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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For July 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: Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge to the U. S. Flag and the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by Vice President Ford.

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

Barbara Browder, Executive Associate Superintendent for Human Resources introduced all of the new administrators in the district.

Administrators in Interim positions are: Mrs. Ludym Martinez, Associate Superintendent for Finance; Mr. Alfredo Holguin, Associate Superintendent for Support Services; Ms. Erica Villareal, Executive Director for Finance and Compliance and Budgeting; Ms. Priscilla Escobar, Coordinator for Financial Operations and Fund Accountant.

Newly Assigned Directors are: Ms. Yolanda Rivera, Finance Director; and Maria Guerra, Student Nutrition Director.

Superintendent's  
Report

Assistant Principals: Danielle Arsola-Rodriguez at Anthony Elementary; Laura Romero at Chaparral Elementary; Veronica Gonzalez at Desert View Elementary; Roberto Mata at Loma Linda Elementary; Arthur Moreno at La Union Elementary; Maria G. Legarreta at North Valley Elementary; Maria Rosario Acosta at Sunland Park Elementary; Maria Rita Orozco at Santa Teresa Elementary; Kenneth Owen at Chaparral Middle School; Paul Wells at Santa Teresa Middle School; and Maria Barraza at Vado Elementary.

Principals: Sonia Barajas at Desert Trail Elementary; Chris Cardona at Loma Linda Elementary; Leon Smith at Santa Teresa Elementary; and Cheryl Coyle at Vado Elementary.

Ms. Browder recognized two assistant principals that had been hired during the 2015-2016 school year; Miguel Villalobos at Berino

Ms. Browder announced that formerly retired principal Mr. Reyes Valtierra, will be acting Principal at Chaparral Elementary approximately for one month.

- Board President
- B. Student Representative –none
- C. President Saenz said she was very excited for Mr. Estupiñan and that he was able to hear Dolores Huerta talk. She said the district has come a long way and was one of the first districts to establish a Bilingual Program. Ms. Saenz she went to the NMSBA Leadership Conference held the week before
- D. Board Members:  
Vice-President Ford –was excited about starting one more school year. He thanked everyone for all they do for our students and congratulated all of the administrators on their promotions and new positions. He said that thanks to all for the hard work and being able to obtain the occupation certificate for Yucca Heights, although it was cutting it kind of close.
- Secretary Viramontes said that Mr. Estupiñan is a product of our district and being Hispanic and is achieving so much. She thanked him for being on our board. She said the Kick Off for the Southern Schools was well attended, about 50 people, and hopes that next year it will grow. She thanked Mr. Wohlgemuth and Mrs. Lovelace for all of their help.
- Board Member's Reports
- Member Castillo – said he attended the convocation for the staff earlier in the morning at Santa Teresa High School and enjoyed Dr. Brassell's presentation.
- Member Estupiñan – attended a conference on Race and Ethnicity in San Francisco where Dolores Huerta was one of the keynote speakers. She along with Cesar Chavez were co-founders of the United Farm Workers. He thanked the teachers for all they do and hope they can improve. Education has become the battle ground in the news. He thanked every teacher and every administrator and Mr. Yturralde for the increase in the graduation rate and he hoped that with all the new principals that we continue that streak.
- 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 June 9, 2016 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.

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| Consent<br>Agenda  | 6. Mr. Castillo 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   |
| Banking Resolution   | 8. Action Items:<br>A. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the Banking Resolution. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.  |
| Discussion   | 9. Discussion Items:<br>A. Interim Superintendent Alfredo Holguin presented information on the Resolution to work with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for the project to design and pave a new fire lane at Chaparral Elementary.  |
| Resolution with<br>NMDOT                                     | B. Interim Superintendent Ludym Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ending May 31, 2016.  |
| Monthly Budget<br>Report for the Month<br>Ended May 31, 2016 | 10. Closed Session:<br>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. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Craig Ford, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 5:36 p.m. |
| Closed Session   | 11. Mrs. Viramontes 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 6:30 p.m.   |
| Reconvene  | 12. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.  |
| Adjourn  |   |

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 Saenz