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# D60 board president is making the grade

Peers talk about how she's highly regarded on national, state levels

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There were high words of praise from the board of education of Pueblo City Schools (D60) for one of its own during Tuesday's regular meeting.

As part of the board comments sector of the agenda, members heralded the work and commitment of Board President Phyllis Sanchez.

Superintendent Charlotte Macaluso started the congratulatory ball rolling.

Having recently returned from her first Colorado Association of School Boards conference, Macaluso expressed appreciation to Sanchez for completing a five-year term as Region 6 representative on the CASB board.

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"It's very evident to me that she not only lends her leadership on the national level through NALEO (National Association of Latino Elected Officials), but she is very highly regarded and respected.

"And we appreciate her leadership in representing our district and working on behalf of the kids in our district."

Having attended the NALEO national conference, board member Bobby Gonzales said he also wanted to recognize Sanchez.

"I just have to say this, because I was in awe: At the national level, Mrs. Sanchez is held in high regard. I was really impressed.

"It was quite an experience to have a board president that is highly respected and thought of on the national level."

At the CASB event, Gonzales said he learned that "again, she is held in high regard, representing Pueblo and our district and all of us. I just want to recognize you for that," he told Sanchez.

"I'm very proud of you and I just wish the community could see what the state and national levels see in you."

"Without being redundant," board member Frank Latino continued, "I've observed Mrs. Sanchez in many different arenas. And she's always carried herself with poise, being proud to be a representative of this school district.

"And I observed that



Phyllis Sanchez

at the national school board conference in Boston and at the state level. Mrs. Sanchez has provided great leadership to me since I've been elected to this board."

As vice president of the board, Patricia Milner said she feels much the same as her colleagues.

"When I came on the board, Mrs. Sanchez was very encouraging to me about being engaged in CASB and going to professional development.

"And that was not something that everyone on the board was engaged in at the time. And I'm so glad to see that now we have developed a culture of this engagement and professional development among the board."

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