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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For January 21, 2020*

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

Introduction  
And Roll Call

Members present: Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes.

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.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Mrs. Robbie Larriva, District Curriculum Specialist, introduced the English District Spelling Bee winners: Third place winner from Vado Elementary was Benjamin Vasquez accompanied by his coach Mrs. Manuela Kiehne; Second place winner from Sunland Park Elementary was Selmy Escobar (not present) accompanied by her coach Yolanda Craven; and First place winner from Santa Teresa Middle School was Juliana Cashman accompanied by her coach Mrs. Marta Sheehan. 19 of the district's elementary and middle school Spelling Bee champions will attend the El Paso Scripps Spelling Bee on March 4th. They will compete against students from New Mexico and the El Paso area

Superintendent's  
Report

- B. Mrs. Rodriguez reported that she is excited that the Legislative Session has begun. She is happy to hear that a Gadsden High School student was selected to shadow one of our legislators at the Round House in Santa Fe. She thanked the teachers for their hard work and commitment. She thanked the Parent Ambassadors and Rosy Villalobos for providing information to parents. She thanked Mr. Memo Diaz, Soccer Coach at GHS, that held a soccer camp. She stated that a walk-a-thon in memory of Beto Romero will be on the planning.

Mr. Castillo thanked Mrs. Barraza for her hospitality and great to be back as a alumni in Sunland Park Elementary.  
Mrs. Flores thanked Mrs. Barraza for their hospitality.

President Viramontes thanked Mrs. Barraza and staff for their hospitality. She also thanked Mrs. Urrea for the entertainment. She congratulated the Spelling Bee winners. She stated the board will be traveling to Santa Fe for legislation and to advocate for our district.

- C. Student Representative, Julianna Gough, a senior from Santa Teresa High School, reported that the students at STHS are welcoming in the new school year. The boys' and girls' basketball teams are doing well. The wrestling team has added many new girls. The band recently came back from an All-State competition. National Honor Society is currently planning their senior project where seniors come together to involve the community. Next week, Computer Science will have a Computer Science Expo field trip. Senior class pictures will take place this Friday. The counselors are beginning to register students for next school year. There will be an addition of many new class such as Theater. Last month, students went to Santa Teresa Middle School for a Warrior Expo.
- 4. The Personnel Report is included for the Board's information with no action required.  
Personnel Report
- 5. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
Approval of the Agenda
- 6. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Regular School Board Minutes for January 9, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
Regular School Board Minutes
- 7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
Consent Agenda
- 8. Open Forum: Alyssa Myrick from UP Coalition addressed to the board the 5 part prevention series on vaping, evolution of marijuana, alcohol, opioids, and gambling.  
Open Forum
- 9. Action Items:  
A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the DPA Kitchen Addition Project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
Action  
DPA Kitchen Addition Project

Discussion

Facility Master Plan  
Annual Update

STMS Locker Rooms  
Addition Project

Proposed Changes To  
Policy JE and HB236

Policy JLCAB  
School-Based Health  
Clinic  
Adjourn

10. Discussion Items:

- A. Mr. Gallegos, Executive Director of Energy Management and Construction, presented information on the Facility Master Plan Annual Update. Superintendent Dempsey recommend to have a board workshop on a Saturday to review the Facility Master Plan.
- B. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the STMS Locker Rooms Addition Project.
- C. Mrs. Lindau, Executive Director of Compliance Officer, presented information on the Proposed Changes To Policy JE and HB236.
- D. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Policy JLCAB School-Based Health Clinics.

11. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 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