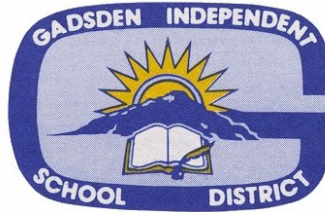


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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For December 8, 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 Sunland Park Elementary School Cafeteria.

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 led by Lindsey Caldera, Heaven Morales, Amorette Vela, and Brisa Delgado. The mission statement was read by Secretary Viramontes.
3. The Sunland Park Elementary Choir, under the direction of Mr. Dodd, performed several Holiday songs: Winter Wonderland, Jingle Bell Rock, and a sing-a-ling song Feliz Navidad.

Recognitions by  
Superintendent

A. Ms. Nougues presented Tough Enough to Wear Pink first place plaques to the top three fundraising schools: In the elementary category - Loma Linda Elementary, in the middle school category - Gadsden Middle School, and in the high school category - Santa Teresa High School. Over \$20,000 was raised this year, and over the last five years over \$100,000 has been raised for the Tough Enough to Wear Pink cancer research.

B. Santa Teresa High School Principal Nicholas Wohlgemuth introduced Senior Betel Hernandez. Betel was recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board for her academics, PSAT score, and is an overall outstanding student.

C. Student Representative – Juliana Gough, a freshman from Santa Teresa High School. Juliana reported that fall sports went extremely well, with Boys Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball going to the State Championship tournament. NJHS is collecting toiletries to donate to a nursing home. Programs of study and organizations hosted an ICAT fair at Santa Teresa Middle to help 8<sup>th</sup> graders choose their classes for next school year. The senior PARCC testing has been completed. Seniors are planning to take the ACT test on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Warrior Band and NJROTC have performed in several local parades. The Drama Class will be performing their one act play next week.

Human Resources  
Report

4. The Human Resources Report is on the website.

- Approval of the Agenda

5. Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- School Board Minutes

6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the November 10, 2016 school board minutes. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Consent Agenda

7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried.
- Open Forum

8. Open Forum: None

9. Action Items: None
- Discussion

10. Discussion Items:

  - Monthly Budget for the Month Ended October 31, 2016

A. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report for the Month Ended October 31, 2016.
  - NMAA Report

B. Mrs. Viramontes gave a report on the November 16, 2016 NMAA Commission meeting. Elections for open positions in the Commission were held. She announced that the NMAA Foundation Scholarship Application deadline is February 1, 2017, and recommended that the high schools share with their seniors. Mrs. Viramontes stressed that the NMAA is still having a shortage of officials and are having to schedule games to make sure they enough officials for every game. She gave updated information on ineligible players. They discussed adult mistakes and penalties and who is responsible. Mrs. Viramontes also shared that a lengthy discussion was held about the future of NMAA classification and alignment. Most of the districts want to go back to 5 districts, and have conference to help lower cost and travel time away from school.
  - DACC Report

C. Mrs. Viramontes attended the DACC November 3, 2016 Advisory Meeting. She presented information on enrollment. There is a decrease in enrollment and the enrolled students are taking more classes. A budget update was given which included DACC receiving State funding cuts of 5% of their budget. Mrs. Viramontes gave a Dual Credit Update – the advisory board discussed the impact of Dual Credit on Colleges and districts. A meeting was held to discuss concerns and possible changes to Dual Credit. (Such as limit to how many classes a student can take; the school grade point average the student must have to take Dual Credit courses).
  - February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

D. Superintendent Yturralde informed the Board that the February 22, 2017 Regular Board Meeting needed to be re-scheduled or canceled as he would be at a meeting in Santa Fe as well as the NMSBA Board Institute with the Board Members On February 23<sup>rd</sup> thru February 25<sup>th</sup>. The consensus was to cancel the February

22, 2017 Board Meeting.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Yturralde recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 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 Saenz