

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING GOVERNING BOARD  
GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE**

The special meeting of Gustine Unified School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 16, 2015. The meeting was held in the Board Room, 1500 Meredith Avenue, Gustine, California.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Pat Rocha.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Pat Rocha, Board President, Mrs. Crickett Brinkman, Mrs. Loretta Rose, Mrs. Linetta Borrelli, Mr. Ernie Longoria.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Rose made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mrs. Borrelli.

Motion carried, 5-0

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

The public expressed that we should not give up without a fight. We need to fight and keep our name. We need to gather signatures, do a petition, we need to get people on our side. Dr. Petrone hopes that the study session helps to understand how to follow the law and make sure that Gustine High School stays in compliance with the law.

GHS Students expressed that they don't want to lose the name or mascot. They expressed that since they were little they were excited to be called a Redskin, and they felt sad that their siblings won't have that opportunity. The Mayor of Chowchilla expressed his support and said we should fight this together. Parent Mrs. Marsigli expressed that she has reread the AB 30 multiple times and she feels that it is our obligation to fight to keep our names in the legal way. Mayor Brazil expressed that AB 30 is a tricky bill and that we should not give up. He explained that a referendum is a source we can utilize. And lastly, a student expressed that she attended Chowchilla High and Gustine High and she comes from native background and she does not take offense in the name.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:41 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:13 p.m.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not take any action. Attorney Scott Holbrook spoke on the behalf of the Board. He wanted to point out that the school board can't use school funds or staff time to support or prohibit a ballot initiative. Board President Pat Rocha reported that no action was taken and that they will let staff explore options in regards to the new law.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Borrelli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Longoria. Motion carried, 5-0.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED**

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Linetta Borrelli, Clerk