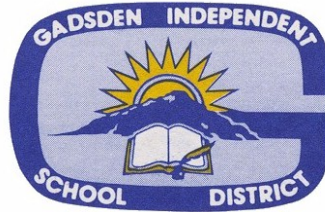


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For February 25, 2021

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:07 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, Claudia Rodriguez, and Jennifer Viramontes.

Member Laura Salazar Flores arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was led by Mykael Moussa Montoya, 5th grader from Loma Linda Elementary. National Anthem was performed by Samantha Vargas. Armando Cano read the mission statement.

Superintendent's
Report

3. Superintendent District Updates and Recognitions:
 - A. Mr. Cardona, Principal at Loma Linda Elementary School, introduced Mrs. Carnevale, Assistant Principal. Mrs. Carnevale introduced the students who presented a virtual video presentation. The video highlights students: Gabriella Flores performed a poem "When I Think About Myself"; David Vargas also performed a poem "Me Times Two"; and Xitlali Payan, David Vargas, Samantha Vargas, and Mr. Perkins sang to "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley.
 - B. Mr. Leyva, Director of Bilingual, presented the Bilingual Program Recognition. Mr. Leyva recognized the following schools for their Recognition and Excellence for GISD Bilingual and Multicultural Educations Programs: Loma Linda Elementary, Sunland Park Elementary, Chaparral Middle School, and Gadsden Middle School.
 - C. VFW Essay Contest Recognition will be brought back to next board meeting for recognition.
 - D. Student Representative-Samuel Ortiz, a sophomore from Santa Teresa High School, reported that he is a member of the STHS Soccer Team, Engineering Program, and serves on the Student District Leadership Committee. He reported that last week they finished their virtual picture day and to give the opportunity to ask students to be included in the yearbook. NJROTC and Law

Enforcement is getting ready to participate in the virtual competition. Varsity fall sports are preparing to compete this spring. Class registration has begun. Next year STHS will offer three more courses: Wild Life Science, Housing and Interior Design, and Drafting for Civil and Instructional Engineer. Cyber Security will be added to the Computer Science Pathway as well as Commercial Art will be added to the Digital Design and Graphics Pathway. Theater will also get a new course and AP Chemistry will be making a come back. Finally, on March 15th STHS will be virtually hosting an alumni expo with different panels. Each day will be dedicated to a different career pathway. There are more than 30 graduates participating in the expo.

- E. Mr. Cano thanked Desert View Elementary, Riverside Elementary, and Sunland Park Elementary for hosting the Coffee with the Principal. He said we have excellent plans for the reentry plan and is excited to come back with some normality. He thanked Mr. Wohlgemuth Mrs. Creegan, and Mr. Gallegos for the Santa Teresa POD vaccine. He thanked the schools that were recognized for the Bilingual Program. He congratulated the VFW Essay contestants. He thanked Samuel Ortiz for the update on Santa Teresa High School. Lastly, he thanked all the teachers for making the effort in preparing for the students return.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Loma Linda Elementary for the video presentation. She stated she attended Coffee with the Principal at Vado Elementary, Mesquite Elementary and Gadsden Middle and is excited to hear that the schools are collaborating together. She encourages parents to participate in the Coffee with the Principal because it is very informative. She thanked the nursing department for their hard work.

Mr. Castillo congratulated the schools that were recognized for the Bilingual Program. He thanked Loma Linda Elementary for their presentation. He also thanked Samuel Ortiz for his presentation.

Mrs. Flores thanked the teachers and staff for preparing our campuses as students come back. She gave a big shout out to the Special Education teachers. She congratulated Robbie Larriva for her position as an assistant principal at Chaparral Middle School. She also congratulated Samuel Ortiz for his presentation.

President Viramontes also thanked Loma Linda Elementary for their presentation. She thanked the schools that were recognized for the Bilingual Award. She congratulated the VFW Essay contestants. She stated Santa Teresa Elementary is working on a

Pilot Program along with Gadsden Middle School, Sunrise Elementary, and Gadsden Elementary she looks forward in following how it works and what they do. She stated she attended Coffee with the Principal.

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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 accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mr. Cano 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: Dolores Nañez addressed to the board the review of AFT/GFT survey. |
| Action | 9. Action Items: None |
| Discussion
NMSBA Student
Achievement Award
Nominations | 10. Discussion Items:
A. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the NMSBA Student Achievement Award Nominations. |
| COVID Leave
Option: GISD
Regulation | B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the COVID Leave Option: GISD Regulation. He explained further that this would provide GISD employees 10 days for workplace exposure related quarantine. |
| Graduation
Presentation: Class of
2021 | C. Mrs. Hernandez presented information on the Graduation Presentation: Class of 2021. She stated that planning is both a traditional ceremony as well as an alternative ceremony. |
| Transition Update | D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Transition Update. He provided an update on the transition plan to offering a hybrid option for our students. |
| Annual Audit Report
For The Fiscal Year
Ended June 30, 2020 | E. Bobby Cordova, Cordova CPAs, LLC, presented information on the Annual Audit Report For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020. |
| Quarterly Budget
Report For The
Month Ended
December 31, 2020 | F. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended December 31, 2020. |

Adjourn

11. Mr. Castillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion.
Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board Secretary

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado