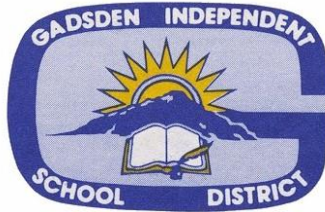


Efren Yturralde
Superintendent



4950 McNutt Road
Sunland Park, New Mexico

P.O. Drawer 70
Anthony, N.M. 88021
Phone: (575) 882-6200

DRAFT- 09/17/2015

FINAL -09/24/2015

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For September 10, 2015

Introduction
and
Roll Call

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.

Members present: Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz and Jennifer Viramontes.

Member 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.

3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:
 - A. Superintendent's Report

President and CEO Denni Cheney from The Bridge of Southern New Mexico presented to the District a plaque with a picture of the winners of The Bridge "Academy of Excellence" 2015 Teachers Award. The top two teachers were from Gadsden ISD. Ms. Debbie Hernandez, a math teacher from Gadsden High School, and Ms. Candice Herrera a 3rd grade teacher from Santa Teresa Elementary.

Superintendent's
Report

Aida Gentzler, CTE Coordinator, presented Mrs. Isela Ramos Marketing Teacher, and Mrs. Elizabeth Leal, Creative Media from Gadsden High School and their students, Jacob Macias, Laura Trejo, Alicia Munoz-Galvan and Arturo Marrufo. The students worked on the Career and Technical marketing campaign this summer on their own time and earned internship credit. The students from Santa Teresa High School and Gadsden High School created a banner, marketing posters, and a brochure for each of the CTE programs. They created a web page, gisdcte.com, and it features all three high schools.

Board President

- B. President Saenz said she was very pleased that Mrs. Viramontes is on the NMAA commission, which helps represent our district.

Board Member's
Reports

- C. Board Members:
 - Vice-President Ford – no comments or report.

Secretary Viramontes said she attended the New Mexico Athletic/Activities Commission meeting. She said one of the District's coaches did a presentation for the meeting. She said that one of the discussions was on re-districting, which is done every

two years.

Board Member Estupiñan – no comments or report.

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. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

School Board
Minutes

5. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the August 27, 2015 board meeting minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

6. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Open Forum
Action

7. Open Forum: None

8. Action Items:

Final Resolution
Authorizing Issuance
& Sale of \$9.5 M
Series 2015 GO Bonds

A. Steve Suggs, CFO said that this is the second series of bonds to be issued from the \$38,000,000 Bond Issue approved at the February 4, 2014 Bond Election. He said that the Approval of the Final Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of \$9,500,000 Series 2015 General Obligation Bonds is required to meet the legal requirements for issuing G. O. bonds. Mr. Cassidy reported on the sale that was held earlier in the morning. He said that the Districts bond rating as an A1, the best rating the district has had in the last 15 years. Mr. Cassidy recommended that the district accept the bid by Raymond James at a true interest cost of 1.57%.

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Final Resolution Authorizing Issuance & Sale of \$9.5 M Series 2015 GO Bonds. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion.

Desert Pride Academy
Phase II, Construction

B. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Desert Pride Academy Phase II, Construction. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Public Education
Funding Resolution

C. This resolution is to consider increasing the percentage allocated for Public Education by the State and will be sent to the NMSBA for the 2016 legislative session. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Public Education Funding Resolution. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Transportation
Resolution

D. This resolution is for the Public Education Department to re-instate the \$600,000 shortfall to the district for transportation. This resolution will be sent to the NMSBA for the 2016 legislative session. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Transportation Resolution. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of

the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion

9. Discussion Items:

June 30, 2015 Year
End Financial Report

A. Steve Suggs, CFO, reported on the June 30, 2015 Year End Financial Report. He said the report was submitted on time and was accepted by PED.

Monthly Budget
Report for the Month
Ended July 31, 2105

B. Steve Suggs, CFO, presented information on the monthly budget report for the month ending January 31, 2015.

Joint Powers
Agreement With NM
School For the Deaf

C. Special Education Director Randal Rapanut presented information to the Board regarding the Joint Powers Agreement between Gadsden ISD and the New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD). This Joint Powers Agreement establishes a partnership between GISD and NMSD in which the NMSD agrees to provide special education and related services to pre-k students placed with NMSD/Mesilla Elementary through an IEP. The students would still be counted on GISD enrollment counts.

MOU with Three
Rivers Education
Foundation

D. Ray Lara, Title I Coordinator, has been working with Dr. Lane from Three Rivers Education on a Memorandum of Understanding to implement the Borderland High School Equivalency Program for parents of migrants students who wish to pursue and earn their GED. Dr. Lane explained that this is possible through a five year grant and each participant will fill out a packet of information to verify they are migrant workers and are in the country legally. The district will provide a classroom two nights a week, 6pm to 8pm, and a district coordinator if this MOU is approved.

MOU with La Piñon
and Gadsden High
School

E. Ray Lara, Title I Coordinator, was joined by Flor Gonzalez from La Piñon, who presented information on a new collaborative effort between Gadsden High School/Gadsden ISD and La Piñon. This will be implemented during the 2015-2016 school year. The purpose of the MOU is to implement the We End Violence Program at the 9th grade level.

Closed Session

10. Closed Session:

Mr. Ford made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, NMSA 1978 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 and the Superintendents goals. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 5:56 p.m.

Reconvene

11. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:52 p.m.

Adjourn

12. Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The

meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Maria E. Saenz, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saénz