

# Ganado Unified School District No.20

Our Vision is to be a professional learning community that focuses on all students exceeding educational expectations.



Our Mission is to ensure all students a quality education and strengthen Diné cultural values for life long learning.

## Minutes of Public Meeting Of the Governing Board of the Ganado Unified School District No. 20 September 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. – District Board Room, Ganado, Arizona

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Marcarlo Roanhorse, Board President called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Judy James was present in person; Wanda Begay was present by zoom; Teresa Gorman was present by zoom; Marcarlo Roanhorse was present in person.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Discussion, and Possible Action to Approve the Agenda.** Mrs. Teresa Gorman made a motion to approve the agenda, as is, second by Mrs. Wanda Begay.  
*Voice Vote: Ms. James – Aye; Mrs. Begay – Aye; Mrs. Gorman – Aye; Mr. Roanhorse – Aye;*  
*Motion Carries: 4, 0, 0*
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Roanhorse asked if there are any notices from the parents of either student if they are going to join the board this evening. Leandra Thomas, Acting Superintendent stated that she did not receive any phone calls or emails after the letters were delivered. Mr. Roanhorse stated that there was no notice or indication that the parents will be present at this meeting. Mr. Roanhorse stated that there is an unknown number ending in 6046 that he asked to identify themselves to ensure that it is not a parent or representative of one of the students being discussed at this meeting. The person on that line indicated that she is an employee of the district and just listening in.

Mrs. Teresa Gorman motioned to enter into executive session, second by Mrs. Wanda Begay. Entered into executive session at 5:23 p.m.  
*Voice Vote: Ms. James – Aye; Mrs. Begay – Aye; Mrs. Gorman – Aye; Mr. Roanhorse – Aye;*  
*Motion Carries: 4, 0, 0*

*Mrs. Begay disconnected from the meeting at 7:59 p.m.*

Mrs. Teresa Gorman motioned to exit executive session, second by Ms. Judy James. Exited executive session at 8:32 p.m.  
*Voice Vote: Ms. James – Aye; Mrs. Gorman – Aye; Mr. Roanhorse – Aye;*  
*Motion Carries: 3, 0, 0*

Nathan Schott with Horstman, Mongini, Parnell and Tucker, PC provided a synopsis of what transpired in the executive session. He stated that the board went into executive session on two student disciplinary items, both items were discussed in executive session where the board received legal advice on processes and procedures in the statutes that govern student expulsion in student disciplinary matters A.R.S. 15-840; 841 and 843. The board reviewed the district policy JKE which is the expulsion policy. The board engaged in a lengthy discussion and the merits of imposing expulsions and/or some minor disciplinary actions. The decision is now before the governing board on the action they want to take. He stated that they have three options: 1) accept the administration's recommendation to expel both students; 2) the board can impose a lesser disciplinary action as it sees fit; 3) the board can direct the administration to conduct another due process hearing if they feel that a due process was not afforded to the students under certain circumstance. He requests that the board make a motion as specific as possible if they will impose a lesser disciplinary action.

- A. **\*Discussion and possible action regarding student disciplinary matter for high school student I.K. \*Possible executive session per A.R.S. §§ 15-843 and 38-431.03(A)(3) Advice from legal counsel.** Mr. Marcarlo Roanhorse motions to take the administration's recommendation for the expulsion of high school student, I.K. Motion fails due to no second to the main motion. Mrs. Teresa Gorman made an alternative motion to place the student on a long-term suspension for the rest of the school year with a provision that the student enrolls in a counseling program, including that the student gets involved in 50-hour community service that is verified and in a positive environment. Ms. Judy James seconds the motion. Mr. Roanhorse stated that he is concerned because the board has to consider the safety of the students, staff, and the district. Mr. Schott stated that he is not exactly positive on what counseling services is available and what programs are available so without specific reference to a particular program it may be difficult to determine

under what circumstances that counseling is adequate for re-enrollment so he would recommend to keep the counseling part fairly vague and recommend that the student seek counseling with the condition that community service is verified for 50 hours. Ms. James clarified that with the understanding that the long-term suspension is for the safety of the other students, staff, and school district. She stated that she commends her colleagues for being here to hear the student disciplinary matter. Mr. Roanhorse stated that he cannot support this based on the evidence that was reviewed, for the safety of the staff and students, he will not support the motion.

**Voice Vote:** Ms. James – Aye; Mrs. Gorman – Aye; Mr. Roanhorse – Nay;

**Motion Carries:** 2, 1, 0

- B. **\*Discussion and possible action regarding student disciplinary matter for high school student E.W. \*Possible executive session per A.R.S. §§15-843 and 38-431.03(A)(3) Advice from legal counsel.** Mr. Marcarlo Roanhorse motions to take the administration's recommendation for the expulsion of high school student, E.W. Motion fails due to no second to the main motion. Mrs. Teresa Gorman made an alternative motion to place the student on a long-term suspension for the rest of the school year with a provision that the student enrolls in a counseling program, including that the student gets involved in 50-hour community service that is verified and in a positive environment.

**Voice Vote:** Ms. James – Aye; Mrs. Gorman – Aye; Mr. Roanhorse – Nay;

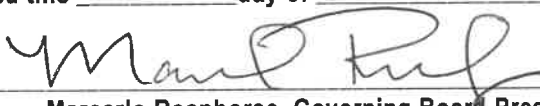
**Motion Carries:** 2, 1, 0

- V. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Teresa Gorman motions to adjourn, second by Ms. Judy James. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. by acclamation.

**Voice Vote:** ALL – Aye;

**Motion Carries:** 3, 0, 0

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Kanuho, Superintendent Secretary.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022  
  
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Marcarlo Roanhorse, Governing Board President