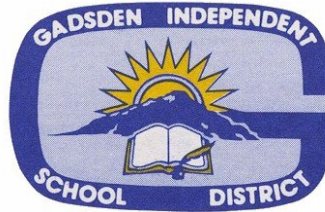


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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
*For April 21, 2022*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:01 p.m. President Laura Salazar Flores presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Introduction  
And Roll Call

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

Member absent: Claudia Rodriguez

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was recited.

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Principal Suggs from Santa Teresa High School introduced Mr. Nuñez, Sponsor for TSA. Mr. Nuñez recognized Ethan Garcia that was awarded a \$40,000 Amazon Future Engineers Scholarship.
  - B. Mr. Encina, College and Career Readiness/CTE Coordinator, introduced the counselors from each school to recognize the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship Recipients:  
Counselor Cathryn Angels from Alta Vista Early College High School presented the scholarship to Isaias Alvidrez and Monique Hernandez; Counselor Lucia Alvarez from Chaparral High School presented the scholarship to Yadira Estrada, Melanie Cervantes, and Maria Nuñez Peña; Counselor Christy Sepulveda presented the scholarship to Cindy Castro and Vivian Covarrabias; Counselor Marylou Mendoza presented the scholarship to Jenny Garcia, Abigail Munoz, and Stephanie Sanchez; Counselor Melissa Cobos presented the scholarship to Rilen Garcia, Alexandra Ontiveros, and Angeles Tena.
  - C. Mrs. Villalobos, Associate Superintendent for Federal Services Support, presented information on the ARP Presentation. She explained that ARP is the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) that provides funds to school districts to help safely reopen and

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sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students.

- D. Mr. Leyva, Director for Bilingual, awarded Desert Trail Elementary, Chaparral Middle School, and Gadsden Middle School for the Bilingual Multi-Cultural Education Program Recognition.
- E. Mr. Leyva introduced Jose Reyes, District Bilingual Instructional Specialist, who recognized the Spanish Spelling Bee 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Place Winners: Angelica Rueda, 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Santa Teresa Middle School, won third place; Kiara Carrasco, 5<sup>th</sup> grader from La Union Elementary School, won second place; Arlette Garcia, 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Gadsden Middle School, won first place; and Luisa won with the word "paracetamol". Arlette will represent Gadsden at NMABE State Spanish on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque at the National Hispanic Cultural Center.
- F. Mr. Lara, Coordinator for Instructional Resources, presented information on the Textbook Adoption Material. He explained that this school year brought a new selection process that was more school driven which allowed the school sites to independently determine their selections.
- G. Student Representative-Leah Chavez, a sophomore from Gadsden High School, reported that three seniors have been awarded the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship, four seniors awarded the La Mesa Lions Club Scholarship, and two seniors for Legislative Interns that are a part of the ENLACE Program at Gadsden High School. She stated that she along with four ENLACE participants will be attending the National Hispanic Institute Leadership Conference in June. The Athletic Training Program has won the state championship two years in a row. The Esports program is going to the state finals this weekend. DACC will be on campus to help students with Dual Credit their senior year. Wet-n-Wild recruited students for the summer for a job.
- H. Mr. Cano thanked Principal Suggs for inviting him to the Santa Teresa Award Assembly. He congratulated the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship Recipients. He thanked Leah for her update report on Gadsden High School.

Mrs. Murillo reported that she attended the Region VII Meeting in Alamogordo. She stated it was nice to see how other districts operate and compare to Gadsden ISD. She congratulated the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship Recipients. She also thanked Leah for her report. She thanked El Paso Police Officer Raul Tellez, Dona Ana Sheriff Kim Stewart and Custom Border Protection Javier Murillo for their contribution for donating a basket of goodies to STHS NJROTC for their award ceremony. She wished good luck to STHS Band as they travel to Albuquerque for state.

Mr. Castillo congratulated the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship Recipients and Ethan Garcia. He stated he attend the Teacher of the Year Celebration and reported he enjoyed the videos of the teachers watching them interact with their students and peers. He congratulated all the teachers selected.

President Flores congratulated the teachers recognized for Teacher of the Year. She stated she attended the Region VII Meeting in Alamogordo. She thanked Mr. Viramontes, sponsor for National Honor Society at Chaparral High School, hosting the Easter Egg Hunt. She thanked Superintendent Dempsey for hosting the Coffee with the Superintendent and encourages parents to be involved and stay informed. She also thanked Mrs. Villalobos for the transparency on the ARP Presentation. She congratulated the Gadsden Foundation Scholarship Recipients and Ethan Garcia.

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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. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for April 5, 2022. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.                   |
| Consent Agenda   | 7. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.                                  |
| Open Forum   | 8. Open Forum: None  |
| Action<br>Regular Board<br>Meeting Schedule<br>2022-2023 | 9. Action Items:<br>A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2022-2023. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Textbook Adoption<br>Materials                           | B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the Textbook Adoption Materials. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.                                  |

Discussion  
Policy IKF  
Graduation  
Requirements

Policy IKC Class  
Rankings/Grade Point  
Averages

RFP for Selection of  
Architect for  
Riverside On-Track

RFP for Selection of  
Architect for  
Chaparral On-Track

Construction Projects  
Update

Lobbying Services:  
Balzano Government  
Relations

Student Enrollment,  
Staffing Model, and  
Campus Capacities

Closed Session

Reconvene

10. Discussion Items:

- A. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Director for Secondary Schools, presented information on the Policy IKF Graduation Requirements.
- B. Mr. Wohlgemuth presented information on the Policy IKC Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages.
- C. Mr. Gallegos, Executive Director for Energy Management & Construction, presented information on the RFP for Selection of Architect for Riverside On-Track.
- D. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the RFP for Selection of Architect for Chaparral On-Track.
- E. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the Construction Projects Update.
- F. Cris Balzano, Lobbyist for Balzano Government Relations, presented information on the Lobbying Services. Balzano Government Relations will provide information on contract services they offer as registered lobbyists. He explained that they offer the experience in strategic political and legal problem solving, media and public relations work, public policy initiatives, and campaign consulting.
- G. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Student Enrollment, Staffing Model, and Campus Capacities.

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, employee issues, and superintendent's evaluation process. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, and Arlean Murillo all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m.

12. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:16 a.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 12:17 a.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