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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
*For May 27, 2021*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:00 p.m. President Salazar Flores 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 was recited. Jennifer Viramontes read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Mrs. Lovelace, Principal at Santa Teresa Middle School, recognized Emma Nicole Fernandez, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at STMS, who won first place in the Music International Gran Prix competition. She also placed first in the Youth Popular Category competition.
  - B. Mrs. Avila, Principal at Chaparral Middle School, introduced Mrs. Rina Viramontes, sponsor for MESA Robotics Team. The Robotics Team won the state championship in MESA Day in a virtual format. Team 3 made their way up to 19<sup>th</sup> place on the overall score, Team 2 earned third place on the Prepared Design and fourth place Overall, and Team 1 won first place on Prepared Design and second place Overall. Team 1 will be representing the state of New Mexico in the MESA USA nationals engineering competition in June.
  - C. Mr. Leyva, Director of Bilingual, presented information on the NM Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy. Thirty-four students from Alta Vista Early College HS, Chaparral HS, Gadsden HS and Santa Teresa HS were recognized for receiving the New Mexico Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy this school year. This award given by the NM Education Department attests that these students are proficient in Spanish or French in addition to English.

- D. Mrs. De La Garza, Principal for Alta Vista Early College High School, introduced Jazlyn Montiel selected for the Daniels Fund Scholarship Award and Claudia Trevino selected for the Gates Scholarship. Mr. Giron, Principal for Gadsden High School, introduced Juan Ernesto Diaz selected for the Daniels Fund Scholarship Award. Mrs. Lopez, Principal for Chaparral High School, introduced the First American Bank Scholarships Recipients: Alva Gervel, Luis Burciaga, Cain Devora, Beatriz Flores, Gloria Hernandez, Erick Lopez, Andrea Marquez, Candy Nuñez, Sarah Ray, and Ana Terrazas.
- E. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, gave a final graduation update. She stated all rehearsals have taken place, tickets have been distributed to seniors, a photographer will be taking pictures at each ceremony, and parents and students have been informed of UTEP requirements.
- F. Mrs. Viramontes stated that this is her favorite time of year to recognize all the wonderful things our students have done and also get to thank the teachers, staff, and administrators for their hard work during this difficult year. She thanked Emma Nicole Fernandez. She also thanked Mrs. Rina Viramontes and the Robotics Team. She congratulated all the scholarship recipients. She stated she looks forward in attending all the graduation ceremonies. She stated she attended the Eight Grade Promotion Ceremony at Santa Teresa Middle School and Sixth Grade Promotion Ceremony at Santa Teresa Elementary.

Mr. Castillo dittoed what Mrs. Viramontes reported. He stated he is always amazed to see the CMS Robotics Team and how they represent themselves. He congratulated Emma Nicole Fernandez. He also congratulated the NM Seal of Bilingualism recipients for this amazing award and the scholarship recipients. He stated he's looking forward to attending the graduation ceremonies.

President Flores congratulated the Class of 2021. She thanked the GISD employees for their hard work.

Mrs. Rodriguez congratulated Emma Nicole Fernandez for the wonderful song. She congratulated the Robotics Team at Chaparral Middle School. She stated she is always amazed to see the CMS Robotics Team strive. She congratulated the recipients for the NM Seal of Bilingualism. She stated it has been a challenging year for everyone and thanks everyone for their dedication and time through this chaotic year. She commends the seniors for advocating in decorating their graduation caps.

Mr. Cano dittoed on what his colleagues have reported. He stated despite of the challenging year, everyone rose to the occasion. He stated he's looking forward to the graduation ceremonies.

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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. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the Regular School Board Minutes for May 13, 2021. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Consent Agenda  | 7. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Open Forum  | 8. Open Forum: None   |
| Action<br>Transportation<br>Contract for School<br>Year 2021-2022 | 9. Action Items:<br>A. Mrs. Viramontes made the motion to approve the Transportation Contract for School Year 2021-2022. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| Discussion<br>CES Strategic<br>Planning Presentation<br>for GISD  | 10. Discussion Items:<br>A. David Chavez, Executive Director for CES, presented a proposal plan for the district that will include pre-planning process, community needs assessment, creation of a strategic plan and a board retreat all of which would create a new/revised strategic plan for the district.  |
| Collective Bargaining<br>Agreement                                | B. Dr. Browder presented information on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.  |
| Online Student<br>Qualifications School<br>Year 2021-22           | C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the Online Student Qualifications School Year 2021-22. Superintendent Dempsey stated as NMPED requested that all school districts maintain an online option for the upcoming school year. It would establish the criteria to determine if a student can be successful on this platform using the previous year's data in terms of grades, attendance rate and participation. |
| Monthly Budget<br>Report For The<br>Month Ended April<br>30, 2021 | D. Mrs. Villarreal presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended April 30, 2021.   |

Quarterly Budget  
Report For The  
Month Ended March  
31, 2021

E. Mrs. Villarreal presented information on the Quarterly Budget Report For The Month Ended March 31, 2021.

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 issue such as: employees on administrative leave with pay, employee grievances, and employee issues. 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 7:45 p.m.

Reconvene

12. Mrs. Viramontes 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 9:04 p.m.

Adjourn

13. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado