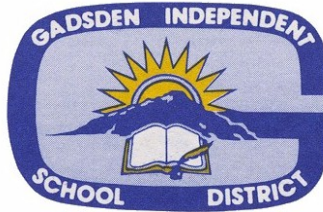


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
For September 23, 2021

Introduction
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:02 p.m. President Salazar Flores presided at the meeting held at the Sunrise Elementary Cafeteria.

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

2. Alicia Gomez, Art Teacher at Sunrise Elementary was recognized as the Teacher Spotlight.

Pledge &
Mission Statement

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag were recited by the Sunrise Performers. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Moment of Silence for Mr. Seay, former Principal at Chaparral Elementary.

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
 - A. Mrs. Villalobos, Director for Federal Support Services, presented information on the American Rescue Plan. The American Rescue Plan is a federal legislation provided to public schools to support recovery efforts from the COVID pandemic. Mrs. Villalobos presentation included items identified by community stakeholders and how allocations are assigned to specific proposals.
 - B. Mr. Duggan, Director for MLSS, presented information on the Beginning of the Year Benchmark Data. He presented student results from the recent Interium Assessment Data.
 - C. Student Representative-Yadira Estrada, a senior from Chaparral High School, reported that they had homecoming two weeks ago. They had a kickball games, seniors vs. teachers. The dance was held on Friday and went well. There is a football game today against Silver City. Students are excited to support the teams. The junior class are fundraising for senior prom and are doing amazing. She gave a thank you to Principal Williams

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for allowing Sunrise Elementary to partner with National Honor Society. She stated Chaparral High School has offered a new engineering pathway. The Business Professionals of America have held meetings and are preparing to compete for state. Future, Career and Community Leaders of America are also holding meetings after school. The SAT is coming up in October. Josten's came by on Wednesday for senior cap and gown orders. The seniors are applying for scholarships.

- D. Mrs. Viramontes thanked Principal Williams and staff for a wonderful luncheon and entertainment. She congratulated Mrs. Gomez being recognized as the Teachers Spotlight. She stated she attended Coffee with the Superintendent at Sunland Park Elementary. Santa Teresa High School has an athlete nominated Player of the Week along with Gadsden High School in the Las Cruces Sun News. She made aware to parents the vandalism of a TikTok Challenge that is happening at schools.

Mr. Castillo thanked Principal Williams for the hospitality. He congratulated Mesquite Elementary School for being recognized as the National Blue Ribbon School. He also congratulated Mrs. Gomez for her recognition as the Teachers Spotlight. He thanked Superintendent Dempsey for putting up with the board and sticking it out for another three years.

Mr. Cano thanked the Sunrise Performers for the entertainment. He also thanked Mrs. Gomez. He congratulated Mesquite Elementary School.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Principal Williams for hosting the board meeting. She congratulated Mrs. Gomez. She stated she loved to see the students perform with instruments using pots, pans, and bins. She thanked Principal Giron at Gadsden High School for sending out a message on YouTube bringing awareness of the vandalism TikTok Challenge. She congratulated Mesquite Elementary School. She stated in order to want a positive change we all need to collaborate as parents, students, the community, and schools.

President Flores thanked Principal Williams and Assistant Principal Leal for the hospitality. She encourages parents to attend Coffee with the Principal and Coffee with the Superintendent for information. She requested for Superintendent Dempsey to clarify to parents the process of the chain of command. She gave a shout out to Principal Duque, Principal Lopez, and Principal Avila for collaborating together to host the Coffee with the Principals. She stated that she will be traveling to Albuquerque to attend CMS MESA Reception Award. She congratulated Mrs. Gomez.

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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 accept the agenda as presented. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| School Board Minutes | 6. Mr. Cano made a motion to accept the Special School Board Minutes for September 9, 2021 and the Regular School Board Minutes for September 16, 2021. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda | 7. Mrs. Rodriguez 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: Lucinda Ochoa addressed to the board members the New Grading Method. |
| Action | 9. Action Items:
A. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Employee Compensation Enhancement. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Discussion
Construction Projects Update

RFP#s: 21-22-67 (GMS) and 21-22-68 (CMS)

GISD Policy JICA-R: Mask Requirements

NMSBA Resolution: Unfunded Mandate | 10. Discussion Items:
A. Mr. Gallegos presented information on the Construction Projects Update.
B. Mrs. Vela presented information on the RFP#s: 21-22-67 (GMS) and 21-22-68 (CMS).

C. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the GISD Policy JICA-R: Mask Requirements.
D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the NMSBA Resolution: Unfunded Mandate. He explained further that currently requirements from the NM PED are requiring students participating in school sponsored activities during trips that require overnight travel do not allow vaccinated students and unvaccinated students to share rooms. This creates multiple issues for students and their families. The rules require that unvaccinated students have their own room accommodations and due to liability associated with students in a hotel room alone, we are requiring a parent/guardian to stay in the room with the student. Unvaccinated students and their parents would be responsible for the cost of hotel accommodations. |

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 8:19 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Secretary

Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado