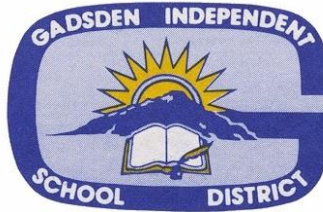


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For December 11, 2014

Introduction
and
Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:07p.m. Vice President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Santa Teresa High School Cafeteria.

Members present: Craig Ford, Maria Saenz and Jennifer Viramontes. Gloria Irigoyen arrived at 5:43 p.m.

Members absent: Daniel Castillo.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The presentation of colors was performed by the NJROTC Color Guard and the National Anthem sung by Esmeralda Hernandez. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were led by Dimitri Viramontes. The mission statement was read by Board Member Saenz.

3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:
 - A. Superintendent's Report

Athletic Director Karen Nougues presented Tough Enough to Wear Pink plaques to the schools that raised the most funds during the campaign: Vado Elementary, Chaparral Middle and Santa Teresa High. Ms. Nougues said the district raised over \$20,000.00 and has raised over \$100,000.00 since joining in the Tough Enough to Wear Pink awareness. She commended all of the schools for their tremendous efforts for a good cause.

Superintendent's
Report

Mesquite Elementary art teacher Ms. Linda Al-Hanna introduced second graders Zairahi Chavez who won the presidential award and Yaillet Flores who won 3rd place in the El Paso Community College-Salute to the Arts competition.

Gadsden High School art teacher Debbie Hartman explained her students had taken four of the top high school awards at the EPCC Salute to Arts competition: Edwin Torres, David Cuellar, Esmi Chavez and Emily Lopez.

Board President
Board Member's
Reports

- B. President: President Castillo-absent

- C. Board Members:

Vice-President Viramontes wished everyone happy Holidays and a good end of semester. She reported that she had ended her year as NMSBA Board President at the December 5th Annual Convention meeting and is now the immediate past president. During the

meeting they showed them the seven minute video “We are New Mexico Public Schools” produced by Chris Schuler productions. The district will post it on our website when the video is distributed. She thanked everyone for a wonderful year. She thanked and congratulated the art students. Mrs. Viramontes thanked the culinary arts students and Mrs. Perez for the wonderful meal prepared before the board meeting.

Board Member Saenz said that the conference had been very informative which they bring back to the district. Both the National School Boards Association and the NM School Boards Association are working on promoting public school education and that is what the video is about. She and Ms. Irigoyen wore their “We are New Mexico Public Schools’-shirts and they were stopped and asked what the shirt meant. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Board Member Ford wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday season.

Secretary Irigoyen arrived after the reports were given.

Student Representative

D. Student Representative –Miguel Luna, a senior from Santa Teresa High School. Miguel said that he is vice-president of the senior class, president of National Honor Society and a member of Up Ward Bound. He gave a re-cap of winter sports at the school. Regina Marquez and Brittani Gonzalez both signed letter of intent to NMSU and Houston University. Miguel said that teachers and students had done an ICAT fair for students at Santa Teresa Middle School promoting some of their programs, clubs and activities. The band has participated in the Veterans Day Parade and the Thanksgiving Parade. Student Council participated in a blood Drive and the National Honor Society collected food cans and is making food baskets for the needy. The Science Club is busy collecting recycling materials on Fridays to keep the school green and participated in a run to help with EBOLA Relief. Miguel concluded his report by encouraging everyone to take a few moments to look at the ICAT Fair displays in the back of the cafeteria.

Personnel Report

E. The personnel report is included for the Board’s information with no action required.

Approval of the Agenda

4. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

School Board Minutes

5. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the November 13, 2014 board meeting minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

6. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

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| Open Forum | 7. Open Forum: none |
| Action | 8. Action Items: none |
| Discussion | 9. Discussion Items: |
| Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended October 31, 2014 | A. Steve Suggs, CFO, gave the Board an overview of the Monthly Budget Report for the month ending on October 31, 2014. Mr. Suggs reported that the SNP reimbursements were back on track. He reported that the audit report for the 13-14 school year will be made official on Friday and will be presented at the next board meeting. |
| 2015-2016 School Year Calendar | B. Yvonne Casillas, Director for Management Information Systems presented information on the proposed calendar. Administrative Intern Maria Hearn was present. Mrs. Casillas explained that a committee made up of teachers, administrators, directors, Associate Superintendent Yturalde and the Deputy Superintendent Suggs met twice to discuss the calendar for 2015-2016. She went over key dates and explained that the PARCC testing dates will not be available until a later date by the PED. |
| Gadsden High School 7 Class Period Request | C. Gadsden High School Principal Hector Giron presented information on the request to change their school day to a seven (7) period day. |
| New Chaparral Elementary School | D. Ralph Gallegos, Executive Director for Construction informed the Board the timeline for the new elementary school in Chaparral. Once the bids are received and reviewed, he will bring the project back for approval. Mr. Gallegos said the next step was to decide who would be naming the school. Mr. Ford suggested coming up with a name for the school. |
| 5 Year Facility Master Plan 2015-2019 | E. Ralph Gallegos, Executive Director for Construction informed the Board that the 2015 – 2019 5 year Facility Master Plan process will be started with PSFA/PSCOC participation. The RFP for an Architect to do the plan will start in January 2015 with selection of Architect in the spring of 2015. |
| Adjourn | 10. Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturalde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. |

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Gloria Irigoyen, School Board Secretary

Daniel Castillo, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saénz