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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For March 12, 2020*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:04 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held at the Desert Pride Academy Cafeteria.

Introduction  
And Roll Call

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

Members absent: Daniel Castillo

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was led by Priscilla Hernandez, Maryann Hollingsworth, and Priscilla Armenta. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:

- A. Mr. Giron, Principal at Gadsden High School, introduced Mr. Mendoza, Spanish AP teacher. Mr. Mendoza recognized who competed at NMSU Poetry Out Loud. Reyna Sereno and Adriana.

Mrs. Ramos, Marketing DECA teacher, introduced the DECA finalist. Semi-finalist: Monica Trejo and Jenny Garcia competed in Buying and Merchandising Role Play Team. State-finalist: Elizabeth Lozano competed in Professional Selling and placed third; and Violet Ramos competed in Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling and placed first.

Superintendent's  
Report

- B. Postponed
- C. Postponed
- D. Postponed
- E. Mrs. Lopez, Principal at Chaparral High School, recognized Mrs. Veronica Garcia, Culinary Art teachers, as the New Mexico Pro Start Teacher of the Year.
- F. Postponed
- G. Mrs. Creegan, Director of Nursing, presented information on the Health Updates. She stated that Gadsden ISD is concerned about the health and safety of our students and staff. The district will monitor current health trends and conditions, which may impact our school community. Currently, she is monitoring Influenza (Flu) and the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and working

closely with the NM Department of Health, receiving information and guidance.

- H. Mr. Cano thanked Mrs. Creegan for the update on the coronavirus. He thanked the district for placing a constructed barrier in helping to control the parking at Riverside Elementary. He congratulated Mrs. Navarro and staff for succeeding in the Tier I Award at Riverside Elementary.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the Desert Pride students for their motivational speech. She congratulated Mr. Mendoza and his students that competed at NMSU Voz Alta! She gave a shout out to the cafeteria ladies who do so many great things for our children.

Mrs. Flores thanked Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Payan, and GHS Culinary for their hospitality. She stated she attended the Dual Language Retreat with Mrs. Rodriguez and thanked Mr. Leyva, Director for Bilingual, for hosting the retreat. She thanked Mrs. Quinones for her commitment to the Dual Language Pathway for the Gadsden High School feeder pattern. She acknowledged Mrs. Williams that next year Sunrise Elementary will become a Dual Language school.

President Viramontes thanked Mrs. Creegan for the health update. She also thanked Mr. Mendoza, Mrs. Ramos, and students for their accomplishments in competing. She congratulated Mrs. Garcia for NM Teach Pro Start of the Year. She stated she attended the DACC meeting along with Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rodriguez and had various discussions on funding. She thanked Mrs. Ludwig and her students.

- I. Student Representative-Emmanuel Acevedo, a junior from Alta Vista Early College High School, reported that this school year they had several interested students apply to AVECHS. They had 106 applications in total and have accepted 70 students to attend in the fall. Also, 23 students are on the waiting list and are excited to have so many students show an interest and look forward to the incoming freshmen class. Mrs. Monzon and Ms. De La Garza personally visited each middle school to present the new students with an AVECHS lanyard and letters were mailed out to parents. They will have a welcoming ceremony to welcome all of the incoming freshmen on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Incoming freshmen will have 3 days of fun filled activities at the Freshmen Orientation on July 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, two junior students Claudia Trevino and Clara Chavez, were chosen to compete in an upcoming 2020 Southwest Regional Junior Science and Humanities at University of New Mexico. He stated that last week they had Derby Car Races for the Physics and other science classes with Dr. Hogue and Mrs. Stevens. The purpose

of the project was to design and build a car from recycled materials and to test velocity, acceleration, and distance traveled as it raced down a ramp, measuring time, mass and distance. A senior, Esperanza Carlos has been selected for DACC Excellence in Leadership Award. The celebration will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Lastly, he stated the junior class is getting advice through DACC in April for their senior year.

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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. Mrs. Flores made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| School Board Minutes   | 6. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the February 27, 2020 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.                      |
| Consent Agenda   | 7. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Open Forum   | 8. Open Forum: None  |
| Action   | 9. Action Items:   |
| Policy Changes To JE-RA, JE-RB, JEA and JEB-all relating to Attendance           | A. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the Policy Changes To JE-RA, JE-RB, JEA and JEB-all relating to Attendance. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| NMSBA Student Achievement Award  | B. Mrs. Flores made a motion to approve the NMSBA Student Achievement Award. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  |
| Discussion Policy Changes To JFAA, JFAB, JFC, JH, and JH-R-all related to HB 236 | 10. Discussion Items:  |
| 2020-2021 Budget Board Workshop And Budget Calendar                              | A. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Policy Changes To JFAA, JFAB, JFC, JH, and JH-R-all related to HB 236.   |
|  | B. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the 2020-2021 Budget Board Workshop And Budget Calendar.   |
| 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 6:35 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