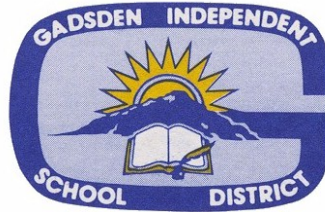


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For April 12, 2018*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:02 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 Daniel Estupiñan.
3. Ms. Saenz made a motion to nominate Mr. Daniel Castillo for President. Mrs. Flores made a motion to nominate Mr. Estupiñan for President. Mr. Estupiñan withdrew his name for President. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

President Castillo presided over the rest of the meeting.

Reorganization of the  
Board of Education

Ms. Saenz made a motion to nominate Mr. Estupiñan for Vice-President. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to nominate Mrs. Laura Salazar Flores for Secretary. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent's  
Report

4. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Jerry Pacheco from the Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation presented bicycles for outstanding students of 3<sup>rd</sup>-9week grading period to Sunland Park Elementary, Desert View Elementary, Chaparral Elementary, and Riverside Elementary. Some students from Riverside Elementary received an ipad for 2<sup>nd</sup> time outstanding student and a surprise from Mrs. Navarro for 3<sup>rd</sup> time outstanding student.
  - B. Mrs. Hernandez, Principal at Chaparral Middle School, introduced McKyla Biddle that participated in the State Braille competition. Mrs. Hernandez introduced Mr. Rapanut for a brief presentation. Mr. Rapanut introduced McKyla Biddle. McKyla stated she has attended the competition for the last seven years where she has won first or second place each year

through many months of preparation. The competition was held at Alamogordo at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The competition was divided into different age groups and consists of Reading Comprehension, Proofreading Passages, Charts and Graphics, and Speed and Accuracy. McKyla Biddle placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state.

- C. Mrs. Stevens from Alta Vista Early College High School introduced the South West Regional Science Fair winners. Andrea Campos and Monique Reyes won top awards at the SW Regional Science Fair held in Las Cruces. They will represent our school, district, and community as they compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Philadelphia, PA, May 13-18, 2018. They will be joining approximately 1,800 high school students from more than 75 countries, regions, and territories as they are awarded the opportunity to showcase their independent research and compete for on average \$4 million in prizes. Brittney Cartwright, Clara Chavez, and Elizabeth Quintana received first place awards and the opportunity to compete in the state's NM Science and Engineering Fair at NM Tech in Socorro. The three girls received a \$1000 scholarship from NMSU Klipsch School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Clara Chavez received \$500 scholarship from NMSU Engineering Technology and Survey Engineering as well as an award for Excellence in Engineering from American Nuclear Society and an Excellence in Applied Science or Engineering award by Trax International. Elizabeth Quintana also received the Outstanding Science Project Award by the US Air Force, Best Use of SI Units by the US Metric Association and a Regional Water Prize Award by the Water Environment Federation. She also won Honorable Mention at the State Fair.
- D. Mr. Giron, Principal at Gadsden High School, recognized Mr. Mendoza as one of the National Honorees. Honored is an organization dedicated to keeping great teachers in the classroom and to inspiring a new generation of talent to pursue teaching. Gabriel Holguin, student from GHS, nominated Mr. Manuel Mendoza by submitting an essay about Mr. Mendoza and was recognized as the April Teacher of the Month.
- E. Mrs. Flores thanked the Chaparral administration for a successful community resource fair. She reported that it was her first to attend the National School Board Institute in San Antonio, TX. It was an experience and had the privilege to attend conferences as a board member. She thanked Mrs. Quinonez for accepting Superintendent Dempsey's last minute notice to attend. She had the opportunity to know each other. She stated there were three speakers and had the opportunity to see Terry Bradshaw, NFL Fox analyst and Compton who was an ABC News Correspondence, she covered about President Bush,

and Julian Castro, form mayor of San Antonio, TX covered to seek Excellence, Equity, and Integrity.

Ms. Saenz reported that she enjoyed Terry Bradshaw as a speaker. Mr. Castro was excellent as a speaker. She stated she talked with a lot of people and asked to tell her some of the issues they are having in their district. She stated they have the same issues such as security and mental health. She stated they had a chance to bond with each other and asked Superintendent Dempsey maybe we can get something concrete together to do for our kids. She stated it was a good week.

Mr. Estupiñan had nothing to report.

President Castillo reported that the National Association are full of knowledge and is something we should strive for. He stated that it is the same issues everywhere. Overall, it was excellent. Mrs. Viramontes apologized for not able to attend. She was appointed on the Board of Directors for the NMAA and had a last minute Board of Directors meeting. She chose to go to the Budget Workshop and the NMAA conference. She reported that the NMAA Report her and Superintendent Dempsey had a chance to attend which is good to know that we have two people from Gadsden on the board.

- F. Student Representative-Brandee Apodaca, a sophomore from Alta Vista Early College High School. Brandee stated that freshmen applied with DACC and have turned in their state forms to register for their very first DACC course which will be College 101. Sophomores took the Accuplacer on Monday for Math 120 and English 111 placement. Also, they turned in state forms and registered to take the first full time classes and they are anxious to begin taking all DACC courses next year and get closer to receiving their Associates of Arts. She stated that they are focusing on keeping a high GPA to maintain full time status with DACC next year. Juniors were advised by DACC advisors and they will begin their last DACC courses at either the Gadsden Center or Sunland Park Center. They will be taking the ACT this Saturday. They are preparing for Alta Vista Early College High School's first prom on Saturday, April 21. Also, they have been focusing on their GPA to begin scholarship applications next year. Seniors continue working on scholarships. They are preparing for the first school prom. Also, they will be receiving their caps and gowns. Student Council's project is a campus beautification which will take place this weekend. Brandee stated the their teachers participate in a collaborative time study and participated in a school wide activity project which entailed collaborating with one another. They used all of their core classes and were able to identify the connections from one subject to another toward completing their

project. Brandee stated that overall, their school is a great school to be at for advancement and is proud to be at Alta Vista Early College High School because just like all of the student body, they are anxious to finish this year and begin with their DACC courses, next steps, and get closer to their goals. Brandee concluded by thanking the board members and superintendent for their continued support not only for their school, but also with the schools in the district.

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| Personnel Report   | 5. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.   |
| Approval of the Agenda   | 6. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| School Board Minutes   | 7. Ms. Saenz made a motion to approve the March 22, 2018 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Consent Agenda   | 8. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Open Forum<br>Action   | 9. Open Forum: None<br>10. Action Items: None  |
| STHS ADA Parking<br>Lot  | 11. Discussion Items:<br>A. Mrs. Herrera presented information of the STHS ADA Parking Lot.  |
| Post Issuance<br>Compliance Report<br>for GO Bonds                                     | B. Mrs. Martinez presented information of the Post Issuance Compliance Report for GO Bonds.  |
| Monthly Budget<br>Report For The<br>Month Ended<br>February 28, 2018<br>Closed Session | C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended February 28, 2018.   |
| Reconvene  | 12. Closed Session<br>A. Mrs. Viramontes 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 Estupiñan, Laura Salazar Flores, and Maria Saenz all voted aye. Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 6:12 p.m.<br>13. Mrs. Viramontes 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 8:19 p.m.<br>14. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. |

Adjourn

Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

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Daniel Castillo, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado