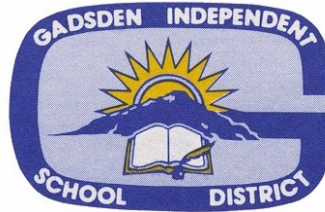


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For February 15, 2018

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:06 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupiñan, Laura Salazar Flores, Maria Saenz and Jennifer Viramontes.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. The mission statement was read by Vice-President Castillo.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey presented the Legislative update. He stated both Houses concurred with House Bill 2 and have sent it to Governor Martinez for review and signing. Keep in mind that one very powerful tool our Governor has is the authority to "line item veto" which allows the executive to remove specific items out of an individual bill. As of right now, the act includes \$10 million additional dollars in the funding formula (AKA: unit value increase or "above the line" funding). The impact could be an estimated \$15 per unit increase that would add to year end cash balances for FY18. In addition, as early as August we could see an additional increase to replace the funds that were taken back during the 2017 special session. Keep in mind they are only looking at returning an estimated 12% of total amount that was swept. Included are: minimum salary increases at all 3 tiers by \$2,000 (Cost of \$17 million), increased salaries for teachers by an average of a 2.5% and others by an average of a 2.0%, increased funding for "at-risk" multiplier, adds \$15 million to Pre-K and K-3+ programs, adds funds for textbooks and transportation. Limits that are included: grandfathers all 4 day schools but does not allow approval of any new 4 day per week calendars, reduced Read to Lead funding, reduced NM Teach funds, reduced funds for truancy coaches. Superintendent Dempsey also presented House Bill 98 which combines all local elections including school bond and board elections, strongly opposed by all public school organizations,

unfortunately it was passed by both houses and sent to Governor's desk, this was an identical bill from the last year that was ultimately vetoed by the Governor which we are lobbying for the same result this year.

- B. President Viramontes stated that they attended the Board Institute this past week. Meet with State Legislators and there will be more funding this year which is positive that the state has money.

Mr. Estupiñan addressed that there will be changes coming to dual credit next year. Under the new program, a student can only take four courses total for one year and those four courses will only be in sequence. Basically, they would be cutting the opportunity in half. Superintendent Dempsey stated he will be getting a response in next weeks meeting. Mr. Estupinan suggested to draft a letter publically speaking we cannot support those changes.

Ms. Saenz reported that she attended a Literary Festival Contest at Gadsden Middle School. She stated there were a lot of parents who attended and were happy to see their child perform.

Ms. Flores thanked everyone who lives in the Gadsden area who voted for the bond.

- C. Student Representative-Samantha Nava, a junior from Alta Vista Early College High School. Samantha stated that the Mighty Owl freshmen are striving every day to maintain their GPA to be eligible for their first DACC class next year which is College 101. They have demonstrated to have leadership roles and responsibility. The Mighty Owl sophomores this is their first semester taking DACC classes. They are taking College 101 and Computer Science 110. They are also striving every day to maintain their GPA to stay eligible for their upcoming 5 DACC classes that they will take as juniors next year. The Mighty Owl juniors continue to work hard every day in keeping their GPA up. They will be registering for DACC next year in March. They will take DACC classes at the Gadsden Center or Sunland Park Center. They are also striving to maintain high GPA's to begin their journey as seniors with scholarship applications. Their goal as seniors will be to continue supporting one another and encourage one another to do the best as Alta Vista students. The Mighty Owl seniors have three seniors who were recognized by College Board with the National Hispanic Recognition Program for doing outstanding on the PSAT last year. Two seniors were accepted to NMSU are offered the Conroy Scholars from the NMSU honors college worth up to \$54,000. One senior accepted to St. John's College and offered the following scholarships: Dean's Scholarship,

Summer Academy Scholarship, College Grant Undergraduate Scholarship worth up to \$108,000. One senior was accepted to Brown University and offered the Brown University Scholarship worth up to \$252,000. Another senior was accepted to West Point Academy. He will be traveling to visit the academy February 28-March 3. Samantha thanked the school district for the support and encouragement that they give students every day.

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| Personnel Report | 4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required. |
| Approval of the Agenda | 5. Vice-President Castillo made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to approve the January 25, 2018 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 8. Open Forum: Toni Jacquez, a member of the NM PED Family Cabinet member, presented information on the Community being held at Gadsden High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. |
| Action | 9. Action Items: |
| La Mesa Roofing project | A. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the La Mesa Roofing project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended December 31, 2017 | 10. Discussion Items:
A. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Quarterly Budget Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2017. |
| Calendar For SY 2018-19 | B. Mrs. Casillas presented information on the Calendar for SY 2018-19. |
| Closed Session | 11. Closed Session
Mr. Castillo 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. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Daniel Castillo, Daniel Estupinan, Laura Salazar Flores, Maria Saenz, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. |
| Reconvene | 12. Mr. Castillo made a motion to reconvene in open session. No action was taken. Superintendent Dempsey recommended |

approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

Adjourn 13. Ms. Saenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion.
Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Daniel Estupiñan, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado