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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
*For March 10, 2022*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:02 p.m. President Flores presided at the meeting held at the Chaparral Elementary School Cafeteria.

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was led by Jayden Sandoval and Ethan Cordero Muñoz. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Superintendent Dempsey recognized the sponsors who contributed to the Teacher of the Year Celebration: Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation, Union Ganadera Regional de Chihuahua, MED Time Pharmacy, Brent Westmoreland, El Paso Office Products, Plan B Network, NUSENDA Credit Union, J & M Heritage Construction, Decision Tree, LD Supply, Nine Degree Architecture & Design, Audio Enhancement, World Class Education, Segovia's Distributing, Boone Transportation, Alamo Industries, Dr. Leticia Mora, Bob Fausnacht (In Memory of Dixie), Marzano Resources, and AKS Architecture.
  - B. Student Representative-Kimberly Flores, a senior from Desert Pride Academy, reported that she will be graduating soon and is passing all of her classes. She also stated she got a promotion at work and her confidence is rising. She reported that DPA had 58 graduates in December and currently have 86 Rattlers that will be graduating in May. She stated that the students took a Panorama survey and are very proud that 77% of the students feel safe at school, 96% feel respected by their teachers and 91% do not worry about having fights in school. In the CTE Health Science Program, they have 68 students that have passed and received their certification in First Aid and CPR by the American Heart Association. In addition, one of the students received a job offer from the state taking care of Autistic

children due to her certifications. Tina Tompkins with Capturing Kids Hearts visited DPA and was impressed with the student's engagement with the teachers and wants DPA to become a National Show Case school for Capturing Kids Hearts. Lastly, she thanked Superintendent Dempsey for supporting Desert Pride Academy.

- C. Mrs. Murillo thanked Principal Duque for her hospitality. She stated it was amazing to see the students perform. She gave a big shot out to all the activities that have been competing such as Santa Teresa High School band and Gadsden High School DECA.

Mr. Cano reported that it was nice to see the students perform and playing instruments. He congratulated STHS Band as they compete in State.

Mr. Castillo thanked Principals Duque for their hospitality. He reported that he attended the DACC meeting with President Flores.

President Flores wished a Happy Birthday to the March babies. She thanked Principal Duque for their hospitality and performance by the students. She stated she attended the Board Workshop on Finance Budget and thanked Ludym Martinez and her team for the presentation. She also stated that she attended the DACC meeting.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Kimberly Flores for her update report on Desert Pride Academy. She reported that the Panorama survey is something that we all need to be a part of and will be sending the survey out to parents. She stated she attended several Coffee with the Principal. She thanked the principals for all the information they put out for the parents. She also encouraged parents to attend the Coffee with the Principal, Coffee with the Superintendent, and Monday Messages. Lastly, she thanked Marisol Rodriguez, her daughter, for the Beatles performance by her students.

- 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 accept the Regular School Board Minutes for February 24, 2022. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Consent Agenda
- Open Forum
- Action  
NMSBA Excellence  
In Student  
Achievement Award
- Chaparral MS ED  
Specs Final Report
- Gadsden MS Ed  
Specs Final Report
- GHS Varsity Gym  
HVAC Replacement
- Berino HVAC  
Replacement
- Anthony HVAC  
Replacement
- GISD Policy JKD:  
Membership of  
Review Hearing  
Authority
- 2022-23 School  
Calendar
7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  8. Open Forum: Reymundo Vasquez addressed to the board to bring an ROTC program to Chaparral.
  9. Action Items:
    - A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the NMSBA Student Achievement Award nominees: Cora Ramirez, Administrative Assistant to Technology; Sofia Hernandez, Parent Ambassador; David Ubinger, Teacher at Chaparral High School; Gemma Suggs, Principal at Santa Teresa High School; and Veronica Quinonez, Principal at Gadsden Middle School. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the Chaparral MS ED Specs Final Report. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - C. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the Gadsden MS Ed Specs Final Report. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - D. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the GHS Varsity Gym HVAC Replacement. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - E. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the Berino HVAC Replacement. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - F. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the Anthony HVAC Replacement. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - G. Mr. Castillo made a motion to table the GISD Policy JKD: Membership of Review Hearing Authority. Superintendent Dempsey recommended to get additional guidance from council. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
    - H. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the 2022-23 School Calendar Draft A Original. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion  
GISD Academic  
Progress

MOU Help NM

Attendance Zones:  
Yucca Heights  
Elementary and Santa  
Teresa Elementary

Monthly Budget  
Report For The  
Month Ended January  
31, 2022

Adjourn

10. Discussion Items:

- A. Mr. Duggan, Director for MLSS, presented information on GISD Academic Progress. He presented the assessment showing our students progress since the beginning of the school year.
- B. Mrs. Burciaga, Director for Early Childhood, introduced Gloria Lopez, Vice President for Help NM. Mrs. Lopez presented information on the MOU Help NM in possible partnership between GISD On-Track PreK program and Help NM to support the development of the PreK students.
- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Attendance Zones: Yucca Heights Elementary and Santa Teresa Elementary.
- D. Mrs. Villarreal presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended January 31, 2022.

11. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Claudia Rodriguez, School Board Secretary

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado