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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For August 13, 2020

Introduction
And Roll Call

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.

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 recited. Laura Salazar Flores read the mission statement.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent's District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Superintendent Dempsey introduced the New Mexico School Boards Association Student Achievement Award recipients: Guillermo Hernandez, Coordinator at Physical Plant Department; Irene Urquidi, Kinder Bilingual IA at Desert Trail Elementary; Janell Koesel, Teacher at Riverside Elementary; and Maria Hernandez, Principal at Chaparral Middle School.
 - B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Re-entry Update. He reported that we are currently utilizing the Google Classroom Platform for all students. We have distributed over 9,500 Chromebooks and over 3,100 mobile hot spots.
 - C. Given a choice, approximately half of our staff have chosen to work from their classrooms this week. We offered the same opportunity for our library staff as well as our instructional assistants. Our Student Nutrition Department is constantly working to ensure families receive nutritional meals. Our maintenance and custodial staff are working to ensure each classroom is disinfected and cleaned to the highest standard possible. GISD teachers have done an excellent job of planning virtual lessons and delivering them into our students' homes using the Google Classroom Platform. Every office staff has fielded hundreds of questions from parents and students and are helping to troubleshoot issues as they arise. Our Technology Department has done some tremendous work to ensure we can deliver quality on-line education. Also, our Nursing Service Department has become a model across the state to ensure we

are screening employees and taking all precautions necessary to safeguard the health and safety of our staff.

- D. Mr. Cano congratulated the NMSBA Achievement Award recipients and said they all make GISD proud!

Mrs. Rodriguez also congratulated the NMSBA Achievement Award recipients. She also noted that, regardless of the crisis we are going through, she is proud to hear everything being accomplished in Gadsden. She said she has been participating in several virtual meetings in Albuquerque and says we are ahead of the game. She expressed gratitude to the parents for being patient. She thanked all the essential workers for working hard. She wished the best to all students that will be attending the universities!

Mr. Castillo congratulated the NMSBA Achievement recipients. He welcomed everyone back to school.

Mrs. Flores congratulated the NMSBA Achievement Award recipients. She thanked the teachers and parents. She stated it takes a village to make things happen.

President Viramontes also congratulated the NMSBA Achievement Award recipients. She said she attended an Athletic Council meeting. She added, if anyone wants to log-on the LES meeting on August 24th-26th in Santa Fe to see what's happening with the education study committee and important that our voices be heard. She told the board members that Resolutions are due for the next board meeting if anyone is interested in putting forth resolutions onto the agenda for the next legislative session. She reported she attended the NALEO Conference on-line. She announced that the big word she would like for us to think of is "Patience!"

- 4. The personnel report is included for the Board's information with no action required.
Personnel Report
- 5. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Approval of the Agenda
- 6. Mrs. Flores moved to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for July 23, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
School Board Minutes
- 7. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Consent Agenda

- Open Forum
- Action
Consideration of And
Approval of a
Resolution
Determining the
Necessity for Lease-
Purchase of Education
Technology
Equipment
- City of Sunland Park
Liquor License
- Open Meetings Act
Resolution
- San Miguel
Elementary Project
- Modification Of
2020-2021 Salary
Schedules
- Discussion
Policies GCH, GDH,
IJNDB, JICD, JICD-
R, JICD-E, JK, JK-R
SB288, Safe Schools
- JE-Student
Attendance
Supplement and JE-R
Supplemental
Regulation
- June 30, 2020 Year
End Financial Report
8. Open Forum: Michelle Rincon and Alexis Becerra spoke on behalf of the Unified Prevention Coalition for Doña Ana County about concerns with the City of Sunland Park Liquor License request.
9. Action Items:
- A. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the Consideration of And Approval of a Resolution Determining the Necessity for Lease-Purchase of Education Technology Equipment. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the City of Sunland Park Liquor License. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Mrs. Rodriguez moved to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the San Miguel Elementary Project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Mr. Castillo moved to approve the Modification Of 2020-2021 Salary Schedules. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Discussion Items:
- A. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the Policies GCH, GDH, IJNDB, JICD, JICD-R, JICD-E, JK, JK-R SB288, Safe Schools Replacing ACAA, ACAA-EA, AND ACAA-EB.
- B. Mrs. Lindau presented information on the JE-Student Attendance Supplement and JE-R Supplemental Regulation.
- C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the June 30, 2020 Year End Financial Report.

Closed Session

11. Closed Session

Mr. Castillo moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 10-15-1, H-2, NMSA 1978 for Superintendent's and Associate Superintendent's report on recent personnel actions and issues such as: employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, and employee issues, and Superintendent's evaluation. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes all voted "aye". Motion carried unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Reconvene

12. Mr. Castillo moved to reconvene in open session. No action was taken during closed session. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:53 p.m.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Castillo moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado