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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For October 22, 2020

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:01 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the virtual 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 led by Jose Angel Ramirez, a 6th grader from Riverside Elementary. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District Updates and Recognitions:
 - A. Mrs. Navarro, Principal at Riverside Elementary School, presented information on Remote Learning and Afterschool Programs. She reported that as of today, enrollment is at 518; 405 parents have chosen Remote Learning and 113 have chosen Hybrid. Moreover, 495 Chrome Books, 9 Ipads, and 136 Hotspots have been distributed. She added that average attendance rate is at 88% which is their greatest concern. Teachers, Counselors, Attendance Clerks, Office Staff and Administration call absent students on a daily basis, but it has been a challenge. She reported that in the Riverside community, one daycare has been closed and the parents received recommendations to be tested. Also, she reported on the RS staff efforts to continue to communicate with parents through all means possible. As a result, they have been very successful in collecting 498 parent emails out of 518. She further reported that After-School Programs continue to be a great success. The 21st Century program is being offered to 1st - 6th grade students. They participate either in Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace (SEMMA), Digital Media Academy (DIMA), Creating Opportunities Using Numerical Thinking (COUNT), Math Tutoring, or Band & Role Playing. Also, they have Early Reading and Math Intervention Tutoring offered to Kinder-4th grade students. A total of 164 students participated in these programs.

Lastly, Mrs. Navarro gave Armando Cano her condolences for both his parents, Armando and Rosa Maria Cano, who recently passed away.

- B. Mr. Giron, Principal at Gadsden High School, presented information on a Biomedical Engineering Grant. Gadsden High School was awarded a five-year, \$1.3 million grant through UTEP involving the Biomedical Engineering Program. The program will offer students workshops that promote careers in the biomedical fields as well as access to tutors for 12 weeks per year. It also will use grant funds to create one state-of-the art biomedical research lab.
- C. Superintendent Dempsey provided an update on COVID cases to the GISD Board of Education which included information on the number of reported cases in the area, staffing models to help reduce possible exposure, adjustments to meal distribution, and protocols implemented to protect stakeholders.
- D. Student Representative, Jenny Garcia, a sophomore from Gadsden High School, reported that GHS is fully staffed for the year with new teachers Richard Santillano, CTE Tech Teacher, and Miguel Gutierrez, English/Language Arts Teacher. She also said they are planning to provide enrichment classes to help students who are struggling academically. In addition, she reported students have adapted well to the new Grading Scale. She believes that grading scale will benefit the students who are struggling to keep up with their grades.
- E. Mr. Cano thanked everyone for the moment of silence for his parents. He thanked Riverside Elementary staff for the gifts and support they have given him during this hard time. He thanked Jose Angel Ramirez for an excellent job in leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Rodriguez gave her condolences to Mr. Cano. She reported that she attended the Budget Workshop regarding Cash Balance and stated it was very informative and encourages everyone unable to attend to log on to the district website recording. She also reported she virtually attended the NMSBA Fall Conference. She stated we are here to work collectively and encourages everyone to search for correct information through supervisors and/or departments. She congratulated Riverside Elementary for a job well done. She thanked Jenny Garcia for the student report. Also, she encourages everyone to go out and vote.

Mr. Castillo had nothing to report.

Mrs. Flores encourages everyone to go out and vote. She also recommends everyone get a flu shot.

- President Viramontes gave Mr. Cano her condolences. She thanked Mrs. Navarro for the Riverside Elementary update and Jose Angel Ramirez for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked Jenny Garcia for the Gadsden High School update. She also encourages everyone to go out and vote. She thanked the Nursing Department and everyone for their efforts to keep us safe as cases go up. She congratulated Mrs. Flores for being selected the Region VII Vice President.
- Personnel Report 4. The personnel report is included for the Board’s information with no action required.
- Approval of the Agenda 5. Mrs. Rodriguez moved to modify the agenda by moving Consent Item 7C RFP #20-21-55 Lobbying Services to Action Item 9A. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- School Board Minutes 6. Mr. Cano moved to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for October 8, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consent Agenda 7. Mrs. Flores moved to approve the consent agenda as modified. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Open Forum 8. Open Forum: Dolores Nanez addressed to the board the lobbying and salary schedule.
- Action RFP #20-21-55 Lobbying Services 9. Action Items:
 A. Mrs. Flores moved to table RFP #20-21-55 Lobbying Services. Mrs. Flores recommended that the board re-advertise and acquire more information in the future concerning a lobbyist. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion Construction Project Updates 10. Discussion Items:
 A. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the Construction Projects Update.
 B. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Change To Regulation JE-RB Student Attendance Team. She explained further, that in order to comply with the make-up of attendance teams in HB 236, the Attendance for Success Act, while at the same time comply with the confidentiality requirements in FERPA, it is possible to separate roles assigned to teams addressing campus level attendance and teams addressing district level attendance.
- Change To Regulation JE-RB Student Attendance Team
- Salary Schedule Update C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Salary Schedule Update.
- Adjourn 11. Mr. Cano moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado