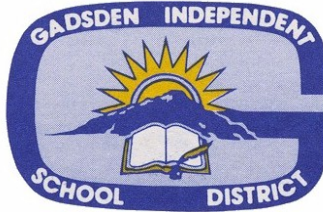


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For January 9, 2020

Board Members Oath of
Office

1. New board member Claudia I. Rodriguez and reelected board member Daniel Castillo were sworn in by Mayor of City of Sunland Park Javier Perea.
2. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:02 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Introduction and Roll Call

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

3. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. Daniel Castillo read the mission statement.

Superintendent's
Report

4. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey gave an update on the school resource officer. He stated that he will be revisiting with Sheriff Stewart on January 16, 2020 on whether Dona Ana County Sheriff's Office will be able to staff three positions or seek other options. He will be come back to revisit with the board.
 - B. Mrs. Rodriguez wished everyone a Happy New Year! She thanked everyone that went out to vote. She stated that taking this seat will be good for students, parents, and the community. She is fortunate to represent her community and will do her best to be a good listener, communicator, and a good advocate for the children. She stated she attended the NMSBA Annual Convention and was very informative. She gave condolences to the Gadsden High School for their loss of one of their students. Also, she thanked her team who campaigned for her. She thanked her family for their support.

Mr. Castillo congratulated and welcomed Mrs. Rodriguez. He stated that school board responsibilities are a challenge but much worth it.

Mrs. Flores wished everyone a Happy New Year! She also welcomed Mrs. Rodriguez and said she looks forward to working with her. She thanked the administrators, teachers, and students for a successful Fall semester.

Mrs. Viramontes welcomed Mrs. Rodriguez. She commented on how passionate she is about Gadsden and the community. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year! She thanked our State Legislators Willie Madrid and Ray Lara who are getting ready for legislation.

- C. Student Representative, Erica Ramirez, a senior from Chaparral High School, stated that boys' and girls' basketball teams traveled away for their game. She stated that off season track has begun. Also, DACC classes resume on January 22nd with schedules and books will be distributed soon.

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 approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular School Board Minutes

7. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Regular School Board Minutes for December 12, 2019. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

8. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

9. Open Forum: None

Action

6th Grade Academy Application

10. Action Items:

A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the 6th Grade Academy Application. Mrs. Flores had a concern that the community hasn't been given time to voice their opinions and even though it is a solution preventing over-crowding at Santa Teresa Elementary. She stated there are many things to consider such as placing teachers, administrators, transportation and the curriculum. She suggested to host a community meeting at Santa Teresa Elementary to give parents an opportunity to share their opinions. Mrs. Viramontes asked for a roll call to approve the application for the 6th Grade Academy. Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes voted "aye". Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Desert Pride

Desert Pride Academy
Application

Academy Application. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Conflict with
NMSBA Conference

- C. Mrs. Flores made a motion to reschedule the January 23, 2020 board meeting to January 21, 2020. This change is necessary for the Board and Superintendent Dempsey to travel and attend the NMSBA Board Member Institute Conference in Santa Fe on January 23 -25, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion
Policy BDA Board
Organizational Meeting

11. Discussion Items:

A. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Policy BDA Board Organizational Meeting.

B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Equity Council Update. Superintendent Dempsey stated that based on the information we received from PED, we are requested to create a council of less than 15 members that is composed of individuals who represent these “at-risk” populations. He stated we have 9 applicants and recommends that we accept all applicants as members. A student representative and one business member will need to be on the committee.

Equity Council Update

C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Unexpired Term Fulfillment. Superintendent Dempsey stated that after the recent November 2019 election, the candidate who ran unopposed in the Sunland Park area has officially resigned. He is suggesting to generate a list of interested individuals and have the board make the official appointment to fill the vacancy.

Unexpired Term Fulfillment

D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Requests for Special Appropriations from Area Legislators.

Requests for Special
Appropriations from Area
Legislators

Superintendent Dempsey stated that we received several special appropriations this past year from our area legislators. He stated the process to expend these funds takes multiple steps and may result in funds being returned due to timing of events/activities.

Monthly Budget Report For
The Month Ended November
30, 2019

E. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended November 30, 2019.

Closed Session

12. Closed Session

Mr. Castillo 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 issue such as: employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, and employee issues. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted “aye”. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 7:11 p.m.

Reconvene

13. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken during closed session. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:59 p.m.

Adjourn

14. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado