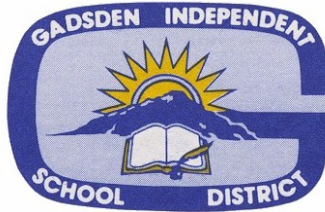


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For March 11, 2021

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:08 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Introduction
And Roll Call

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

Daniel Castillo arrived at 7:00 p.m.

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.
3. Claudia Rodriguez made a motion to nominate Laura Salazar Flores for President. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

President Flores presided over the rest of the meeting.

Reorganization of the
Board of Education

Jennifer Viramontes made a motion to nominate Daniel Castillo for Vice President. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Claudia Rodriguez made a motion to nominate Jennifer Viramontes for Secretary. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Superintendent's
Report

4. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey had a moment of silence for Dr. Karen Trujillo, the late Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent.
 - B. Mrs. Barajas, Principal of Desert Trail Elementary, presented an update on safety measure that is being implemented at Desert Trail Elementary. She shared the current enrollment for Hybrid 281 and Remote Learning of 177 students out of 458 students. She presented the process of Health/Screening/Temperature Check. Isolation Room for students who have 99.9 temperature or above. Hallways have been marked with arrows and line barrier in the middle to direct which side of the hall students will walk on. Student K-2nd classroom tables are divided in half for students in Group A and Group B facing the same direction.

Group A will attend Mondays and Tuesdays and Group B will attend Thursdays and Fridays. Also, 3rd- 6th classrooms desks are socially distanced by 6ft and labeled A and B. All students in each group face the same direction. In each classroom, there will be a sanitation station, directional arrows, teacher zone, and air purifiers. Upon entering the cafeteria, students will sanitize their hands by main entrance and bus lobby. All students will line up 6ft. apart in the same direction. Lastly, there are 77 students participating remotely in after school programs.

- C. Mrs. Jessica Schaid, Instructional Specialist for SS, introduced the VFW Essay Contest winners:

Patriot's Pen Post Winners:

Post #4384- 1st place Bridgette Sandoval (STMS), 2nd place Edgar Chairez (STMS), 3rd place Bridgette Rodriguez (CMS), and Honorable Mention Evelyn Garcia (CMS).

Post #7686-1st place Jonathan Calderon (GMS), 2nd place Estefania Martinez (GMS), and 3rd place Irene Silva (GMS).

Post #3242-1st place Maggie Lonsinger (CMS), 2nd place Alfredo Granados (CMS), 3rd place Kendall Weinberg (CMS) and Honorable Mention Carlos Torres (CMS).

Voice of Democracy Post Winners:

Post #4384-1st place Haylee Viramontes (GHS), 2nd place Adriana Salcido (GHS), and 3rd place Kayla Olvera (GHS).

Post #7686-1st place Amparo Arredondo (STHS), 2nd place Anthony Reyes (STHS), and 3rd place Angelia Carrillo (STHS).

Post #6719-1st place Jailene Avila (STHS), 2nd place Isabela Ramirez (GHS), and 3rd place Gavin Cordova (STHS).

Post 10124-1st place Hector Martinez (GHS), 2nd place Paul Desctoeaux (GHS), and 3rd place Alicia Mendoza (GHS).

Post #3242-1st place Melissa Lucero (GHS), 2nd place Lucia Valencia (GHS), 3rd place Jennifer Solis (GHS), and Honorable Mention Noemi Gaytan (GHS).

District 3 Winners:

Patriot's Pen-1st place Hayden Rundell (STMS) and 3rd place Zavannah Onsurez (CMS).

Voice of Democracy-1st place Amparo Arredondo (STHS) and 3rd place Isabel Ramirez (GHS).

State Winners:

Patriot's Pen-2nd place Hayden Rundell (STMS)

Voice of Democracy-3rd place Amparo Arredondo (STHS)

- D. Dolores Nanez, Union President, presented information on the Local AFT Survey. The purpose of the survey to ensure the district is well informed through the process of the re-entry plan.
- E. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Legislative Update. He stated we are waiting for governor to act on legislation.
- F. Student Representative-Vanessa Martinez, a sophomore from Alta Vista Early College High School stated that they continue to use the new Canvas platform that was implemented at the beginning of the semester. This Learning Management System will make the transition easier for the 9th grade students next year when they begin their DACC classes. All 9th grade students are completing the NMSU/DACC application as the beginning step toward being college students next year. Isaias Alvidrez, reported on students who moved on as semi-finalist with the Daniel's Fund, the National Security Language Initiative for Youth, and Gates Scholarships. She stated she is happy to report that Jazlyn Montiel completed her final interview for the Daniel's Fund Scholarship and now waiting to hear the names of the recipients who will be awarded this scholarship. Claudia Trevino is a finalist for the National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship and is scheduled to have her final interview this month and she is also a Gates Scholarship finalist and is also scheduled to have her final interview this month. She also had her 2 interviews for the BA/MD program at UNM, and several students have received letters from universities and have been offered scholarships. They also had 5 juniors apply to the Coolidge Scholarship - toward a full ride scholarship. Lastly, they continue to attend Advisory and receive Social and Emotional Learning lessons.
- G. Mr. Cano congratulated the VFW Essay Contest winners. He stated he attended Coffee with the Principal and encourages all parents to attend as it is valuable and informative information.

Mrs. Viramontes states she also attended Coffee with the Principal. She thanked Mrs. Schaid for the presentation for recognizing the VFW Essay Contest winners. She mentioned that the Gadsden Foundation is now open to seniors. She stated that Santa Teresa High School will have their first virtual Alumni Career Day.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked former President Viramontes for her great leadership. She thanked Mrs. Barajas for the Desert Trail Elementary update. She also thanked Vanessa Martinez for the wonderful update at Alta Vista Early College and is excited to hear the scholarships that the seniors have applied for. She

thanked Mrs. Schaid for the VFW Essay Contest presentation and thanks the VFW for partnering with Gadsden ISD. She stated she concurs with Mr. Cano of how important it is for parents to attend Coffee with the Principal.

President Flores thanked all Gadsden ISD employees for their hard work in welcoming students back. She stated she was excited to see five seniors from Chaparral High School and members of the National Honor Society participating in the Abundant Living Faith Food Drive. She thanked Superintendent Dempsey for having a moment of silence for Dr. Karen Trujillo.

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| Personnel Report | 5. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required. |
| Approval of the Agenda | 6. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to remove Item 8B. RFP #20-21-56 E-Rate WAN Leased Line Network without prejudice. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to accept the agenda with modification. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. |
| School Board Minutes | 7. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for February 25, 2021. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 8. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to accept the consent agenda as modified. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 9. Open Forum: Michelle Rincon from Unified Prevention Coalition addressed to the Board that the coalition is currently disseminating a survey the New Mexico Community Survey. |
| Action
NMSBA Excellence
Student Achievement
Award | 10. Action Items:
A. Mrs. Viramontes made the motion to approve the five nominees for the NMSBA Excellence Student Achievement Award. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| La Union Elementary
HVAC Upgrades
Project | B. Mrs. Viramontes made the motion to approve the La Union Elementary HVAC Upgrades Project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Re-entry Plan Update
and Review | C. No action was taken for the Re-entry Plan Update and Review. |

Discussion
2021-2022 SY
District Calendar

Corrective Action
Plan Presentation

Monthly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended January
31, 2021

Closed Session

Reconvene

Adjourn

11. Discussion Items:

- A. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the 2021-22 Budget Calendar. She explained further that in order to meet the deadline and present the preliminary budget at the May 13, 2021 board meeting, she is proposing to hold a Budget Workshop on May 7, 2021.
- B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Corrective Action Plan Presentation. He stated NMPED has established a corrective action plan to ensure that we stay in compliance with guidelines and regulations. Board members will be presented with our plan to address deficiencies and plan to address these issues.
- C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report for The Month Ended January 31, 2021.

12. Closed Session

Mrs. Viramontes made the motion 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 issue such as: employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, employee issues, and negotiations update. 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 8:08 p.m.

13. Mr. Cano made a motion 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 9:05 p.m.

14. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado