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DRAFT- 08/06/2015 FINAL -08/13/2015 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES For July 23, 2015

T - 1	 The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. President Saenz presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex Board Room.
Introduction and Roll Call	Members present: Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz and Jennifer Viramontes.
	Members absent: Daniel Castillo.
Pledge & Mission Statement	2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by President Saenz.
	 Programs, Reports, and Correspondence: A. Superintendent's Report
Superintendent's Report	Cathie Williams, District Intervention and Literacy Specialist presented information on the free backpack that will be given in our district. The Backpacks contain 5 books and a parent guid to promote literacy. Ms. Williams also presented information on the E-Book Initiative which will be available to K thru 8 th grade students. The principals and the instructional coaches have been trained on using it. The E-book can be accessed anywhere there is internet access.
Board President	 B. President Saenz said at the NMSBA Leadership Conference they discussed trying to contact the legislators, and she would like to have a meeting with our legislators to "educate" them on what the school districts have to go through with the Public Education Department. Ms. Saenz went to two meetings at DACC where she got to meet the DACC President, she will enjoy working with her.
Board Member's Reports	C. Board Members: Vice-President Ford said that Yucca Heights Elementary is starting to take shape.
	Secretary Viramontes reported Ms. Saenz and she attended the NMSBA Leadership Conference. Writing resolutions for teacher evaluation and funding formula were some of the key discussions. She also attended a breakfast meeting with the NMSU Board of Regents where they discussed helping the students succeed at DACC and preparing them to move on to NMSU. The future of Early College High School was also discussed.

		Board Member Estupiñan congratulated all of the students who took and passed the AP test. He also thanked the AP teachers on their continued efforts with the students.
		Board Member Castillo – absent.
		D. Student Representative – none
Personnel Report		E. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.
Approval of the Agenda	4.	Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
School Board Minutes	5.	Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the June 11, 2015 board meeting minutes. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Consent Agenda	6.	Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Open Forum	7.	Open Forum: None
Action	8.	Action Items:
Letter of Objection/No Objection for a Governmental Liquor License by the City of Sunland Park		A. Dr. Robert Coleman, City of Sunland Park City Manager presented information in support of the City's application for a Governmental Liquor License. Dr. Coleman explained that the City would only use the license at the SportPlex to sell beer and wine. Mr. Ford made a motion to table the Letter of Objection/No Objection for a Governmental Liquor License by the City of Sunland Park. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion.
Certification of Annual Capital Asset Inventory 2014-2015		B. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Certification of Annual Capital Asset Inventory, 2014-2015. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Chaparral Elementary Remodel		C. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve GenCon for the Chaparral Elementary Remodel. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Open Meetings Resolution Act, 2015- 2016		D. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution for 2015-2016. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Discussion	9.	Discussion Items:
2015-2016 Student Handbook		A. Yvonne Casillas, Director for Management Information Systems presented information on the revamped Student Handbook. Mrs. Casillas highlighted the changes to the handbook and added that it includes a table of contents and a glossary. The Student Handbook will be presented for approval at the next board meeting and will be posted on the district's website in both English and Spanish. Each principal will have a few printed copies for those parents that do not have access to a computer or the internet.

Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended May 31, 2015	B. Steve Suggs, CFO, presented information on the monthly budget report for the month ending May 31, 2015.
Board Workshop Dates	C. President Saenz discussed the need for a Board Workshop and suggested possibly scheduling it on Friday, July 31, 2015.
GHS Phase III, Part III Construction	D. Myles Kraenzel and Candice Reyes from AKS presented information on the final phase of construction for Gadsden High School. This includes five buildings and should take about two years. Ms. Reyes said that the Old English Building will be done complying with information received from the Historical Society.
Adjourn	 Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.
SUBMITTED BY:	APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Maria E. Saenz, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saénz