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## **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

*For January 27, 2022*

Introduction  
And Roll Call

1. The Gadsden School Board convened in regular session at 5:05 p.m. President Salazar Flores presided at the meeting held at the Chaparral High School Cafeteria.

Members present: Armando Cano, Daniel Castillo, Laura Salazar Flores, Arlean Murillo, and Claudia Rodriguez.

Pledge &  
Mission Statement

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the New Mexico flag was led by Yadira Estrada. Claudia Rodriguez read the mission statement.

Superintendent's  
Report

3. Superintendent District updates and recognitions:
  - A. Superintendent Dempsey recognized the five board members for their service as January is National Board Member Appreciation month and presented a jacket to each of them.
  - B. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the COVID Update. He presented a review of the most recent information available including: Remote Learning, New Mexico's "STAF" Project, Positivity Rate, Pandemic-EBT Benefit, and Test to Stay & Employee Surveillance Testing.
  - C. Mrs. Avila, Principal for Chaparral Middle School, gave a moment of silence for Elvira Montes, an Instructional Assistant for the SPED Unit, who passed away on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Avila introduced Mrs. Patricia Garcia, teacher for the SPED Unit. She shared a few words on how Mrs. Montes impacted the lives of SPED students.
  - D. Mr. Wohlgemuth, Director for Secondary Schools, presented information on the Virtual Learning Platforms. He presented a review of the Future Opportunities for SY 2021-2022, Access to Expanded Course Opportunities, Future Opportunities for SY 2022-2023, and Additional Opportunities. Mr. Randal Rapanut, Director for Special Education, presented a review of the Virtual SPED Services SY 2021-2022.
  - E. Student Representative-Yadira Estrada, a senior from Chaparral High School, reported that Chaparral High School is the only high school in the district to be implementing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Grant. She stated the following clubs available after school are Civic Engagement, Night School, Zumba, Fitness Club, Mentorship Program, Garden/Horticulture Club. Also, Garden Club will be partnering with La Semilla to design a campus community garden. Civic Engagement had a game night and has another one coming up in February. Garden Club will be hosting a dinner and a movie night for Valentine's Day. Chaparral High School will be kicking off the start of testing season with a pep rally. The junior/senior prom will be on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They also plan to have a campus wide Mental Health Day. The Business Professional of America and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America have upcoming competitions in February. She stated that over the holidays, NHS and Student Council collected and donated toys and food cans to shelters in Las Cruces. The cheerleaders placed in their NMSU competition. Wrestling boys and girl basketball are doing great. Track and Field, baseball, and softball season will be starting in February.

- F. Mrs. Murillo congratulated Mr. David Ubinger for being selected as the Golden Apple Award Recipient. She stated she will be attending the NMSBA Board Member Institute including attending the legislative sessions next week. She also stated that this past Saturday she attended the Board Workshop for the GISD Strategic Plan and was very informative.

Mr. Cano gave his condolences to the Montes family. He also stated that he attended the Board Workshop on Saturday. He stated that unfortunately he will not be attending the NMSBA Board Member Institute.

Mr. Castillo thanked Principal Lopez for her hospitality. He thanked the Media Group for the set up and taking pride in what they do. He also thanked the Culinary Arts Program for the meal. He also stated that he attended the Board Workshop and to receive good basic learning. He is looking forward to attend the NMSBA Board Member Institute.

Mrs. Rodriguez thanked Principal Lopez for hosting the board meeting. She also gave her condolences to the Montes family. She stated that she also attended the Board Workshop and there are great things coming forward. She encourages parents to participate in the Coffee with the Principal, Coffee with the Superintendent, and the district website pertaining to your school.

President Flores thanked Principal Lopez and Culinary Arts for their hospitality. She also gave her condolences to the Montes family. She also stated that she attended the Board Workshop and was very productive. She thanked Superintendent Dempsey

and the leadership team for their hard work on presenting on the Strategic Plan. She stated the legislative session has started in Santa Fe and encourages everyone to stay updated with your local state representatives.

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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 January 13, 2022. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Consent Agenda                                      | 7. Mr. Castillo 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: Aaron Wolfley addressed to the board about the face masks. Nancy Castro addressed to the board about expense for student travel expense.                                 |
| Action<br>Gadsden ISD<br>Strategic Plan             | 9. Action Items:<br>A. Mrs. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Gadsden ISD Strategic Plan. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.   |
| SPED Portable<br>Remodeling &<br>Relocation Project | B. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the SPED Portable Remodeling & Relocation Project. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.      |
| Banking Resolution                                  | C. Mr. Castillo made a motion to approve the Banking Resolution. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.                                 |

Discussion  
Reschedule April 7,  
2022 Regular Board  
Meeting

Facilities Master Plan  
Addendum 1

GISD Policy IJJ-IJJ-R  
Textbook Adoption

GISD Policy IKC  
Class Ranking and  
GPA Calculation

Adjourn

10. Discussion Items:

- A. Superintendent Dempsey informed the board that the NMASBO will be hosting the Spring Budget Workshop April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending and suggested to reschedule April 7<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting to Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Mr. Gallegos, Executive Director for Energy Management & Construction, presented information on the Facilities Master Plan Addendum 1.
- C. Mrs. Hernandez, Chief Academic Officer, presented information on the GISD Policy IJJ/IJJ-R Textbook Adoption.
- D. Superintendent Dempsey presented information on the GISD Policy IKC Class Ranking and GPA Calculation.

11. Mr. Cano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Dempsey recommended approval of the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Claudia Rodriguez, School Board Secretary

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Laura Salazar Flores, School Board President

Minutes taken by MaryLou Delgado