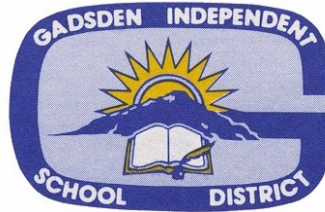


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For January 28, 2021*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held virtually at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Introduction  
And Roll Call

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 led by Alexis Holguin and Karime Gonzalez. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District Updates and Recognitions:
  - A. Mrs. Coyle, Principal at Vado Elementary School, presented a virtual learning highlight video. The video highlights two students, Alexis Holguin and Ralph Juarez singing to Karaoke, Art Work created by Mr. Santa Maria's virtual learning Art Classes. It also highlights students from Mrs. Ramos Kinder class sharing their class projects and Mrs. Cortez's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class using the book "One Grain of Rice" as a math lesson. In addition, there are some highlighting pictures from Mrs. Lucero's students in her Developmental Skills Class sharing the project they have been working on. The video is finished with the Claymation created by Benjamin Vasquez in Mrs. Concha's After School DIMA Program.
  - B. Mr. Encina, Interim CCR Coordinator, presented the Gadsden ISD Cadets Program. Mr. Encina introduced Mrs. Holguin, Education Teacher at Chaparral High School. She represents all the Education Programs in the district and stated that the main goal for the program is to have high school students consider teaching as a career. Students are placed with a certified teacher and they experience a field expert. At the end of the program, students earn three certifications (PARA Pro, Precision, and Early Care 45 hour).
  - C. Superintendent Dempsey recognized Alfredo Holguin, Associate Superintendent for Support Services, who is retiring

from Gadsden ISD. Superintendent Dempsey and board members congratulated Mr. Holguin for his service and dedication of 34 years to Gadsden ISD.

- D. Superintendent Dempsey reminded everyone that immediately following the adjournment of this board meeting, he will host a community call which is an opportunity for parents and community members to ask Superintendent Dempsey any questions. Also, a reminder for staff there is a Weekly Wrap Up every Friday at 6:45 am.
- E. Student Representative-Miranda Soriano, a sophomore from Gadsden High School, reported that sports at Gadsden High School have begun their off-season in football, volleyball, and Cross Country. As an athlete in volleyball, she stated she feels that the student-athletes are practicing proper social distancing and they are all extremely excited to be back and are hoping that they can have a successful season. Gadsden High School is also planning to have an 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. Pre-registration will also be starting in February. Many of the clubs and organizations have been meeting with their sponsors and have started to prepare for online competitions. Overall, she stated she believes everything continues to go well with online learning as students are overcoming boundaries that they may have had the first semester. Lastly, many students are just hoping to be able to attend school in some type of hybrid model.
- F. Mr. Cano thanked Mr. Rafael Gallegos and Judy Creegan for the successful vaccination clinic held at Gadsden High School. He stated everything flowed very well and was awesome. He stated he is proud to be a Gadsden ISD Board Member and representing our district. He thanked all his area schools for a job well done and thanked them for inviting him to the Coffee with the Principal. He also thanked Vado Elementary for a good presentation.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Mrs. Coyle and staff at Vado Elementary for a job well done on the presentation. She thanked the Cadet Program for being a part of the experience and understanding and seeing the joy and struggles that teachers go through. She also thanked Miranda Soriano for the Gadsden High School update. She stated Gadsden High School held a virtual tour for the upcoming freshmen and it went very well. She stated she attended the Coffee with the Principal at Alta Vista Early College. She thanked Superintendent Dempsey for hosting the Community Call after the board meeting and the Weekly Wrap Up.

Mr. Castillo thanked Vado Elementary for the presentation. He thanked the Cadet Program. He also thanked Alfredo Holguin for his service.

Mrs. Flores congratulated the future educators for choosing the path in teaching. She gave a “shout out” to Judy Creegan and nursing staff. She stated it was a success. She thanked Mrs. Coyle for the Vado Elementary presentation. She stated she is happy to hear that Chaparral Elementary is transitioning from Life Teaching to Independent Work which means more time for teachers to plan.

President Viramontes thanked Vado Elementary for their presentation. She enjoyed the presentation. She recognized the Cadets that have a passion and want to teach. She thanked Miranda Soriano for the update. She presented updates on each of her schools.

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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. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Consent Agenda   | 7. Mr. Castillo 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<br>2021-2022 SY<br>District Calendar                      | 9. Action Items:<br>A. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Draft #1 Calendar for the 2021-2022 SY District Calendar. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| School Re-entry<br>Update  | B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the School Re-entry Update. No action was taken.  |
| Discussion<br>New Local Policy A<br>( ), Commitment<br>to Equity | 10. Discussion Items:<br>A. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the New Local Policy A( ), Commitment to Equity. She explained that the policy is to affirm the District’s commitment to the equity principles established by the findings in the landmark education lawsuit, Martinez/Yazzie v. State of New Mexico. |
| Assessment Update<br>and Testing<br>Requirements                 | B. Mrs. Gilpin presented information on the Assessment Update and Testing Requirements   |

Adjourn

11. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

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Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado