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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For September 10, 2020

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 4:58 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 were recited. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.
3. Superintendent's District Updates and Recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information to update the Remote and Reentry Plan:

GISD Dashboard: employee data is collected with the daily health screening, then compiled into a format that makes it possible to discern patterns. A Cluster Report will be available on the GISD website that shows the number of employees who reported symptoms each day.

Student entry protocols are being developed and will be a part of the GISD Dashboard.

Superintendent's
Report

Building teams are surveying parents to confirm requests for online or hybrid learning models. Students moving from online to hybrid will be placed on a waiting list.

Documentation is maintained on cleaning and maintenance protocols to ensure correct preparation of all classroom spaces for students and staff.

PPE is inventoried and has been sent to each campus.

NMPED is establishing on air quality standards although we have already started.

Meal distribution continues.

SPED students are tentatively scheduled to return on Oct 19, 2020

- B. Karen Nouges, Athletic Director, presented information on the Athletic Update. She reported that currently NMAA has Volleyball, Cross Country, and Golf starting their season on October 5th. She said that although we are waiting for approval from the Governor we are looking to start off season for these sports. The plan is to allow Volleyball and Cross Country to begin off season on Monday, September 21st. Per guidelines safety they will be restricted to 5-1 pods and equipment may not be used. A max of 3 pods is allowed for Volleyball and 1 pod for Cross Country. This means no more than 20 athletes would be on campus at one time. She noted they will be completing health screenings and following all health guidelines. The start date is to ensure the athletes have a reasonable amount of time to condition and be prepared to play. This time frame will give them 8 days of conditioning prior to starting the season. As for Golf, she said they are considering starting after fall break. Due to the fact that the golfers' practice in El Paso, we currently do not have a New Mexico course that they can use on a regular basis, however, golf plays three tournaments in the fall and up to 7 in the spring; if they cannot play this fall the opportunity to play in the spring will still be there. She stated they are actively working on giving the golfers a chance to participate this fall because they were one of the sports that lost their season this past spring. She also stated, with regard to the plan, that participation is completely voluntary, as such, they can also choose to opt out.
- C. Student Representative, Gloria Hernandez, a senior from Chaparral High School, reported that Chaparral High School currently has a Student Help Desk which lends a helping hand to the Chaparral community to help resolve any technical problems. Secondly, she mentioned that students find the technology used in their virtual classes helpful. Their teachers use Nearpod, Pear Deck, and Kami. Lastly, she stated students are excited about sports potentially starting back up.
- D. Mr. Cano thanked Mrs. Legarreta and Mrs. De La Garza for hosting Coffee with the Superintendent at Alta Vista Early College HS. He stated it went well and was very informative. He congratulated Superintendent Dempsey for being selected Superintendent of the Year!

Mrs. Rodriguez also congratulated Superintendent Dempsey and stated he is doing phenomenal job! She also thanked Estrella Burciaga for the awesome congratulatory video, the EC produced for the Superintendent and felt that it was very well deserved for Superintendent Dempsey! She stated she also

attended the Coffee with the Principal at Alta Vista ECHS. She gave a shout out to the Nursing Department for doing an amazing job! She thanked Gloria Hernandez for a report well done!

Mr. Castillo also thanked Superintendent Dempsey for his recognition. He gave kudos to Gloria Hernandez for her report.

Mrs. Flores also thanked Gloria Hernandez. She also congratulated Superintendent Dempsey for his recognition. She thanked Mr. Snoddy for the options on the on-line board meeting posted on the agenda. She wished Claudia Rodriguez a very Happy Birthday! She stated that she and Mr. Castillo attended the DACC Advisory Board.

President Viramontes also wished Claudia Rodriguez a Happy Birthday! She also congratulated Superintendent Dempsey for his recognition as Superintendent of the Year. She thanked the cafeteria workers for continuous lunch service during this COVID-19 pandemic. She also thanked the Nursing Department for information on keeping us safe. She thanked Gloria Hernandez for her report. She also thanked everyone for attending the Special School Board meeting last week.

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.
6. A. Mrs. Flores moved to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for August 27, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Minutes

B. Mrs. Flores moved to accept the Special School Board Minutes for September 3, 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 recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

8. Open Forum: None

Action
Proposed Changes To
Policies JHB and
accompanying
Regulation and
Exhibits

Changes To JLCD,
JLCD-R, JLCD-EA,
New Exhibit JLCD-
EB, Administering
Medicines

Policy Changes To
JFAA, JFAB, JFC,
JH, and JH-R, all
related to HB 236

OMIT Policy IKEC,
Loss of Credit, and
Accompanying
Exhibits

JE-Student
Attendance
Supplemental and JE-
R Supplemental
Regulation

9. Action Items:

- A. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the Proposed Changes To Policies JHB and accompanying Regulation and Exhibits. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Mr. Castillo moved to table Changes To JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-EA, New Exhibit JLCD-EB, Administering Medicines. Judy Creegan, Director of Nursing, explained the suggestion to table is due to a court case in process and will wait for final decision to proceed. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Mrs. Flores moved to approve the Policy Changes To JFAA, JFAB, JFC, JH, and JH-R, all related to HB 236. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Mrs. Rodriguez moved to approve to OMIT Policy IKEC, Loss of Credit, and Accompanying Exhibits. Mrs. Lindau explained further that Policy IKEC, Loss of Credit, and accompanying Exhibits are being omitted as they conflict with both the letter and intent of HB236, the Attendance for Success Act. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Mrs. Flores moved to approve the JE-Student Attendance Supplemental and JE-R Supplemental Regulation. Mrs. Lindau explained further that the intent of the Supplement to Policy JE-Student Attendance is to effect compliance with SB236, the Attendance for Success Act while in Remote Learning environment. The purpose of the Supplemental to the Regulation to Policy JE is to propose or suggest a framework for the Superintendent to develop local attendance procedures/guidelines while in Remote Learning. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion
MOU for Point of
Distribution (POD)

10. Discussion Items:

A. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the MOU for Point of Distribution (POD).

Changes To Policies
JHCB, JJJ, and LF

B. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Changes To Policies JHCB, JJJ, and LF.

Monthly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended July 31,
2020

C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended July 31, 2020.

Closed Session

11. Closed Session

Mr. Castillo moved 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. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Reconvene

12. Mr. Castillo moved 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 8:50 p.m.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Castillo moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado