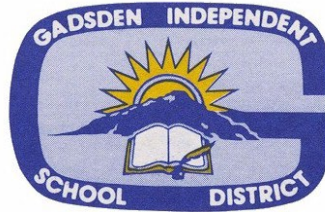


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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
*For January 12, 2023*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

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

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 recited. Daniel Castillo read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Superintendent Dempsey recognized the Gadsden ISD Board Members for their dedication and service as January is Board Member Appreciation Month.
  - B. Mrs. Beach, Coordinator for Cultural Arts, introduced the All-State Musicians. He recognized the students who qualified for the New Mexico Elementary All-Stat Choir: Santa Teresa Elementary-Abby Garcia, Julie Oberman, and Melissa Solarez (Teacher); Sunland Park Elementary-Haley Galvan, Matthew Gonzalez, Kimberly Lozoya, Camilo Motta, and Sara Urrea Sanchez (Teacher); Yucca Heights Elementary-Zendaya Eliserio, Helena Hernandez, Martin Martinez, Naomi Salas, and Abraham Uribe (Teacher). Mr. Beach also recognized the New Mexico Music Educators Association All-State Choir: Gadsden High School-Emma Fernandez, Israel Quiroz, Athena Miller-Fernandez, and Margaret Miller (Teacher). Lastly, he recognized the New Mexico Music Educators Association All-State Band: Santa Teresa High School-Kimberly Arzola, Zoe Carr-Piccioni, Cameron Fernandez, Angel Galindo, Francisco Garcia, Desiree Godinez, Jaime Godinez, Brianna Guapo, Benjamin Jimenez, Preston Johnson, Jovany Labrado, Jeremy Lampman, Daphne Morales, Genesis Veloz, and Alma Beach (Teacher).

- C. Mrs. Lugo, Coordinator for Professional Development, recognized the GISD National Board-Certified Teachers. She stated that 9 candidates submitted and 8 teachers achieved. Gadsden High School-Carlos Enriquez, Blanca Cardona-Gutierrez, Claudia Muñiz, and Brenda Delgadillo; Early Childhood Education-Jeanette Gomez Duran and Amanda Flores. Two of the applicants left the district.
- D. Student Representative-Samuel Ortiz, a senior from Santa Teresa High School, reported that administration has been making a strong effort to keep tardies to a minimum. Although there is a lot to be done, students have communicated some ideas from various sources to the administration that hopefully makes a difference. STHS held a fantastic Las Vegas theme homecoming and have now officially begun the selling of the prom tickets for March 24th with the theme being “A Night in Mystery”. The junior class is presenting its second Annual Boys Volleyball game. The junior boys will face a uniquely strong yet inconsistent senior boys’ team that will certainly be a spectacle. The NJROTC and NHS held a food bank on campus partnering with social worker Gama Soto and Road Runner Food Banks that is available to the community. The varsity football, volleyball, and boys’ soccer teams all won their respective district championships. All of the fall sports have officially ended with the winter sports seasons now underway. The computer science program is part of the winners of the Governor’s Stem Challenge of providing a solution to the sustainable and green manufacturing problem dilemmas in New Mexico and were recently finalists in the “Samsung Solve for Tomorrow” competition. Mr. Ortiz personally recognized the efforts of one of the teachers, Mr. Martinez, who has contributed immensely to the success of the Annual Talent Show and the spectacular drama “The Raven” that he orchestrated but would mostly like to highlight his passion for the students and his will to be such a kind and charismatic person in any situation. Finally, the senior class have begun their string of annual senior events that pay homage to the memories. They had a successful senior sunrise and are hosting a school Lock-In this Friday.
- E. Mrs. Murillo wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked Samuel Ortiz for the update report on Santa Teresa High School. She stated that she attended the Desert Pride Academy graduation in December. She stated she attended the Board Work Session this past Saturday. She congratulated the All-State Musicians recipients. She thanked the music teachers for their hard work.

Mr. Cano also wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also congratulated the All-State Musicians recipients and thanked the music teachers for their effort in preparing the students to

competition. He also congratulated the National Board-Certified teachers. He thanked the Sunland Park community for attending the meeting for consolidation of the schools.

Mr. Castillo also wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also congratulated the All-State Musicians recipients and thanked the music teacher for their hard work.

Mrs. Rodriguez wished everyone a Happy New Year. She also congratulated the All-State Musicians recipients. She thanked the teachers that received their National Board Certification. She stated that she attended the Board Work Session and was very educational and informative regarding the superintendent's evaluation. She stated she attended the Desert Pride Academy graduation in December. She thanked Principal Ludwig for her support to the students. She reminded everyone to attend the community meeting in Mesquite on January 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the closure of the school.

President Flores congratulated the December graduates from Desert Pride Academy. She also congratulated the All-State Musicians recipients. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year. President Flores stated she herself is a National Board-Certified teacher. She stated she also attended the Board Work Session on Saturday.

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 December 8, 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: Robert Efrada addressed to the board community solar. Veronica Moñarez addressed to the board STHS Girls Basketball. Teresa Ortega addressed to the board district swimming pool.

Action  
MOU Tierra Del Sol  
Housing Corporation

9. Action Items:
  - A. Mr. Castillo made the motion to approve the MOU Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation. Superintendent Dempsey

- Policy BDG School Attorney
- recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consolidation of Sunland Park Elementary with Desert View Elem and Riverside Elem
- Grant of Utility Easement to Camino Real Regional Utility Authority
- Discussion Update on Proposed Safety Patrol Officers
- Update on Staff Professional Development
- Review Travel Arrangements for HRS Summit
- GHS Swimming Pool
- 2023-2024 School Calendar
- Update regarding possible consolidation of Mesquite Elementary with North Valley Elementary and Vado Elementary
- B. Mrs. Rodriguez made the motion to approve the Policy BDG School Attorney. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Consolidation of Sunland Park Elementary with Desert View Elementary and Riverside Elementary. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, and Claudia Rodriguez voted “aye”. Arlean Murillo voted “naye”. Motion carried.
- D. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Grant Utility Easement to Camino Real Regional Utility Authority. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Discussion Items:
- A. Mr. Ortega, Security Supervisor, presented information on the Update on Proposed Safety Patrol Officers. He gave an over view on the progress toward a proposal that Dona Ana County Sheriff provide safety patrol officers.
- B. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, and Mrs. Lugo, Coordinator for Professional Development, presented information on the Update on Staff Professional Development. Mrs. Lugo gave an over view of identifying what kind of Professional Development is needed.
- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Review Travel Arrangements for HRS Summit.
- D. Mr. Smythe, Director for Physical Plant, presented information on the GHS Swimming Pool. He gave an overview of the pool facility requirements of several repairs/upgrades in order to operate the pool for the month of June 2023.
- E. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Director for Secondary Schools, presented information on the 2023-2024 School Calendar.
- F. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Update regarding possible consolidation of Mesquite Elementary (MQE) with North Valley Elementary and Vado Elementary. He explained further that Mesquite Elementary has experienced a significant enrollment decline along with decreases in enrollment across the district. North Valley Elementary and Vado Elementary have adequate space for these students which would create a cost savings for the district. On Tuesday January 10, 2023 the district held a meeting with staff assigned to MQE and allowed them to share their input and thoughts. Tentatively,

Discussion regarding possible consolidation of Loma Linda Elementary with Anthony Elementary, Gadsden Elementary, and Berino Elementary

a community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 17, 2023 at MQE.

G. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Discussion regarding possible consolidation of Loma Linda Elementary with Anthony Elementary, Gadsden Elementary, and Berino Elementary. He explained further that Loma Linda Elementary (LLE) has experienced a significant enrollment decline along with decreases in enrollment across the district. Anthony Elementary, Gadsden Elementary and Berino Elementary have adequate space for these students which would create a cost savings for the district. Thursday, February 9, 2023 the district has scheduled a meeting with staff assigned to LLE to allow them to share their input and thoughts. Tentatively, a community meeting is scheduled for Monday February 13, 2023 at LLE.

Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended November 30, 2022

H. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended November, 30, 2022.

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, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 9:12 p.m.

Reconvene

12. Mrs. Murillo 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 10:49 p.m.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 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