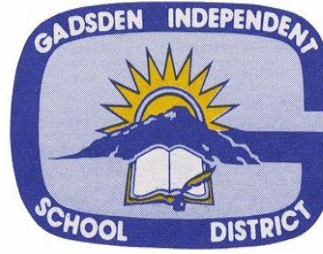


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For May 23, 2024

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

Introduction
And Roll Call

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Christian Lira, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was recited. The mission statement was read by Board Secretary Murillo.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Assistant Principal Larriva, Chaparral Middle School, introduced Mrs. Rina Viramontes and Mr. Sierra, sponsors for the MESA Team. Mrs. Viramontes recognized the MESA Team stating that on March 18, three teams composed of nine students competed in the Mesa USA competition. The competition required students to choose one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and create a device or app using coding to address a community problem. One of the teams, Baby Safe, placed second overall. The team consisted of Isabelle Maldonado, Walter Mora, Carla Moss, and Eileen Ramirez, who were unable to attend. Another team, Pantry Pel, earned third place overall. This team was composed of Aiden Aguayo and Cesar Silva.

The third team placed first overall and will represent New Mexico at the Middle School Mesa USA National Engineering Competition in San Diego from June 24th to 27th. The team members are Rogelio Bentancourt, Caleb Sanchez, and Ellen Gamboa.

In March and on April 30th, two teams of six students each competed in the MESA Day competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They participated in team challenges such as building a

bridge for sustainable agriculture, answering questions about healing New Mexico rivers, and constructing a crane for transporting animals from a forest fire. They also participated in MESA Mayhem. Team one placed third for their crane device and first overall. The team members were Rogelio Bentoncourt, Caleb Sanchez, Jared Medina, Jose Coronado, Eileen Ramirez, and Walter Mora.

Our second team placed second on their crane device and sixth overall. The team members were Cesar Silva, Manuel Reyes, Erin Escalera, Abdel Vasquez, Carla Moss, and Adeline Gamboa. The alternates were Hazel Vasquez and Isabelle Maldonado.

4. Board Vice President Rodriguez congratulated the MESA team. She gave special thanks to Mrs. Viramontes and Mr. Sierra for their collaboration. The students have achieved amazing things, despite the time and effort required. She stated she attended the Project SEARCH graduation, which deserves our continued support. Seeing the students' accomplishments was inspiring. Thanks to Miss Daisy Lira and the Beehive for providing opportunities for the students to work. As the school year ends, she wishes everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer. Graduations start tomorrow with Alta Vista, and she looks forward to celebrating the hard-earned achievements of all our seniors. She congratulates all the students, and have a wonderful summer!

Board Secretary Murillo congratulates the MESA team on their amazing ideas, particularly encouraging them to push for better lunches in schools and expand it throughout the district. She also attended the Project SEARCH ceremony and was moved by the students' growth over the year, appreciating the Paso Foundation for providing the venue and food through donations. She mentioned the Santa Teresa High School award ceremony, thanking parents for their support. She reminds students, especially seniors, to stay safe during upcoming parties and events. She acknowledges the end-of-year activities at middle and elementary schools and expresses gratitude to teachers and administrators for their hard work. She wishes everyone an amazing summer.

Board Member
Report

Board Member Castillo congratulated Mrs. Viramontes for maintaining and raising the bar for students each year. He commended her for her guidance and passion, which is evident in the students. Mr. Castillo reminded everyone that graduations are not just an end but a commencement, marking the start of something new and better for the students.

Board Member Lira expressed gratitude to all teachers, staff, and administration, acknowledging the busyness of their week and expressing admiration for their ongoing dedication. As the newest board member, he looks forward to being part of their progress. He attended the Project SEARCH dinner and graduation, echoing his colleagues' sentiments about the amazing students and pledging continued support for the project. He encouraged everyone to enjoy the upcoming graduations and thanked them for their hard work.

Board President Flores thanked Rina Viramontes for her dedication as a teacher and for her guidance in the community of Chaparral. She also thanked parents for their support and urged Superintendent Dempsey to support and expand the MESA program at Chaparral High School and stated the potential scholarship opportunities for students. She stated that she attended the Chaparral High School senior award program, expressing pride in the class of 2024 and thanking Principal Lopez for allowing parents to honor their students on stage. She encouraged students to start preparing for scholarships early and congratulated those entering the military. She reminded attendees to follow the clear bag policy at graduations and wished everyone a safe summer.

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| Personnel Report | 5. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required. |
| Approval of the Agenda | 6. Board Member Castillo made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 7. Board Vice President Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Regular School Board Minutes for May 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 8. Board Member Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 9. Open Forum: None |
| Action | 10. Action Items: None |

Discussion
Transportation
Contract for School
Year 2024-2025

GISD Redistricting
Project

Policy Advisories
238-245

Board Training Needs

Monthly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended April
30, 2024

Upcoming Board
Meetings and Events

11. Discussion Items:

- A. Mrs. Cadena, Associate Superintendent for Support Services, presented information on the Transportation Contract for School Year 2024-2025. The proposed Transportation Contract for the school year 2024-2025 will include the following services by Boone Transportation Inc.: To and From School Bus Service and Rents and Leases of buses. The 2024-2025 Transportation Contract will also include additional routes necessary to transition K-4th grades in Anthony to Loma Linda Elementary 5th, 6th and 7th grades to Anthony Elementary, and the addition of bus routes to Yucca Heights Elementary for students living in the Hueco-Bolson Estates northeast of Yucca Heights Elementary.
- B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the GISD Redistricting Project. Superintendent Dempsey highlighted the importance of fair representation in the Gadsden district due to growth in specific areas. The redistricting process aims to balance the districts by expanding some and reducing others to achieve an equal voting population. All proposals will be reviewed by board members.
- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Policy Advisories 238-245. GISD uses the New Mexico School Board's Association policy service for updates based on new legislation and case law. Policy advisories help update current policies. The recommendation is to assign two board members to collaborate with the Superintendent to review these advisories, assess their impact, and present them for discussion and possible action at future board meetings.
- D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Board Training Needs. Superintendent Dempsey explained that the Board training opportunities can sometimes be limited or lack specific content on necessary protocols. He recommends the board should brainstorm a list of desired training topics, and Superintendent Dempsey will ensure that these training opportunities are provided.
- E. Mrs. Martinez, Chief of Finance, presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended April 30, 2024.

12. Superintendent Dempsey announced the upcoming board meetings and events:

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, June 6 @ 5 pm- GAC (Deadline for Item Requests Tuesday, May 28, 2024)
- B. Graduation Ceremonies -UTEP – May 24 – 25, 2024
- C. GMS Bon Voyage Tour Tuesday, May 28th @ 6pm
- D. NMSBA Law Conference - Albuquerque - May 30 – June 1
- E. NMSBA Leadership Retreat – Taos – July 11-13

Closed Session

13. Closed Session

President Flores made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, of the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 as amended for Superintendent's and Associate Superintendent's report on recent personnel actions and issues such as: employees on Administrative Leave with Pay, employee grievances, employee issues, and superintendent's contract. A roll call vote was taken, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Christian Lira, Arlean Murillo and Claudia Rodriguez all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m.

Reconvene
Superintendent
Contract

14. President Flores made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:38 p.m.

Adjourn

15. President Flores made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Arlean Murillo, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado