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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

For November 12, 2020

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. President Viramontes presided at the meeting held virtually at the Gadsden Administrative Complex.

Introduction
And Roll Call

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.
- 3. Superintendent District Updates and Recognitions:
 - A. The Superintendent opened the meeting by having Principal Wohlgemuth of Santa Teresa High School present kind words of remembrance for a former teacher and coach of the GISD family who recently passed away: Mr. Charlie Brown. Superintendent Dempsey continued with an update to the board on the Continuous Learning Plan. The update included information from our nursing department, testing, and student nutrition program provided by the respective directors. Also included was update information on COVID, testing plan, meals distribution, and spring 2021.
 - B. Student Representative, Gloria Hernandez, a senior from Chaparral High School, reported that the student body conducted homecoming activities virtually and had incentives for those who participated. She also noted that, Karen Nouges, Athletic Director recently started student leadership for sports. She stated it is a good source for creating communication for athletes that have questions concerning their uncertainty for athletics in the spring. Gloria stated she is filling out applications for scholarships and has suggested creating a college prep class to help fill out scholarship applications and write essays.
 - C. Mr. Cano thanked everyone for all the condolences. He gave a big thank you to Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Hernandez, and Mrs.Navarro at Riverside Elementary for the support and gift bag.He also gave his condolences to the Brown family. He thanked

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Creegan for the update on COVID-19. He also gave a thank your to Mrs. Guerra and her staff for continuing the meals distributions.

Mrs. Rodriguez also gave her condolences to the Brown family. She thanked Gloria Hernandez for the update at Chaparral High School. She stated she attended the Southern New Mexico Equity Forum this past Tuesday and is excited to see former students virtually attend. She thanked all of the Gadsden community for patience.

Mr. Castillo gave his condolences to the Brown family. He asked everyone to take all precaution necessary to keep safe.

Mrs. Flores also gave her condolences to the Brown family. She thanked the Chaparral administrators and committee for hosting virtual homecoming activities. She stated she attended the Audit Exit Meeting with Mr. Castillo and the Southern New Mexico Equity Forum with Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Viramontes. She suggested to mentor students in filling out scholarship applications and essays.

Mrs. Viramontes stated she attended the Southern New Mexico Equity Forum. She thanked Mrs. Creegan and her staff for keeping Gadsden on task. She thanked the cafeteria staff for continuing the meal distribution. She thanked Mrs. Hernandez for the student report.

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.

School Board Minutes

6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for October 22, 2020. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Open Forum
- 7. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Open Forum: Michelle Rincon, Specialist for the Unified Prevention Coalition, addressed the board to request support for the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention Program which is a program

of The Center for Health Innovation.

Action

Change To Regulation JE-RB Student Attendance Team 9. Action Items:

A. Mr. Castillo made the motion to approve the Change To Regulation JE-RB Student Attendance Team.

Discussion Transportation Contract for School Year 2020-2021 10. Discussion Items:

A. Mr. Holguin presented information on the Transportation Contract for School Year 2020-2021.

Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended September 30, 2020 B. Mrs. Villarreal presented information on the Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended September 30, 2020.

Closed Session

11. Closed Session

Mr. Castillo made the motion 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: meet with legal counsel to discuss threatened litigation as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act discussion pursuant to confidential union strategy as permitted under Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, employee issues, and Superintendent's midyear review. 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 6:40 p.m.

Reconvene

12. Mr. Cano made a motion 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 8:50 p.m.

Adjourn

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13. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion.
Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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SUBMITTED BY:	APPROVED BY:
Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary	Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado