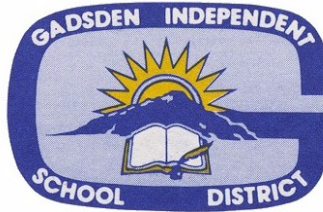


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For April 9, 2020

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:01 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

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

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was recited. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Legislative Update: Special Session. Senator Cervantes, Representative Gallegos and Representative Lara participated in the update. The update included the pressing issue that the state of New Mexico is dealing with concerning a significant budget deficit due to the downturn of oil and gas revenue which accounts of approximately 45% of our overall budget. In addition, due to current pandemic annual gross receipts tax is also down. We are anticipating a special session in June or July. We can anticipate reductions to our state budgets. The legislature did maintain a healthy reserve that will help reduce the amount of reductions for the upcoming school year. We discussed the use of technology, meal distribution and curriculum/ textbooks. Representative Gallegos recommended that school districts prepare a couple different budgets to address these state shortfall along with cash balances that could be considered for a possible sweep during this special session.
 - B. Mr. Cano gave a shot out and a thank you Mrs. Guerra and all Student Nutrient Program workers. He also gave a thank you to Mr. Wohlgemuth and those who helped distribute Chromebooks.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Superintendent Dempsey for his leadership during this emergency. She also thanked all the essential workers. She thanked the schools that created a video for their students. I was a very nice gesture! She stated for

teachers to take care of themselves. Be kind and courteous to each other. She thanked all the non-profit organization who reached out to help out. She gave a shot out to Principal Giron. She also thanked the state representatives for joining in the board meeting and their support.

Mr. Castillo thanked everyone who helped out and those who complained. He stated it is a learning experience for all of us!

Mrs. Flores reminded everyone to turn in their 2020 Census. She thanked the Student Nutrient Program workers for putting themselves on the frontline. She also thanked Boones Transportation for taking meals to those remote areas. She thanked all Physical Plant employees who continue to work in the building to help disinfect. She thanked the Finance Department for continuing working on payroll. She reminded everyone to stay home and be safe! She thanked Superintendent Dempsey for his support.

President Viramontes thanked Mrs. Creegan and the Nursing Department for keeping everyone safe. She stated she is proud of our district for working together for all our children for their safety. She wants everyone to keep calm and be patience.

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| Personnel Report | 4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required. |
| Approval of the Agenda | 5. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. A. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Special School Board Minutes for March 31, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for March 12, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 8. Open Forum: None |
| Action
Regular Board
Meeting Schedule For
2020-2021 | 9. Action Items:
A. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Schedule For 2020-2021. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Request to Suspend
Graduation
Requirements and
Grading | B. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Request to Suspend Graduation Requirements and Grading Requirements. Superintendent Dempsey explained due to the decision to |

- Requirements dismiss classes for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, we want to ensure students are not caught at a disadvantage due to the state-wide emergency response to the COVID-19 virus. By temporarily relaxing the graduation requirements we are allowing additional options for students in the graduating Class of 2020 and possibly the Class of 2021. In addition, based on our Continuous Learning Plan we want to provide an opportunity for high school students to improve their grades and earn credit. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution: Public Health Emergency C. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Resolution: Public Health Emergency with pending amendments. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Facility Master Plan Update D. Mrs. Flores made a motion to accept the Facility Master Plan Annual Update. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion Continuous Learning Plan 10. Discussion Items:
A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Continuous Learning Plan. He explained that PED requested document that includes the district assurances of requirements that each district must meet, the plan to ensure high school seniors are given the opportunity to meet graduation requirements, how the district will provide academic support for Pre K-12, how the district will address social and emotional supports, and ensure family and community communication are established.
B. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended February 29, 2020.
- Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended February 29, 2020
- Adjourn 11. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado