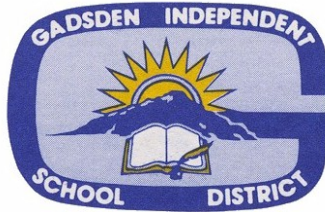


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For April 23, 2015*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:07 p.m. President Saenz presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex Board Room.

Introduction and Roll Call

Members present: Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes. Daniel Castillo arrived 5:57 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were led by President Saenz. The mission statement was read by Secretary Viramontes.

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

Mrs. Cathie Williams, District Instructional Coach, presented the English Spelling Bee winners. There were as follows: third place winner Delila Rivera from Gadsden Middle, second place winner Julia Gonzalez from Desert View, and first place Crystal Sanchez from La Union.

Mrs. Vicki Arnold, Chaparral Elementary Assistant Principal, presented the district's Spanish Spelling Bee champion Maria del Sol Nunez Peña from Chaparral Elementary. Maria del Sol competed at the state competition and placed Second.

Ms. Gema Salcedo, Interim Principal at Alta Vista Early College, introduced Mrs. Leticia Meyers who presented the New Mexico Letters About Literature state winner Bryan Bustillos.

Superintendent's Report

Mark Rupcich, Chaparral High School principal, introduced Mr. Steve Gabaldon, Mr. Robert Galvan, Mr. Ron Richman, and the Skills USA Career and Technical Students. Both the Criminal Justice team and the Broadcast News team earned Gold Medals. Taran Mays earned a Bronze Medal, and Jorge Rutiaga earned a Silver Medal in Automotive competition. Cristal Hernandez earned a Bronze Medal, and Esmeralda Acencio earned a Gold medal in the Early Childhood competition.

Gadsden High School Principal Hector Giron introduced Mr. Marcos Meyers and the state champions in the fields of Electrical Engineering. Ed Escajeda won a Gold Medal, Hulises Esparza won a Silver Medal, and Heriberto Gallegos a Platinum Medal.

Santa Teresa High School Assistant Principal Nicholas Wohlgemuth introduced Ms. Margarita Romero. Ms. Romero announced that STHS had received national certification for its Project Lead The Way (PLTW) program that has been offered since 2012. PLTW is a nonprofit

organization and the nation's leading provider of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Gadsden Foundation Chairperson Yvette Lazarin spoke about the scholarships the Foundations is able to award, thanks to the generosity of the District's employees. The committee of Board members, counselors, principals and Ms. Lazarin read and score applications received from each of the three high schools. Five recipients are selected from each high school to receive a \$750.00 scholarship. The principal and counselor from each high school announced each of the recipients and what university or college each of them plan to attend. From Chaparral High School: Alejandra Nieto, Alberto Orduño, Nohemi Montelongo, Gabriela Marchan, and Miguel Hernandez. From Gadsden High School: Cecilia Corona, Eduardo Robles, Stefhania Mota, Rocio Guzman, and Karla Gomez. From Santa Teresa High School: Miguel Luna, Karen Sanchez, Jorge Martinez, Jazmine Sainz, and Michelle Duran.

Board President B. President: President Saenz said she enjoyed attending the Spelling Bee, the students went 16 rounds. She attended the DACC student recognition awards where the district's students enrolled in Dual Credit are recognized. She complimented the students on their dress code for the awards and tonight's recognition. Ms. Saenz congratulated the young man that is going to go to college to study nano technology. She hopes and encourages more students to go into education. She commented that thanks to the students and teachers' achievements, and the hard work of every employee is making Gadsden look good.

Board Member's Reports C. Board Members: Vice-President Ford complimented and congratulated the students being recognized on all of their accomplishments.

Board Secretary Viramontes said she enjoys serving on the Gadsden Foundation and being able to award scholarships for our graduating seniors. Mrs. Viramontes attended together with Ms. Saenz the Teacher of The Year awards and complimented the teachers that graduated from Gadsden Schools and are now teaching in the Districts' schools. She said that Gadsden was very lucky to have great and accomplished students and teachers. She is looking forward to attending graduation ceremonies.

Board Member Estupiñan congratulated all of the students on their accomplishments and encouraged the graduating seniors to come back and inspire students to do better.

Board Member Castillo congratulated all of the students being recognized. He congratulated all of the Teachers of the Year and thanked Mrs. Marquez and Gadsden Elementary for doing such a good job hosting every year the Teacher of the Year awards. He thanked Mrs. Mendoza on a great job decorating for the event. He said that thanks to our student's success and making Gadsden look very good.

- D. Student Representative –Jonah Espinoza, a senior from Santa Teresa High School. Jonah said most of his life he has attended Gadsden schools and it feels like home to him. He always felt the support from the teachers. He said that scholarships at Santa Teresa High School to date are over \$1.6 million and that is thanks to the encouragement received from everyone at the school. The students and faculty have put together a get well video for Principal Harper to help her through her illness. Administration and teachers encourage the students to participate in athletics and in after school organizations. He said that even though senioritis has hit hard this semester, seniors are still putting their best efforts to graduate.
- 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. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- School Board Minutes 5. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the March 26, 2015 board meeting minutes. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Consent Agenda 6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Open Forum 7. Open Forum: Regina Marquez, a senior from Santa Teresa High School, addressed the Board regarding graduation.
- Action 8. Action Items:
- Authorization for Superintendent to Submit 2015-2016 IDEA-B Budget Application A. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Authorization for the Superintendent to Submit 2015-2016 IDEA-B Budget Application. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Proposed Changes-Policy EFE, Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Proposed Changes to Policy EFE, Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Board members, Castillo, Saenz, Estupiñan and Viramontes voted to approve, Board member Ford voted no. Motion carried.
- Post Issuance Disclosure Bonds & Notes & Loans C. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Post Issuance Disclosure Bonds and Notes and Loans. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Post Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Bonds and Notes and Loans D. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Post Issuance Tax Compliance Procedures for Bonds and Notes and Loans. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Discussion 9. Discussion Items:
- Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended February 28, 2015 A. Ludym Martinez, Director of Financial Operations gave the Board an overview of the Monthly Budget Report for the month ending on February 28, 2015.
- MOU with Families B. Carolyn Lindau, Executive Director for Compliance provided

- and Youth, Inc. for  
Juvenile Community  
Corrections
- information on the Memorandum of Understanding that the Families and Youth, Inc. Juvenile Community Corrections is requesting with the district. Monique Lopez from FYI was present to answer any questions. Ms. Lindau said that the JCC provides pre-sentencing alternatives to children's courts for more than 300 adjudicated New Mexico juveniles each year (of which approximately 25 or 27 are students in GISD) that might otherwise be institutionalized. Each client is court-ordered and must adhere to a specific plan of care that includes intensive supervision, educational and employment assistance, community service and/or victim restitution, and institutional transition services.
- Amend Regulation  
JFABD-R – Admission  
of Homeless Students
- Chaparral Elementary  
Remodel
- Desert Pride  
Academy, Phase II,  
Road Improvements
- La Union Elementary  
Roofing Project
- Santa Teresa H. S.  
Auxiliary Gym and  
Locker Room Roofing  
Project
- Adjourn
- C. Ray Lara, Title 1 Program Coordinator, informed the Board that Regulation JFABD-R Admission of Homeless Students needed to be amended by correcting the contact information for PED and the district.
- D. Ralph Gallegos, Construction Director, and Joseph Fuemmeler of AKS Architecture presented information on the Chaparral Elementary Remodel. Mr. Gallegos said he will advertise the project on April 20, 2015 with a Pre-Request for Proposal meeting on May 1, 2015. The RFP is due on May 19, 2015. He will present for board approval at the June 11, 2015 board meeting.
- E. Ralph Gallegos, Construction Director, informed the board on the work on Shrode Road for safety as required by Doña Ana County. He advertised the project on April 13, 2015, had Pre-Bid meeting on April 20, 2015 and will have a Bid opening on at 2:00 pm at GAC on May 5th, 2015. He will present for board approval at the May 14, 2015 board meeting.
- F. Ralph Gallegos, Construction Director, informed the board that the La Union roofing project is to reroof the 1999 addition to include the library and cafeteria. The plans were reviewed on March 26, 2015. He will advertise on April 26, 2015 with a Pre-Bid meeting on May 7, 2015 at 1:30 pm at La Union Elementary and the Bid opening will be on May 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm at GAC. He will present for board approval at the May 28, 2015 board meeting.
- G. Ralph Gallegos, Construction Director, informed the board on the Santa Teresa High School Auxiliary Gym and locker room roofing project. Plans were reviewed March 17, 2015 at 9:00 am, advertised on April 26, 2015. He will have a Pre-Bid meeting on April 30, 2015 at 1:30 pm at STHS and the Bid opening will be at 2:00 pm at GAC on May 12, 2015. He will present for board approval at the May 28, 2015 board meeting.
10. Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Superintendent Suggs recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

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Maria E. Saenz, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saénz