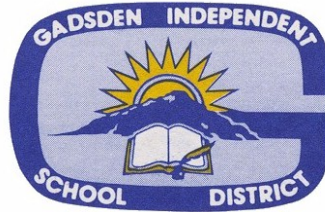


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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For February 27, 2020*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

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

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

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were led by Arlene Medina and Josue Salais. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Mr. Gallegos, Executive Director for Energy Management and Construction, introduced Crystal Enoch from the El Paso Electric Company. Gadsden ISD was presented with a check from El Paso Electric for \$91,186.07 for incentives earned last year from EPE's New Mexico SCORE Plus and Commercial Load Management Programs. The SCORE Plus Program helps schools save energy and money by providing no-cost building system analysis, technical recommendations and financial incentives based on the total amount of energy the district will save.
  - B. Mrs. Hernandez, Principal at Chaparral Middle School, introduced Mrs. Rina Viramontes, sponsor for BEST Robotics Team. She recognized the BEST Robotics team for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in regionals. The team also won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in marketing.
  - C. Mrs. Hernandez recognized the winner for NMSU Borderlands Poetry Out Loud, Abril Solis for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the NMSU Borderland Poetry contest.
  - D. Mrs. Delgado, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, and Mrs. Oliva, Clerk to Superintendent, recognized the first office staff for their outstanding customer service. The Superintendent's Office is implementing best practices for customer service in the front office of schools to engage with parents and visitors. The purpose is to help office staff provide

an exceptional service for all parents and visitors and what it is their school does when it comes to making students, staff, and parents feel important. The following office staff were recognized:

Chaparral Elementary-Jennifer Corral, Vanessa Enriquez, and Susana Palacios

Desert Trail Elementary-Elizabeth Hernandez, Sonia Aguilar, and Olivia Saavedra

Yucca Heights Elementary-Rocio Rodriguez, Stephanie Garcia, and Delila Perez.

E. Mr. Cano had nothing to report.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked those who participated in the fundraiser for Estrella Burciaga. She stated that we suffered a loss of two students to a tragic accident from Gadsden High School and Desert Pride Academy.

Mr. Castillo thanked Mrs. Pargas for her hospitality. He congratulated the Orff Choir for an excellent performance.

President Viramontes thanked Mrs. Pargas for her hospitality. She thanked El Paso Electric for their contribution to the district. She also thanked Mrs. Rina Viramontes for her hard work to the BEST Robotics Team. She thanked the “Water Drop” Program and congratulated the office staff that were recognized. She congratulated the wrestlers that went to state. She mentioned she had a concern on the process for field trips; what is the time frame for field trips and do principals have the authority to approve fields trips.

Mrs. Flores thanked Mrs. Pargas for her hospitality. She thanked Rosie Villalobos and Pre-K staff for hosting the fundraiser for Estrella Burciaga. She welcomed Mr. Sanchez back. She stated she attended the Biliteracy Forum hosted by Region 19 Educational Services along with Manuel Leyva, Martha Reyes, and Esmeralda Sanxter. She congratulated the CHS Basketball Team for their victory. She stated it’s awesome to see that girls are given the opportunity to participate in wrestling. Mrs. Flores recognized her mother, Maria Christina Salazar. Mrs. Salazar worked in Chaparral Elementary for 28 years as an instructional assistant.

F. Student Representative, Erica Ramirez, a senior from Chaparral High School, reported that band has a competition on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Chaparral baseball team beat Anthony 13 to 3. Boys Tennis played in a tournament and placed third and the softball team also placed third. Chaparral High School hosted ICAT.

CTSO Leadership has a field trip coming up at DACC West Campus. The varsity basketball boys won district and will be traveling to state. BPA is going to nationals in Washington, D.C.

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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. Castillo 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 Special School Board Minutes for February 11, 2020 and the Regular School Board Minutes for February 13, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda  | 7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Open Forum<br>Action<br>2020-2021 District<br>Calendar                            | 8. Open Forum: None<br>9. Action Items:   |
| Policy BDA, Board<br>Organizational<br>Meeting                                    | A. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 District Calendar. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Work Session  | B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Policy BDA, Board Organizational Meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion.   |
| Discussion<br>OMIT Policy IKEC,<br>Loss of Credit and<br>Accompanying<br>Exhibits | C. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Work Session, date. The board recommended to hold a board work session for budget on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9:00 am.   |
| Policy Changes to JE-<br>RA, JE-RB, JEA and<br>JEB-all relating to<br>Attendance  | 10. Discussion Items:<br>A. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the OMIT Policy IKEC, Loss of Credit, and Accompanying Exhibits.   |
| Monthly Budget<br>Report For The<br>Month Ended January<br>31, 2020               | B. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Policy Changes To JE-RA, JE-RB, JEA and JEB-all relating to Attendance.   |
| Adjourn   | C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended January 31, 2020.   |
|   | 11. Mrs. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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