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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For November 21, 2019*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:03 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Gadsden Elementary School.

Introduction  
And Roll Call

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

Members absent: Daniel Castillo and Maria Saenz.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were led by Rafael Sanchez and Houston Villegas. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Principal at Santa Teresa High School, introduced Mrs. Gemma Suggs, Assistant Principal. Mrs. Suggs presented information on the Blended Senior Year:

Opportunity Opens Up:

\*10thGrade-Sophomores

•Dual Credit Requirements

•2.0 GPA

•11 credits

•Parent Meetings

•Multiple

\*11thGrade-Juniors

•College Success Course- HS

•Education, Career, Financial and Transportation

•Accuplacer

•Dual Credit Advising

•GOVT 100G

•Summer Course @ DACC

Superintendent's  
Report

34 Santa Teresa High School Seniors:

•28 pursuing certifications at DACC

•Water Technology

•Auto Technology

- Welding Technology
- Health Information Technology
- Creative Media
- Criminal Justice

- 6 pursuing course work aligned to degrees at NMSU

Academic Make – Up of the Student

- GPA Range: 2.370 - 4.385
- State Assessment Range: 750 proficient
  - ELA: 700 – 837, ELA 3
  - MATH: 657 – 776, Algebra 2
- Number of Credits, end of Junior year: 21 – 26 (range)
- ELL: 2 and 1 student year 1 monitor                      SPED: 3

Autonomy

- Attending classes at STHS and DACC/NMSU
- Working to financially aid their families
- Taking AP courses at STHS
  - Physics, Statistics and Spanish
- Accessing courses online
  - High School Courses
  - Certificates

Celebrations:

- Grades
- Retention
- Completion of Certificates
- Transportation
- Partnerships
- Growth

Lessons Learned:

- Communication
- 2yr vs 4yr
- Transportation Schedule
- Online courses

Partnership Is KEY!

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| •GISD                | •Rachel Boren at the SOAR Lab at NMSU |
| •DACC                | •The Bridge of SNM                    |
| •NMSU                | •South Central Regional Transit       |
| •Arrowhead Park ECHS | •Roadrunner Transit                   |
| •NMSU Bookstore      | •Aggie Transit                        |

B. Mrs. Nouges, Athletic Director, introduced Mr. Epifanio Solis, Head Cross Country Coach at Santa Teresa High School. He recognized the Cross Country runners who placed third in the State Championship. Mr. Solis introduced Andres Campos, Steven Onzueta, Wilbert Chacon, Angel Onchondo, Ruben Ronquillo, Sebastian Solis, and Cristian Gonzalez.

C. Mr. Estupiñan had nothing to report.

Mrs. Flores thanked the Bilingual Department for providing funding for teachers and administrators to attend the La Cosecha Conference in Albuquerque. She also thanked the Bilingual Department team for hosting the Dual Language Principals meeting. She congratulated Claudia Sanchez, Dual Language Teacher at Mesquite Elementary, for an article that was published. She stated that she attended the DACC Advisory Board meeting. She wished the MESA Robotics Team the best of luck as they travel to Fresco, TX for competition.

President Viramontes thanked Mrs. Marquez and staff for their hospitality. She thanked the choir and stated they are very good. She also thanked the Ballet Folklorico and stated it is unique and represents our district. She congratulated the STHS Cross Country team. She stated we are proud of the accomplishment they achieved. She also congratulated STHS Volleyball team. She reported on Senior Blended Year and how it is growing and a great way to achieve a career. She stated she attended the DACC meeting along with Daniel Castillo and Laura Flores, and how CTE is changing. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- D. Student Representative, Isaias Alvidrez, a sophomore from Alta Vista Early College High School, reported that AVECHS has implemented a few new programs for the students. They have Girl Talk, Guy Talk, Science Club, and Stress Free Friday activities, like “Smack Down the Stress Piñata” and “Hungry, Hungry Hippo: Student Edition.” He stated some of these fun activities have been put together by the counselor, Ms. Monzon, who is now at the school full time. Mrs. Stevens is the sponsor for the Science Club and on December 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>, she will be traveling to Los Lunas High School, with her Principles of Technology class. The Science Club will be competing in the New Mexico Governor’s STEM. Their project is creating high performance concrete using recyclable materials. They have made hybrid concrete using styrofoam, plastic, and newspaper. The sophomore class went to NMSU to get their student ID’s, take a tour of the campus, and eat lunch at the student union. The junior class will be going to get their student ID’s as well. He stated they are beginning to get a taste of the Aggie life at NMSU through these visits as college bound students. Another enriching experience he shared with his fellow sophomores, was the field trip they took to the Plaza Theatre to see the symphony for their Music 101 class. He stated they saw their DACC Instructor in a different role, as a professional musician. Another experience, he had the opportunity of not only taking high school course, but are taking 2 DACC courses: Music 101 and College Success 101. The sophomores will be taking the Next Generation Exam

which will place us in Math 120 and English 111 for next school year as juniors. Another school accomplishment is the increase in students taking AP Exams. We have begun to receive scholarships letters from various universities for the graduating seniors. They will continue to apply for scholarships every Friday, during their Senior Seminar class.

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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. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Regular School Board Minutes   | 6. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Regular School Board Minutes for November 7, 2019. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Consent Agenda   | 7. Mr. Estupiñan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Open Forum Action  | 8. Open Forum: None   |
| Changes To GCO-R and GCA   | 9. Action Items:<br>A. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Changes To GCO-R and GCA. President Viramontes recommended to change the format of the policy making it user friendly in its format. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Discussion   | 10. Discussion Items:<br>A. Mrs. Creegan, Director of Nursing, presented information on the Changes To Policies JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-EA, New Exhibit JLCD-EB, Administering Medicines.  |
| Changes To Policies JLCD, JLCD-R, JLCD-EA, New Exhibit JLCD-EB, Administering Medicines<br>Adjourn | 11. Mrs. Flores made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.   |

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

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Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado