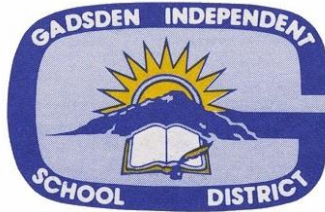


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For February 12, 2015

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00p.m. Vice President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex Board Room/

Introduction and Roll Call

Members present: Craig Ford, Gloria Irigoyen, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes.

Members absent: Daniel Castillo.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by Mrs. Viramontes.

Pledge & Mission Statement
3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:
 - A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Yturralde asked for a moment of silence for two medically fragile students from Berino Elementary, Brisa Fuentes and Margarito Espinoza who passed away this fall. Mrs. Cruz Perez, an 18 year employee at Sunland Park Elementary also passed away.

Superintendent Yturralde announced that the 4th, 5th and 6th year cohorts' graduation rate is at 83.6 and the state is at 71.4. Statewide the graduation rate for all students is 68.5% and Gadsden is at 80% with no other school districts within 10%. He said now that we have achieved our goal of 80%, our goal will be 85%.

Superintendent's Report

STMS principal Rosa Lovelace announced on behalf of all GISD administrators that last month was Board Recognition Month. Unfortunately with the cancellation of the January 22nd board meeting, they were not able to recognize the Board. All district administrators stepped up to present the Board with a token of their appreciation, and congratulated the Board on a good job of representing Gadsden.

Associate Superintendent Susan Yturralde announced that the state legislature recognized on January 30th, Bilingual Education Day, Chaparral High School and Sunland Park Elementary. Mrs. Yturralde said that the Bilingual Education Bureau received from the Kellogg Foundation a one million dollar grant. Santa Teresa Middle School and Chaparral Elementary were recognized for their

membership to the Academic Language Development for ALL in New Mexico (ALD4ALL) project.

Vice-President Viramontes announced the National School Boards Association has a campaign to stand up and support public schools. The NMSBA partnered with the Superintendent’s Association, PTA’s, PTO’s the unions in the state, the NM Athletic Association to put together a video that will be released next week. She said that on February 19th Chaparral High School Media students will be at the roundhouse for Public Schools Day videotaping and taking pictures of legislators and people promoting “I Am New Mexico Public Schools”. The video was played for the audience. She said that NMSBA will also be doing Public Service Announcements for 30 second spots throughout the state of New Mexico and some TV ads. She thanked everyone for a good job they are doing.

Board President
Board Member’s
Reports

B. President: President Castillo - absent

C. Board Members:

Vice-President Viramontes said she just returned from Washington, DC, representing the state of New Mexico. While there she visited with state representative Pearce and Senator Udall and gave them letters from STHS AP Government class with concerns about their education. They also discussed the healthy food initiative. She thanked the administrators for the recognition, telling them that they and the district is what make the Board look good.

Board Member Saenz thanked all of the administrators, reiterating what Mrs. Viramontes said they are what make the Board look good. Ms. Saenz said the video was nicely done. She said the districts results speak for how well public education is doing. She went to a class called Mental Health First Aid given by the county and stressed how import the students’ mental health is as important as their physical health. The free class is a four hour two day class offered by the El Paso Del Norte Foundation and the Dona Ana County. Ms. Saenz said she won her re-election and would be around to serve the district for four more years.

Board Member Ford thanked the administrators for the recognition bestowed to the Board members. He said everyone in the district works very hard and are the key to making everything work and thanked them for everything they do.

Secretary Irigoyen thanked everyone for their hard work and appreciated the recognition given to them. Ms. Irigoyen said that even though she did not win her election, but did not see this as an end. She will still be working for the schools and the students. She thanked everyone for the opportunity and the support shown to her as part of the Gadsden School Board. Ms. Irigoyen said she was looking forward to her last board meeting, as she is a graduate of Gadsden High School and feels like she is going home.

- Student Representative

D. Student Representative –Sydney Zubia, a sophomore from Chaparral High School. Sydney reported that students at Chaparral High School took the Compass test to determine if they can take courses at DACC. Business Professionals of America students went to regional competition and all 21 qualified for state competition. Chaparral High School was recognized for their Bilingual Program. National Technical Honor Society students collected 30 blankets for a homeless shelter. The Criminal Justice Program is producing a play “The 12 Angry Jurors”.
- Personnel Report

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

4. Ms. Irigoyen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- School Board Minutes

5. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the January 8, 2015 board meeting minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Consent Agenda

6. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Open Forum

7. Open Forum: none
- Action

8. Action Items:

 - A. Mrs. Casillas explained the changes to the Pre-Registration Handbooks by highlighting additions and striking out deletions. Ms. Irigoyen made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Pre-Registration Handbooks for middle schools and high schools. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve awarding Bradbury Stamm the construction contract for the new elementary school in Chaparral. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion

9. Discussion Items:

 - A. Superintendent Yturralde informed the Board members that they were given a packet of nomination forms from the principals for the NMSBA Student Achievement Award. The board members will select a nominee and present it for board approval at the February 26th board meeting.
 - B. Board member Ford said he had spoken with Mr. John Colquitt who donated the land for the new school being built in the Chaparral area, Mr. Colquitt recommended the name of “Yucca Heights Elementary” after the official state flower selected in 1927 by students. This item will be placed for action at the February 26th board meeting.
 - C. Board member Ford explained the possible need to reformat the school board agenda to limit the board reports. If any board member had something to report they would notify the chair
- 2015-2016 Pre – Registration Handbooks
- Construction Contract for New Elementary in Chaparral
- NMSBA Student Achievement Award
- Name for New Elementary in Chaparral
- Reformat of the School Board Agenda

before the board meeting.

10. Closed Session:

Closed Session

Ms. Saenz 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 issues such as: employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, and employee issues and Personnel Session Pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, NMSA 1978 as amended for the Superintendent's Summative Evaluation/Salary and Contract. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.

11. Mr. Ford made a motion to reconvene in open session.

Reconvene

Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to give Superintendent Yturralde a two year contract and increase his salary by 6.25% effective February 13, 2015. The increase in the contract and salary was based on the outstanding state and national recognition the district has received and the improvement of School Grades along with student achievement. Ms. Irigoyen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

12. Ms. Saenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Gloria Irigoyen, School Board Secretary

Daniel Castillo, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saéñz