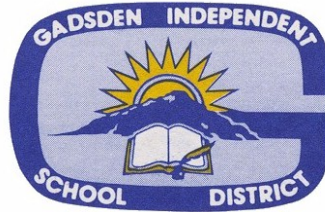


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For August 27, 2020

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

Introduction
And Roll Call

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

Member Claudia Rodriguez was absent.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

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

3. Superintendent's District Updates and Recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Reentry Update. He presented the Online Learning Model, Health and Safety, Support Services, Communication: Student, Parent & Staff Input, At-Risk Populations, and NMPED/NMDOH:

On-line Learning Model:

- Chromebook and Hot Spot Distribution
- Classroom Schedules
 - Elementary
 - Secondary
- Student Attendance: NMPED Guidance
 - "No Show" students
- Technology Support
- Staff Office Hours: Student Support
- Teacher/ Parent Communication: Remind App

Superintendent's
Report

Health and Safety:

- Daily Health Screening
- Tracking the Data: [NMSU Quick Glance Chart](#) & [NMSU Zip Code Data](#)
- Creation of GISD Dashboard
 - Use NMSU's Quick Glance Chart

- Tracking Positive Cases within GISD

Support Services:

- Cleaning & Disinfecting Practices
- Meal Distribution: Increased Routes to include
 - Anapra- Park on Carrousel and Calle Madero
 - Chamberino- San Luis Catholic Church
 - Berino-Ball park on San Benito Street
 - Chaparral- Old Chaparral on Desert Aire (between Sands and Wheat Stone)

Communication: Student, Parent & Staff Input

- Secondary Student Survey (Design Phase)
- Elementary Parent Survey (Design Phase)
- Coffee with the Superintendent: On going
- Coffee with the Principal: On going
- District Wide Staff Meetings: On going
- Meeting with AFT Representatives: On going
- Virtual Open House Opportunities: On going
- Daily Messaging with Remind App: On going

At-Risk Populations:

- Timeline: Introduction September to December 2020
- Special Needs Students: Estimated timeframe Sept - Oct 2020
 - Ancillary Services
- Limited Internet Access: Estimated timeframe Oct - Nov 2020
- Kindergarten and First Grade: Nov - Dec 2020
- Gradual Transition of Grade Levels: Nov - Feb (Hybrid Model)
- **Online platform would remain an option for parents for the 2020-21 school year**

- B. Student Representative, Crystal Sanchez, a senior from Gadsden High School, reported that the start of the year is going very well. She is impressed by her teachers because the teachers have stepped by providing good instruction during this pandemic. Teachers are creating Power Point presentations and meeting with students every day. She stated that one of her concerns is her inability to take the ACT/SAT. She spoke to Principal Giron, and he told her they plan to administer the SAT in October. She is concerned with potential technical difficulties. Ms. Sanchez further mentioned the Hybrid Model for elementary students. She does not think it is a good idea as it will be difficult for them to keep their face masks on. However, she feels high school students are mature and understand the need to follow safety protocols. She stated she has spoken to her peers and most of them want to come back.

- C. Mr. Cano stated everything in his area is going well. He contacted the principals in his area for any concerns, and he received positive comments.

Mr. Castillo had nothing to report.

Mrs. Flores thanked Superintendent Dempsey for continuing the Coffee with the Superintendent meetings and also thanked the administrators for continuing hosting Coffee with the Principal. She welcomed new assistant principals Elizabeth Leal at Sunrise Elementary and John Varro at Sunland Park Elementary. She thanked Willie Madrid, an instructional assistant at Gadsden Middle School, for his service. She thanked the Abundant Living Faith Center on the westside for the Annual Back Pack Give Away.

President Viramontes stated she attended Santa Teresa High School Open House virtually, and said she appreciates the information provided to parents. She thanked Judy Creegan for attending the Open House and Ms. Creegan's staff for helping to keep our staff safe. She thanked the student representative, Crystal Sanchez, for reporting on positive as well as concern situations.

Personnel Report

- 4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.

Approval of the Agenda

- 5. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Minutes

- 6. A. Mr. Castillo moved to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for August 13, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Mr. Cano moved to accept the Special School Board Minutes for August 14, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- 7. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey explained item 7B Fund 24145 Striving Readers Transfer BAR 2020-2021. He stated that the district is paying staff from this grant and not necessarily a stipend. The transfer is necessary so the district can provide professional development for our administrators in the literacy. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

8. Open Forum: Lucero Marrufo and Karim Hill addressed the board to reconsider extending the remote learning.

Action

Policies GCH, GDH, IJNDB, JICD, JICD-R, JICD-E, JK, JK-R SB288, Safe Schools

9. Action Items:

A. Mrs. Flores moved to approve the Policies GCH, GDH, IJNDB, JICD, JICD-R, JICD-E, JK, JK-R -SB288, Safe Schools (Replaces ACAA, ACAA-EA, & ACAA-EB). Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Proposed Changes To Policies JHB and accompanying Regulation and Exhibits

10. Discussion Items:

A. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Proposed Changes to Policies JHB and accompanying Regulation and Exhibits. She explained that HB 236, referred to as the Attendance for Success Act, repeals and it replaces the New Mexico Compulsory School Attendance Law. She stated that the titles of Policy JHB, Regulation, and Exhibits have been altered to reflect the change from tracking only unexcused absences, known as truancy, to the requirements for tracking all chronic absences whether excused or unexcused.

Hybrid Model and Options for At-Risk Populations

B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Hybrid Model and Options for At-Risk Populations. Superintendent Dempsey provided an update on the GISD Reentry Plan including information on Health & Safety, Online Learning, Support Services, Communication and At-Risk Students.

Adjourn

11. Mrs. Flores moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado