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DRAFT 02/02/2017 FINAL -02/09/2017 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES For January 26, 2017

Introduction and	 The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. President Saenz presided at the meeting held at the Chaparral High School Cafeteria.
Roll Call	Members present: Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes.
Pledge & Mission Statement	2. The Chaparral High School Lobo Band played the Star Spangled Banner. Senior Class President David Castro led the pledge to the U. S. Flag and Senior Class Vice-President Abraham Hernandez led the pledge to the New Mexico flag. Vice-President Ford read the mission statement.
	3. Recognitions by Superintendent Yturralde:
	Chaparral High School Principal Mark Rupcich recognized the culinary arts class for the hospitality dinner. Mr. Rupcich introduced band members Gerson Oronia, 1 st place in tuba, and Adrian Bustillos, 2 nd place alto saxophone. Selected for the Southwest NM Honor Band were members Adrian Bustillos and Gerson Oronia, as well as Josue Valdez, clarinet and Kevin Vigil, tuba and trumpet. Mr. Rupcich invited everyone to take some time to look at the artwork from students of Mr. Lawler, the welding teacher as well as Mr. Soria, the art teacher. The artwork was on display for everyone's viewing pleasure.
Recognitions by Superintendent	A. Members of the Stires family were present to deliver books to the elementary schools in Chaparral on behalf of their mother who passed away last month. They were accompanied Phillip Medina, Library Coordinator.
	B. Andrea Schoellkopf from Imagine Learning presented Santa Teresa Elementary with a certificate for being one of the Top Ten percent schools in the country during 2015-2016. She also recognized Gadsden Elementary as a Super School and presented them with a banner to display at the school.
	C. Chaparral Middle School Principal, Marti Muela introduced band director Marissa Al-Masoud who in turn introduced Geo Salas and Rafael Ramirez. They auditioned and were selected to the All

City Las Cruces Band. They were both the top players in their sections and will be performing at Onate High School on Friday, February 3rd at 7 pm. Ms. Muela also introduced Rina Viramontes, MESA Sponsor. Mrs. Viramontes said her Robotics Team placed second at the Best Robotics at NMSU in sportsmanship, in their engineering notebook, and in their marketing presentation. The team of 48 students traveled to Dallas to compete in the Best Robotics Regional Competition this summer, being one of only four middle schools at the competition of 72 middle and high school teams. Mrs. Viramontes said that the Robotics Team at CMS has been in existence for the last six years and competed five years in the Dallas competition. CMS student Ashley Rivas thanked the Board and the District for the support and the opportunity to compete.

D. Superintendent Yturralde and the Board recognized Mr. Ford. This was the last board meeting in the Chaparral area Mr. Ford would attend as Board Member. Yucca Heights Principal Laura Pargas introduced her student council President Vanessa Martinez and Vice-President Ely Medina. Vanessa and Ely thanked him for his dedication to GISD and presented Mr. Ford with a glass plaque. Chaparral High School Principal Mark Rupcich thanked Mr. Ford for his dedication and leadership on behalf of the students and staff of Chaparral High School. Board President Saenz and members of the Board all thanked Mr. Ford for his support and dedication as part of the Board and presented him with a Years of Service Certificate.

Athletic Director Karen Nougues thanked Mr. Ford by presenting him with a Life Time Athletic Pass.

Vice President Ford thanked everyone and said it was his pleasure to serve the Chaparral community.

Mrs. Lovelace, on behalf of all of the district administrators, presented a gift card to each of the Board members for Board Member Appreciation month.

E. Student Representative – Emily Radell, a junior from Chaparral High School. Emily reported that they are preparing to take the SBA practice science test. The NHS prepared and donated 30 food baskets and collected four thousand food cans to local churches. Marine Corps representatives talked to students interested in enlisting to interested students. The Criminal Justice Program will be creating and presenting a trial to a select group of students. Both boys and girls basketball teams are doing well and they are preparing for the Spring sports.

Human Resources Report	4. The Human Resources Report is on the website.
Approval of the Agenda	5. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
School Board Minutes	6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the January 12, 2017 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Consent Agenda	7. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Open Forum	8. Open Forum: None
	9. Action Items:
Quality of Education Survey	A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Quality of Education Survey with no changes to the questions. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Desert Pride Academy Ribbon Cutting and Board Meeting	 B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the scheduling of the Desert Pride Academy Ribbon Cutting and Board Meeting on March 23, 2017 (meeting originally scheduled at Berino Elementary). Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
Discussion	10. Discussion Items:
2017-2018 School Calendar	A. Yvonne Casillas, Director for MIS presented information on the proposed calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The committee of district employees met and decided to submit Draft B for the Boards consideration.
NMSBA Student Achievement Award	B. Superintendent Yturralde gave the Board a packet of nominations for this year's NMSBA Excellences Student Achievement Award. The District principals submit nominations for a student, teachers, and parents for this award. The board members will select a nominee and present it for board approval at the March 9th board meeting.
Adjourn	 Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Maria E. Saenz, School Board President