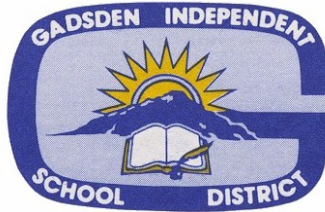


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For May 21, 2020

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.

Introduction
And Roll Call

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

Laura Salazar Flores joined the meeting at 5:03

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

3. Superintendent's District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Nicholas Wohlgemuth, Principal of Santa Teresa High School, shared information on the update of Trevor Erramouspe, a senior at STHS. He reported that Trevor was moved into the finalist category for the National Merit Scholarship and will be eligible for the Corporate Scholarships as well as Institutional Scholarships. Trevor has also been offered the Institutional Scholarship from the University of Oklahoma. Trevor stated he will be studying Aero Space Engineering.

Superintendent's
Report

- B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Update on Graduation Ceremonies. He discussed the following:

Goal: Honor the members of the GISD Class of 2020

Agenda:

- Current Department of Health Orders: All mass gathering of 5 or more people are prohibited. <https://cv.nmhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/5-15-2020-PHO.pdf>

- New Mexico's Phases of Reopening:

- New Mexico has a three phase plan for reopening that will guide when we are able to hold face to face events along with the requirements to do so.

- New Mexico requires all citizens wear masks in public places.
- Graduation is tentatively scheduled for Saturday July 18, 2020. This date is contingent upon Department of Health Orders.
- The venue has not been set because we do not know what the Department of Health orders will require. (25% capacity or if the amount will be increased by July)
- We may have to limit the number of family members attending.
- Perhaps we can stream the event.
- Face masks and other social distancing requirements could be required.
- Virtual ceremonies are a temporary option, which eliminate possible exposure. We would still plan a traditional ceremony at a later date.
- Jostens has tentatively scheduled the following dates to distribute graduation packages:

June 9 Santa Teresa High School

June 10 Gadsden High School

June 11 Chaparral High School

Students enrolled at Desert Pride Academy and Alta Vista Early College High School will receive their graduation packages with their home feeder high school.

- C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) Phase IA Orders. He stated the purpose of the Public Health Emergency Order is to amend restrictions on mass gatherings and business operations, which were implemented in response to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The New Mexico DOH defines “mass gathering” as any public gathering, private gathering, organized event, ceremony, or other grouping that brings together five (5) or more individuals in a single room or connected space, confined outdoor space or an open outdoor space. Superintendent Dempsey stated he will continue to offer opportunities and meet with senior families to plan for a traditional ceremony.
- D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Update on P-EBT Benefits. He said New Mexico families will receive more than \$97 million in additional food benefits. Also, New

Mexico households with children who receive free or reduced-price meals will receive benefits of \$5.70 per child, per day for the 70-day period from March 16, 2020 when public schools were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, through June 19, 2020. New Mexico households can receive Pandemic-EBT as well as continue to receive food distributions from their child's school site.

- E. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Training Planned for the Negotiation Process. He explained Article 26-“Negotiating Procedures” and is working with one of our attorneys to help design a training in order that all parties associated with negotiations will understand the process and be able to review and update forms.
- F. Mr. Cano congratulated the 4th grade class at Riverside Elementary for their 90% participation in the on-line learning.

Mrs. Rodriguez stated she virtually attended two “Coffees with the Principal” and was very glad to see parents participating. She thanked Superintendent Dempsey for the YouTube video regarding graduations. She thanked Mr. Carmona, Principal at Anthony Elementary, for the translation. She is pleased about the P-EBT which is very beneficial to our students and families. She congratulated Trevor Erramouspe, and his family, for his great accomplishments!

Mr. Castillo congratulated Trevor Erramouspe. He also advised everyone to stay safe and continue taking precautions.

Mrs. Flores congratulated the employees who received their service pins and those who are retiring. She congratulated the Class of 2020 and thanked them for all their achievements! She thanked the administrators and staff from Chaparral who donated the yard signs.

President Viramontes sends her sympathy and prayers to the Ross Family. She congratulated Riverside Elementary for getting a high attendance rate. She also congratulated all the high schools that have been posting pictures of their students who are graduating. She congratulated Trevor and his family, and Gadsden employees for receiving their years of service and retirees.

- 4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.

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| Approval of the Agenda | 5. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. Mrs. Flores moved to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for May 7, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Open Forum | 8. Open Forum: None |
| Action
CHS Bus Lane
Paving Project | 9. Action Items:
A. Mrs. Flores moved to approve the CHS Bus Lane Paving Project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Transportation
Contract For School
Year 2020-2021 | B. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the 2020-2021 Transportation Contract. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Personal Protective
Equipment
Regulations | C. Mrs. Flores moved to table item 9C, Personal Protective Equipment Regulations. Superintendent Dempsey recommended to table the item to add more language. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Approval Of
Preliminary 2020-
2021 Budget For
Submission To Public
Ed | D. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the Approval Of Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget For Submission To Public Ed. Superintendent recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Discussion
K-5+ | 10. Discussion Items:
A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the K-5+. He reported NMPED has ultimately decided to cancel K-5+ for summer of 2020. |
| RFP For The 5 Year
Facility Master Plan | B. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the RFP For The 5 Year Facility Master Plan. |
| Offering COVID-19
Testing for GISD
Employee | C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on Offering COVID-19 Testing for GISD Employees. He said that GISD is partnering with New Mexico Department of Health to offer GISD employees the opportunity to be tested for the COVID-19 virus. In order to offer this opportunity all school sites would close including meal distribution, custodial and maintenance services. He stated that we are working with the NMPED and USDA who would provide meals to families during this closure. |
| School Resource
Officer: Sunland
Park Police
Department | D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the School Resource Officer: Sunland Park Police Department. He stated that the Mayor and Chief of Sunland Park shared an interest in partnering with GISD for a school resource officer. The primary location would be Santa Teresa Middle School and |

elementary schools in the City of Sunland Park.

Adjourn

11. Mrs. Flores moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by Mary Lou Delgado