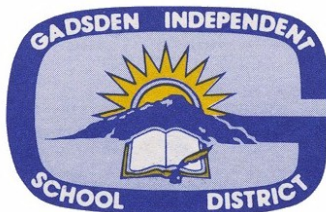


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For April 28, 2016

Introduction
and
Roll Call

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

Members present: Maria Saenz, Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, and Jennifer Viramontes.

Member absent: Daniel Castillo.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by Secretary Viramontes.
3. Programs, Reports, and Correspondence:
 - A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Yturralde introduced Jerry Pacheco from the Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation Honors Program. Mr. Pacheco presented a check on behalf of his organization in the amount of \$9,200.00 for the honors programs at Desert View, Riverside and Sunland Park Elementary Schools.

Superintendent Yturralde introduced the two of the top nine Bridge of Southern New Mexico Teachers who were nominated by their respective students. Mr. Emmanuel Burciaga from Gadsden High School was awarded \$1,000.00, and Mr. Ron Bailey from Santa Teresa High School was awarded \$200.00.

Superintendent's
Report

Secretary Viramontes thanked everyone for their generous donations to the Gadsden Foundation which make the Scholarships to our graduating seniors possible. Mrs. Suggs from **Alta Vista Early** College High School introduced Esmeralda Telles who will be attending UNM School of Nursing, (Sergio Antonio Lopez - not present). Mr. Smelser from **Desert Pride** introduced Sarandrea Ochoa who will be attending NMSU, and Abigail Aimme Cano who will be attending NMSU. Dr. Roskosky from **Chaparral** High School introduced Luis Angel Amaya who will be attending NMSU, Denise Garcia who will be attending NMSU-Biology and Leinny Arlet Ramos who will be attending DACC/NMSU –Early Childhood. Ms. Valles from **Gadsden** High School introduced Alicia Isela Peña who will attend NMSU, and University of Kansas for Veterinary Medicine, Omar Sarellano who will attend NMSU, and Sofia Villa who will attend NMSU. Ms. Cobos from **Santa Teresa** High School

introduced Danna Elizabeth Arellano who will be attending NMSU-Chemical Engineering, Ashley Carrillo who will be attending NMSU School of Nursing/NeoNatal, and Esai Lopez who wants to study Chemical and Industrial Engineering and has applied to several universities. He is undecided where he will attend.

Secretary Viramontes announced that Esai Lopez from Santa Teresa High School had been selected for NMSBA Scholarship Nomination.

Secretary Viramontes recognized the nominees for the NMSBA Student Achievement Award. Nominees were Mrs. Sylvia E. Cary, Secretary from Vado Elementary; Mrs. Tammy Huckabee, parent from La Union Elementary; Miss Leilani Sanchez; student from Riverside Elementary; Mrs. Sara Campbell, teacher from Chaparral High School; Ms. Cynthia Castro, parent from Desert View Elementary, and Ms. Maggie Romero, teacher from Santa Teresa High School. The NMSBA Student Achievement Award was awarded to Mrs. Rosa Lovelace, Principal of Santa Teresa Middle School.

Mr. Jose Reyes introduced the District Spanish Spelling Bee winners, 3rd place winner – Eilene Orta de La Cruz, 6th grader from Sunland Park Elementary and the 2nd place winner - Amparo Arredondo from Santa Teresa Middle School. First place winner was Rene Melendez from Sunland Park Elementary. Both Sunland Park students are taught by Ms. Kennon and coached by Mr. Jorge Olivas. Rene Melendez also participated in the State Spanish Spelling Bee and placed 2nd. Rene will compete in the 6th Annual Spanish Spelling Bee July 16th being held in San Antonio.

Superintendent Yturralde announced that the districts graduation rate increased to almost 81% and is the highest than any district in our area. He congratulated the principals on all of their hard work.

B. Student Representative –Sofia Nataly Gomez, a Junior from Gadsden High School. Sofia reported they were almost done with PARCC testing and some of the students are taking the SBA. Students are getting ready to take the End of Course exams. Spring athletics are ending their seasons. Construction is still under way and will take place during the summer. Prom will be on May 7th. The last day for seniors is May 13th and Graduation is May 20th at NMSU. Summer School starts after Memorial Day. NJROTC was recognized as a distinguished unit with academic honors.

Board President

C. President Saenz said she was looking forward to the first graduating class from Alta Vista Early College. Ms. Saenz said that she and Mrs. Viramontes and Superintendent Yturralde attended a NMSBA Region VII Board Meeting in Ruidoso and were all approached with congratulations on the increase of the graduation rate. She congratulated Rene and wished him well at the National Spelling Bee. Ms. Saenz said she went to some Young Guns basketball

games this past Saturday. She went on Monday to the Teacher of The Year ceremony. She said the next three weeks will be busy and she will not be able to attend the last board meeting in May.

D. Board Members:

Vice-President Ford – nothing to report.

Board Member's Reports

Secretary Viramontes said all the programs that she has attended are just wonderful. She said it was good to see how many of the Teacher of the Year teachers are Gadsden I.S.D. graduates. She thanked Ms. Nougues and the administrators who schedule the athletic events for the schools.

Member Estupiñan – nothing to report.

Member Castillo –Absent

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. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Open Forum Action

7. Open Forum: None
8. Action Items:

Revision to Policy GCCG – Addressing Leave Transfer Option

A. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Revision to Policy GCCG Addressing Leave Transfer Option. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion

9. Discussion Items:

Post Issuance Compliance Report for GO Bonds

A. Steve Suggs, CFO presented information on the Post Issuance Disclosure Procedures and Tax Compliance Procedures for all Bonds, Notes and Loans issued by the District. As part of those procedures the District's Compliance Officer is required to present a report to the Board annually on the status of the Continuing Disclosure Requirements and the Tax Compliance Requirements. This agenda item is the presentation of the report to the board as required by these procedures.

Student Nutrition Program Updates

B. Demetrious Giovas, SNP Executive Director presented information to the Board on the change to the school menus. He said that the choice was a modified cycle menu. Items that are liked by students are served more frequently. All of the menus meet all of the regulations.

STHS HVAC Wing
500- Project, Phase I

C. Ralph Gallegos, presented information on the STHS HVAC project in the 500 wing, Phase I. A pre-contract meeting on May 13, 2016 at 9:00 am will take place at STHS and work is scheduled to start prior to or by May 23, 2016. A substantial completion is scheduled for July 25, 2016.

Closed Session

10. Closed Session:

Mr. Ford 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, employee issues, pending legal matters, and Ray Lara – Staff Participation in Political Activities. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 6:06 p.m.

Reconvene

11. Mr. Ford made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:43 p.m.

Adjourn

12. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Maria E. Saenz, School Board President

Minutes taken by Elisa Saenz