a very historic community and has a character of its own and the school should be designed for that area. The designs that were submitted have been used in other areas of of the district and may not fit this community. Ms. Saenz moved to accept Mr. Alley’s proposal to look into revamping somewhat the plans for the new northern school so that it can enhance this historical area. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Phase II Addition and Remodeling to STHS       | B. Phase II Addition and Remodeling to Santa Teresa High School—Supt. Haugen said that Phase II was funded with two million dollars from Capital Outlay money this past September. The initial estimate is about 6 ½ million dollars. The addition consists of a cafeteria/fine arts facility—band room, choir rooms, drama room, as well as remodeling the existing cafeteria into classrooms and the existing administration area into classrooms and the annex building on the outside into administrative  |



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/counseling/nursing facilities. The Board needs to approve using the bond money for this project in the amount of four and a half million dollars to complete this project. Mr. Rollings moved to approve the design including the theater/fine arts and using the four and a half million dollars from bonds funds Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid—Project/  
Pre-Kinder  
Facility at GAC

- C. Approval to Bid—Project/Pre-Kinder Facility at Gadsden Adm. Complex—Supt. Haugen said he needed Board approval to go ahead and begin the design leading into the bid for the Pre-Kinder Facility at the Administrative Complex. This is totally funded with outside contributions. Ms. Vargas moved to accept the project for the Pre-Kinder Facility at the Gadsden Administrative Complex. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2002-2003  
Audited  
Financial  
Statements

- D. 2002-2003 Audited Financial Statements—Mr. Rollings moved to table the approval of the Audited Financial Statements until the special Board workshop of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and at that time action will be taken. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion Items

Current Status  
of District  
Construction  
Projects

- A. Current Status of District Construction Projects—Mr. Chavez said that Mr. Boyd provided a construction schedule update. Mr. Boyd answered questions and concerns about several construction projects. Mr. Holguin gave an update of the renovation and remodeling of the Gadsden Administrative Complex. He estimates that they are 70% complete. He anticipates that it will be ready for the move prior to the winter break.

New Attendance  
Zones for the  
Northern Part of  
District

- B. New Attendance Zones for the Northern Part of the District—Mr. Haugen said that with the construction of the new northern school decisions need to be made on how to utilize the schools we have. The student growth is between Highway 478 and Interstate 10. Mr. Haugen showed a slide of how he anticipates distributing the student enrollment to the different schools and the reasons why.

Adjourned

10. Mr. Rollings moved to adjourn the meeting. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Daniel L. Rollings, School Board  
Secretary

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David J. Garcia, School Board  
President



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**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
November 22, 2003**

- Board Training 1. The Gadsden School Board started their training on the paperless board packet at 9:00 a.m. in the Superintendent's Office located at 1325 West Washington Street in Anthony, NM. Present for the training were Dr. David J. Garcia, Ms. Luz E. Vargas, Mr. Daniel L. Rollings, and Ms. Maria E. Saenz.
- Closed Session 2. The Board convened their meeting in open session at 10:56 a.m. with Pres. Garcia presiding. Rollings moved to go into closed session at to discuss the 2002-2003 Audited Financial Statements pursuant to 12-6-5, NMSA 1978 as amended for Report of Audits, to discuss the northern elementary school and Chaparral area high school site pursuant to 10-15-1, H-8, NMSA 1978 as amended for Real Property and Water Rights. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 10:57 a.m.
- Open Session Mr. Rollings moved to reconvened in open session Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in open session at 11:58 a.m. Only matters associated with the 2002-2003 Audited Financial Statements, the proposed northern elementary school, the proposed high school site in Chaparral, and potential facilities were discussed in closed session.
- Audited Financial Statements 3. Ms. Vargas moved to approve the 2002-2003 Audited Financial Statements submitted. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Adjourn 4. Mr. Rollings moved to adjourn the meeting. Supt. Haugen recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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