

Statement

My name is Jolene D. Etsitty, a parent of four beautiful children and a proud grandparent of six grandchildren. I also am a happy wife to my husband, Frank Etsitty, Jr. We are both employed full-time and are committed to our family. I have been employed with various tribally controlled Grant Schools under P.L. 93-638 Indian Self Determination Contracts or P.L. 100-297 Tribally Controlled Grant Schools and with Tuba City Unified School District, Cedar Unified School District, and Ganado Unified School District as Executive Secretary, Transportation Secretary/Bus Driver, and Human Resources Specialists for over 20 years. Being an employee for the schools has given me great pleasure to work with students from diverse culture and background, not to mention, working with staff, administrators and members of the Government Board.

In 1999, I received my Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts with Dine' College and my Bachelor Degree in Business Administration in 2012 to 2014 with Ft. Lewis College, Durango, Colorado. Proud to say that I received my Master's in Business Administration with University of Phoenix, on-line courses. I currently am employed with the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management in the Office of Background and Investigations as the Human Resources Adjudicator since 2016 and today I enjoy my job. The challenge that I took upon myself is to set a milestone for my grandchildren and my 9-year-old son, whom are all currently attending Ganado Unified School District, grades 3rd to the High School as a freshman. I want them to know that education is important and that it does not end at 12th grade. I want them to know that if their grandmother is able to work full-time and attend classes full-time, whether it was on-line or attending classes, then it is possible for them to obtain their Master's Degree or even their Doctoral Degree.

The opportunity to apply for the Governing Board with Ganado U.S.D. gives me great pride and enthusiastic to help with stakeholders, students, parents, and community to bring the school back to a

A+ school. We need educated board members that can be challenged to meet the goals, vision and mission of the Ganado U.S.D.

