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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For May 13, 2021

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. President Salazar Flores 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 was recited. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey introduced the New Mexico School Boards Association Student Achievement Award recipients: Ralph Gallegos, Executive Director of Energy Management & Construction; Maria Guerra, Director for Student Nutrition; Judy Creegan, Director of Nursing and Health Services; Rosy Villalobos, Director of ; Jessica Herrera, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Sam Snoddy, Executive Director of Technology; Elizabeth Leal, Assistant Principal at Sunrise Elementary; Anthony Sapien, Teacher at Gadsden High School; and Valerie Hart, Teacher at Gadsden High School.
 - B. Superintendent Dempsey introduced Mr. Encina, Coordinator Career and Readiness Counselor. Mr. Encina introduced the counselors to recognize this year's scholarship recipients:

Principal Liliana De La Garza from Alta Vista Early College High School recognized Jazlyn S. Montiel and Janet Mendoza. Counselor Lucia Alvarez from Chaparral High School recognized Gloria Hernandez, Candy Nuñez, and Luis Aguilar. Counselor Isabel Sepulveda from Desert Pride Academy recognized Angel Noriega Esparza and Counselor Esther Carroll-Walp recognized Gladys Jailene Torres. Counselor Robert Radecki from Gadsden High School recognized Manuel Morales, Crystal Sanchez, and Luis Reyes. Counselor Melissa

Cobos from Santa Teresa High School recognized Margaret Salinas, Amparo Arrendondo, and Sebastian Romero.

- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented the District Leadership Council Students with an honor cord to the following seniors: Principal Liliana De La Garza from Alta Vista Early College High School introduced Emmanuel Acevedo; Principal Vicki Lopez from Chaparral High School introduced Gloria Hernandez; Principal Hector Giron from Gadsden High School introduced Crystal Sanchez; and Assistant Principal Aida Gentzler from Santa Teresa High School introduced Preston Gluth.
- D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the New Mexico Public Education Department Guidance for SY 2021-22. He explained that New Mexico PED provided the guidance that district's should prepare to offer an on-line option for the upcoming school year.
- E. Mr. Cano wished all the mother's a Happy Mother's Day. He thanked the educators who are retiring. He thanked Mr. Gallegos and Mrs. Creegan for a wonderful job organizing the POD's. He also congratulated the recipients for the Gadsden Scholarship Foundation.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the retirees for their many years of service. She also thanked the NMSBA Achievement Award recipients for going above and beyond. She congratulated the Gadsden Foundation recipients. She also congratulated the District Leadership seniors for advocating for their peers. She gave a shout out to teachers, principals and nurses for their continuing hard work.

Mr. Castillo congratulated the NMSBA Achievement Award recipients and their department they represent. He also congratulated the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship recipients for their hard work and striving for excellence. He recognized the District Leadership students and thanking them for not only representing their school but also bringing solutions. He congratulated employees that were recognized for their years of service.

Mrs. Viramontes dittoed what board members said. She congratulated the retirees. She thanked the teachers during Teacher's Appreciation Week. She also thanked the nurses for Nurse's Appreciation Week. She congratulated the District Leadership students and wish them the best of luck. She also congratulated the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship recipients.

President Flores thanked all the recipients that were recognized this evening. She congratulated the retirees and employees for their years of service.

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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 modify the agenda by moving Action Item 9C. Proposed GISD Strategic Planning Process to Discussion Item 10B. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. A. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to accept the Special School Board Minutes for April 22, 2021. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
B. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for April 22, 2021. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the consent agenda as modified. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 8. Open Forum: Dolore Nanez addressed to the board the district policy and AFT survey. |
| Action
2021 Language Arts
Instructional Material
Presentation | 9. Action Items:
A. Mr. Castillo made the motion to approve the 2021 Language Arts Instructional Material Presentation. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Mesquite Bus Drop
Off Repaving Project | B. Mrs. Viramontes made the motion to approve the Mesquite Bus Drop Off Repaving Project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| K-5+ and Jump Start
Summer Programs | C. No action was taken. |
| Approval Of
Preliminary 2021-22
Budget for
Submission to PED | D. Mrs. Viramontes made the motion to approve the Approval Of Preliminary 2021-22 Budget for Submission to PED. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Discussion
Transportation
Contract for School
Year 2021-2022 | 10. Discussion Items:
A. Mrs. Herrera presented information on the Transportation Contract for School Year 2021-2022. |

Proposed GISD
Strategic Planning
Process

B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Proposed GISD Strategic Planning Process. He explained that he had been requested to contact organizations that could help with a strategic planning process. This proposal includes preplanning process, community needs assessment, creation of a strategic plan, and a board retreat.

Closed Session

11. Closed Session

Mr. Castillo 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, 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 7:18 p.m.

Reconvene

12. Mr. Castillo 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 8:32 p.m.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado