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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
*For May 9, 2023*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:04 p.m. President Flores presided the meeting held at the Santa Teresa High 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 Brianna Guapo. Mission statement was read by Mrs. Rodriguez.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Superintendent Dempsey recognized the District Leadership Council Students with an honor cord to the following seniors: Vanessa Martinez from Alta Vista Early College High School; Gideon Potts from Chaparral High School; Jeanelle Marquez from Desert Pride Academy; Miranda Soriano from Gadsden High School; and Sammy Ortiz from Santa Teresa High School
  - B. Mr. Beach, Coordinator of Cultural Arts, recognized the Gadsden Middle School and Santa Teresa High School bands. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, GMS band and STHS band performed at the New Mexico Music Educators Association Music Performance Assessment at Oregon High School. Gadsden Middle School band earned a First Division rating of 93 in Sight Reading that qualified them for the NMAA State Concert Band contest that was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland HS in Rio Rancho in which earned them 3<sup>rd</sup> Place out of ten bands from across the State. Santa Teresa High School band earned a First Division and a spot at the State Contest. The State Contest was held on April 21<sup>st</sup> and earned First Place and was named 2023 4A State Champions.
  - C. Principal Lopez, Chaparral High School, recognized the CTSO students: Educators Rising-State Competitors: Alejandra De La Fuente, Parker Martinez, Kimberlee Gonzalez, and Destiny Zuniga. The National Qualifiers were Alejandra De La Fuente in Public Speaking in Bilingualism and Destiny Zuniga in

Children's Literature in Bilingualism; Technology Students of America: Janelly Anchondo and Haley Sanchez won first place in Forensic Science, Estevan Montelongo and Alizae Fernandez won first place in Structural Design; Isaac Garcia won second place in Computer Aided Drafting, Ethan Flores and Ian Nuñez won second place in Debating Technological Issues; Alizae Fernandez, Ethan Flores, and Ian Nuñez won second place in Technology Bowl; Alizae Fernandez and Estevan Montelongo won second place in Forensic Science. Business Professionals of America: Eliha Henandez, Nikol Mendoza, and Christian Gutierrez won eleventh in the nation for Broadcast Production Team, Gideon Potts, Kayla Rojas, and Jose Alaniz won 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Podcast Production Team; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America: Kara Sifuentes Rios won gold medal in Event Management, Leslie Hernandez won silver in Knife Skills; and Elisha Wilson won bronze in Thematic Promotion; and ProStart traveled to Walt Disney World for a Cook Around the World Culinary Competition and won Chef Choice for Most Creative Side Dish.

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Principal Suggs, Santa Teresa High School, recognized the sponsors the Mr. Saul Nunez, sponsor for TSA recognized the students for TSA: Robert Rapanut, Alejandro Cano, and David Rubio won first place in Video Game Design; Roberto De Luna won first place in Photographic Technology; Lluvia Flores, Francisco Garcia, Robert Rapanut, Jordan Tellez, and Christian Urrutia won first place in Drone Challenge (UAV); Robert Rapanut and Jordan Tellez won first place in Coding; Jacob Cabrera, Dakota Lloyd, Crystal Pantoja, Luis Rangel, Jordan Tellez, and Gabriella Varga won first place in Chapter Team; and Abraham Nunez and Yatzmin De Luna won first place in Technology Problem Solving.

Lluvia Flores, Iris Hernandez, Crstyal Pantoja, Jordan Tellez, Christian Urrutia, and Gabriella Varga won second place in Animatronics; Jacob Cabrera, Roberto De Luna, Yatzmin De Luna, Iris Hernandez, and Christian Urrutia won second place in Board Game Design; Francisco Garcia, Robeto De Luna, Abraham Nunez won second place in Music Production; Iris Hernandez won second place in Photographic Technology; Lluvia Flores, Jacob Cabrera, Iris Hernandez, Abraham Nunez, Crystal Pantoja, and Luis Rangel won second place in On Demand Video; and Lluvia Flores and Crystal Pantoja won second place in Structural Design and Engineering.

Mr. Champagne, sponsor for Welding, recognized the State Champions for Welding Fabrication: Jonathan Belman, Kevin Cossio, and Isaias Fragoso.

Mr. Rodriguez, sponsor for Criminal Justice recognized the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Club: April Ontiveros, Juan

Aguilera, and Brisa Delgado won second place in Team Competition; Keith Fajardo won second place in Individual Competition.

Mr. Rincon, sponsor for Architectural Drafting recognized the Skills USA Drafting: Josue Pacheco won gold in Architectural Drafting, Irving Garcia Torresday won gold in Technical Drafting, Camila and Hector Reyes won gold in 3D Visualization, Anna Sanchez and Joshua De Anda Silver won silver in 3D Visualization, and Jesus Pacheco and Javier Rincon Trotino won silver in Career Pathway Display Business Administration.

- E. Mrs. Tarazona, Director of Language, Equity, and Cultural Arts, introduced Mrs. Esmeralda Sanxter, Bilingual Instructional Specialist. Mrs. Sanxter introduced the NM State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy recipients:

Alta Vista Early College High School: Alejandra Ceniceros, Leslie Gonzalez, Samara Lopez, Eily Medina, Dayanara Santiago, Paola Torres, and Dulce Zubia.

Chaparral High School: Janelly Anchondo, Ruby Casas, Vianay Chavira-Cruz, Cesar Corral Erives, Francisco Garcia Rubio, Jimena Guzman, Yaneli Mendoza, Aimee Miranda, Ian Nuñez, Joel Andres Ramirez, Jahia Imelda Reyes, Israel Rodriguez, Joshua Rosales, Brandon Saenz, Dayanara Torres, Aylin Andrea Valdez-Vigil, and Destiny Zuniga.

Gadsden High School: Alina Alvarez, Raquel Arreola, Alejandra Arroyo, Hanna Avila Cruz, Karina Bueno-Ruiz, Darla Castillo, Leslie Del Real, Samantha Gandarilla, Ximena Garcia, Fernando Gutierrez-Medina, Yoneri Goytia, Andrea Guzman, Rogelio Leal, Tania Lopez, Fatima Oliva, Brenda Prieto, Valeria Ramirez Sicoco, Magali Rivera, Kimberly Salas, Hatziri Santillana, Ashlee Torres, and Diana Valles.

Santa Teresa High School: Kitzia Acosta, Luisa Andazola, Jocelyn Arzola, Lindsay Caldera, Marissa Carlos, Lain Castillo, Noemi Carrasco, Vanessa De la Cruz, Jaquelynn Esparza, Yatzmin De Luna, Karen Enriquez, Sophia Flores, Luis Galaviz, Desiree Godinez, Aylin Gutierrez, Heather Hernandez, Angela Melendez, Esther Mendoza, Jazmin Mendoza, Daphne Morales, Jimena Macias, Itzel Padilla, Ivan Padilla, Crystal Pantoja, Melanie Peralta, Christopher Raudales, Aneth Rubio, Evelyn Saenz, Sebastian Solis, Alan Soto, Valeria Vargas, Mia Vega, and Sophia Vieczas.

- F. Superintendent Dempsey introduced the New Mexico School Board Association Student Achievement Award recipients: Connie Jacquez, support staff at Gadsden Middle School; Ernesto Guerrero, support staff at Loma Linda Elementary; Christopher Champagne, teacher at Santa Teresa High School; Sam Snoddy, administrator for Technology; JB Colquitt, community member; and Jerry Pacheco, community member.

- G. Superintendent Dempsey recognized the sponsors who contributed to the Teacher of the Year Ceremony: Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation, Grace Gardens, Plan B Network, Decision Tree, Nine Degree Architecture & Design, Joy School English, Audio Enhancement, El Paso Office Products, Alamo Auto Supply, Nusenda Credit Union, Boone Transportation, Jostens, Union Ganadera Regional de Chihuahua, Fast Signs, Bohannon Huston, AKS Architecture, Dr. Leticia Mora, Brent Westmoreland, Rebecca Navar-Marzano Resources, and Bob Fausnacht.
- H. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Wanda Bulger-Tamez, STEM Outreach Program Director. Mrs. Bulger-Tamez gave an overview of Partners In Supporting After-School in GISD, This Year's GISD Data, Measure of Success, System of Support for School Sites, Proposal to Expand to GHS and STHS, Summer Jumpstart Partnership, and NMSU STEM Outreach Center Specialist for GISD.
- I. Mr. Cano congratulated all the retirees and employees for their years of service. He stated he challenges everyone to vote for the STHS Solve for Tomorrow competition as they are currently in second place.

Mrs. Rodriguez stated that she has seen great things happening in the district and is proud of everyone that supports in anyway. She attended the Teacher of the Year Ceremony. She stated that it was a great event and we see the passion and dedication the teachers give.

Mrs. Murillo thanked Santa Teresa High School for their hospitality. She congratulated all Gadsden employees who were recognized for their years of service and retirees. She stated she also attended the Teacher of the Year Ceremony and was very inspirational.

President Flores asked to go out and vote for STHS Solve For Tomorrow competition.

Personnel Report

- 4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.

Approval of the Agenda

- 5. Mr. Cano made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Minutes

- 6. Mrs. Murillo made a motion to approve the April 6, 2023 Regular School Board Minutes and the April 27, 2023 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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| Consent Agenda  | 7. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Open Forum  | 8. Open Forum: None   |
| Action  | 9. Action Items: None   |
| Discussion<br>Regulation Policy JG<br>Assignment of<br>Students to Classes<br>and Grade Level | 10. Discussion Items:<br>A. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Director of Secondary Schools, presented information on the Regulation Policy JG Assignment of Students to Classes and Grade Level.   |
| Announcement of<br>Upcoming Meetings  | 11. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming meetings:<br>A. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2023 (Deadline for Item Requests May 15, 2023)<br>B. DACC Commencement, Thursday, May 11 @ 7 pm<br>C. Graduation:<br>AVECHS, Friday, May 26 @ 7 pm UTEP Magoffin Auditorium<br>Gadsden High, Saturday, May 27 @ 8 am UTEP Don Haskins Ctr<br>Santa Teresa High, Saturday, May 27 @ 12 pm UTEP Don Haskins<br>Chaparral High, Saturday, May 27 @ 4 pm UTEP Don Haskins Ctr<br>Desert Pride Academy, Saturday, May 27 @ 8 pm UTEP Don Haskin<br>D. NMSBA Law Conference June 1-3 Albuquerque<br>E. Regular School Board Meeting June 8, 2023 (Deadline for Item Requests May 30, 2023)<br>F. NMSBA Leadership Retreat July 13-15 Cloudcroft |
| Adjourn   | 12. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.  |

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado