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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
*For August 26, 2021*

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:03 p.m. President Salazar Flores asked Vice President Daniel Castillo to preside the meeting held at the Santa Teresa Middle School Cafeteria.

Introduction  
And Roll Call

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Claudia Rodriguez, Laura Salazar Flores, and Jennifer Viramontes

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was led by Principal Rosa Lovelace and Diego Sandoval. The National Anthem was sung by Emma Nicole Fernandez. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Mr. Snoddy, Executive Director for Technology, presented information on the Gadsden Fiber Network Project. He presented a review of the most recent information on the district's network on why do Gadsden students need reliable internet, the importance of internet, few internet options for Gadsden families, how Gadsden ISD can support internet connectivity, and benefits.
  - B. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, presented information on the Proficiency Grading Scale with assistance from Mr. Nicholas Wohlgemuth, Director for Secondary Schools, and Mr. Jed Duggan, Director for MLSS. A review of the most recent information including: Why the change, New Approaches to Data, Pathway to Change, Challenges Encountered, Points to Remember, Transition to Proficiency Scale, Steps to Address Grading Inconsistencies, GAC Attempts to target responses, Positive Outcomes, and Next Steps.
  - C. Student Representative-Erika Chen, a senior from Santa Teresa High School, reported that with the new administration they have been working diligently on implementing certain standards and practices into the student body, ranging from minimizing student tardiness, building relationships with students and teachers, enforcing COVID safety procedures, as well as taking

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a step back and figuring out how to turn STHS from a good to a great school. She stated in attempt to do so, administration has been more focused on communication with the community and seeing what could be done to not only improve the school environment, but anywhere else that students coexist within a community. Whether it be blood drives, to club community service plans, to simply providing outreach to families who have been affected by the recent weather, having that bridge between home and school could provide the positive support that had been lacking in the past few months. She stated luckily, they have been able to return to a sense of normalcy thanks to the recent school events such as sports games and tournaments being played, the NHS induction ceremony being planned, and other student activities such as homecoming and senior event planning are already underway. Lastly, she stated that the last 18 months have been a good learning period for why they shouldn't take "normal" things for granted, and for that she is happy to be here.

- D. Mr. Cano thanked the administrators for enforcing face masks. He thanked Emma Fernandez for the entertainment and stated she has a beautiful voice.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the administrators for hosting Coffee with the Principal and Superintendent Dempsey for hosting Coffee with the Superintendent and Weekly Wrap Session. She stated she attended the games and was delighted to see students.

Mrs. Viramontes thanked Santa Teresa Middle School for hosting the board meeting. She stated it is exciting to see entertainment back at school. Santa Teresa Middle School won their volleyball game this past Saturday. She also watched other sports virtually. Santa Teresa Elementary School hosted a blood drive. She thanked the social workers, counselors, and POA's for their assistance in La Union community distributing supplies.

Mr. Castillo thanked Mrs. Lovelace and staff for their hospitality.

President Flores had nothing to report.

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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. Mrs. Viramontes made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes   | 6. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 Regular School Board Minutes. Superintendent Dempsey   |

- recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Consent Agenda 7. None
- Open Forum 8. Open Forum: Eliha Hernandez sent in his letter to address to the board.
- Action 9. Action Items: None
- Discussion  
Student Attendance:  
New Mexico  
Statutory  
Requirements 10. Discussion Items:  
A. Mrs. Villalobos presented information on the Student Attendance: New Mexico Statutory Requirements. She presented a review of New Mexico statute associated with student attendance: New Mexico's Attendance for Success Act.
- COVID Response:  
Mitigation Plan B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the COVID Response: Mitigation Plan.
- Monthly Budget  
Report For The  
Month Ended July 31,  
2021 C. Mrs. Martinez presented information on the Monthly Budget Report For The Month Ended July 31, 2021.
- Adjourn 11. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 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