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Venezuela crisis looms

CARTAGENA, Colombia (The Washington Post) – Vice President Mike Pence touched down here Sunday afternoon amid a deepening crisis in neighboring Venezuela, beginning a week-long trip to South and Central America during which he plans to reinforce U.S. trade and security partnerships and increase pressure to restore democracy in Venezuela.

Pence's six-day visit to Colombia, Argentina, Chile and Panama is expected to be dominated by the turmoil in Venezuela, where President Nicolás Maduro's autocratic government seized power last month and has cracked down on dissent.



LATIN AMERICA: *U.S. Vice President Mike Pence speaks during a joint press conference with Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos at the presidential guesthouse in Cartagena, Colombia, Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017. Cartagena is the first stop of Pence's weeklong trip to Latin America, that will also take him to Argentina, Chile and Panama. Fernando Vergara/AP*

Maduro's actions have precipitated an economic collapse and drawn international condemnation, including from President Donald Trump, who on Friday warned of a "possible military option" to confront Maduro's government.

Trump's aggressive threat stoked anti-American sentiment by reviving dark memories of U.S. interventionism on the continent – including here in Colombia, whose foreign ministry denounced Trump's rhetoric, despite being one of the United States's closest allies in the Western Hemisphere.

Trump's bellicosity, which generated banner news headlines across the hemisphere because it harked back to a generation of American imperialism, is likely to color Pence's trip, experts said.

"It is one thing for the U.S. president or vice president to discuss sanctioning the regime and our support for the return of democracy," said Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations. "It is something else to discuss U.S. intervention, which only strengthens Maduro's hand and makes it harder for other regional countries to work with us."

Pence arrived in South America hoping to reassure U.S. allies and add his voice to the coalition of nations throughout the hemisphere trying to isolate Venezuela and pressure Maduro to change course. In a watershed development, 11 Latin American countries and Canada signed a hard-hitting resolution last week that calls the Venezuelan government illegitimate and demands a return to democracy.

"Vice President Pence now needs to assure regional allies that the United States respects their diplomatic efforts and will not engage in unilateral measures that are guaranteed to be counterproductive," said David Smilde, a senior fellow at the Washington Office on Latin America and a Venezuela expert at Tulane University.

In a statement welcoming Pence to Colombia, Camilo Reyes, the country's ambassador to the United States, said, "As a peaceful and stable nation, Colombia is an even stronger economic and security partner to the United States. The bipartisan support of the United States has been fundamental to Colombian transformation."

Pence plans to spend less than 24 hours in Colombia. He will fly midday Monday to Buenos Aires, where he will meet Tuesday with Argentina's president, Mauricio Macri, and give a speech about regional trade and security partnerships to representatives of the Argentine and Latin American business community.

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US: Soldiers' deaths not by 'enemy fire'

IRBIL, Iraq (The Washington Post) – The United States military said that two American soldiers were killed during "combat operations" in northern Iraq on Sunday but that initial findings indicate the deaths were not caused by "enemy contact."

A brief statement from the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State militant group said five other soldiers were injured in the incident. The statement did not provide any further detail, except to say that the casualties were being investigated.

A separate statement released by the Islamic State on Sunday, apparently referring to the same incident, said it had carried out a rocket attack on U.S. positions east of the Iraqi city of Tal Afar that the group claimed killed four American soldiers and injured six.

Col. Ryan Dillon, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq and Syria, called the Islamic State claim "false" and said the casualties on Sunday were "not because of enemy fire."

The Islamic State is increasingly on the defensive in Iraq and Syria after its defeat in the Iraqi city of Mosul and as U.S.-backed forces advance in the militant group's onetime stronghold in the Syrian city of Raqqa. American officials have touted accelerating gains against the militants in the past six months while crediting their success to policies adopted by the Trump administration, including the delegating of decision-making authority to commanders in the field.

But the Islamic State retains control of several towns in both countries that are populated by tens of thousands of civilians, and their safety has become a growing concern as the military campaign – especially coalition airstrikes – have intensified. The towns include Tal Afar, about 40 miles west of Mosul, where Iraqi troops and militiamen have been gathering ahead of what is expected to be the next major offensive in the campaign against the Islamic State.

U.S. officials have said that they expect a difficult battle in Tal Afar, where 20,000 to 40,000 civilians remain in what has been a busy hub for Islamic State leaders.

At least 6,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq. The casualties on Sunday brought to four the number of U.S. soldiers killed this year in the country, according to the website icasualties.org.

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I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Peter Alecxis D. Ada, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were present for the meeting:

Voting Members:
Ada, Peter Alecxis D.- Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A.- Vice Chair
Benavente, Lourdes M. (Tele-conference)
Crisostomo, Robert A.
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ronald L.
Mendiola, Mark
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

Non-Voting Members:
Samelo, Ernie (SHS) - IBOGS Representative
Mandapat, Audrey P. (SSHS) - GFT Representative

Absent:
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison-Unexcused

The DOE legal counsel, Mr. Jesse Nasis, was present for the meeting.

Vice Chair asked if Mayor Matanane is excused or unexcused for this meeting.

Chairman Ada mentioned that he communicated a few times with Mayor Matanane asking him if he is going to be participating. Mayor said he would be participating. Chairman Ada commented that he will contact him again tomorrow but for tonight's meeting he did not inform the board and will have to put him as unexcused absence.

III. Public Participation

Dr. Kin Fernandez, Assistant Principal at Southern High School, questioned the Board Members regarding unequal salaries between administrators, teachers, and support staff. He requested for a work session or a formal investigation.

Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that they met with Dr. Fernandez and the group. GDOE is seeking administrative relief from Department of Administration. GDOE advised administrators that approached them that DOA controls the pay issues involved. Fernandez further mentioned that a work session will be scheduled regarding this issue.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that there were grievance procedures that were followed and grievances were submitted to DOA. She recalled that DOA then made a decision that the grievances belong the DOE.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that this issue needs to be investigated.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1) Minutes on July 18, 2017 Regular Board meeting

Mr. Mendiola moved (subject to corrections), seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the minutes of July 18, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that on page 7, line 279, to change "that as" to "if".

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that on page 9, line 377, to add "middle school level" after "elementary level".

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that on page 15, line 713, to change "meets" to "meet".

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

V. Receipt of Communication and Reports

1) Superintendent's Report and Communication

Mr. Mendiola moved to table the current report that is in the board packet for further discussion at the next meeting. He asked that the Superintendent proceed with presenting his highlights.

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to table the Superintendent's Report and Communication until the next meeting.

Mr. Crisostomo recommended that the Board create a report for the Superintendent to follow. He suggested that the Board follow their agreement with the Superintendent on Safety, Curriculum, and Facilities as the topic and the committees will fall under and align it.

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that she spoke to a few administrators who shared their concerns regarding air-conditioning. They would like a timeline on when they can anticipate the units to be repaired.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Superintendent Fernandez clarified that he did followed the guidelines of the previous Board members on what needs to be reported on.

SCHOOL OPENING

All 41 GDOE schools opened on time and on scheduled on Thursday, August 17, 2017. Based on our school visits, here are the issues observed and which continue to be monitored:

MAINTENANCE

Completed:

- OMS D- Wing Renovations
- Tamuning Elementary A/C Chiller Repairs
- Benavente Middle School Cafeteria Gutter and Ceiling Repairs
- GW Floor Encapsulation Repairs
- Restroom construction for Head Start at Finegayan ES
- Flood mitigation at the Head Start classroom at DL Perez ES
- Relocation of A/C Handling Unit and Construction of Enclosure at Price ES
- Price ES Walkway Canopy Repairs
- Upi ES and Rios MS electrical repairs
- Simon Sanchez interior classroom repairs (12 classrooms)

Ongoing:

- Simon Sanchez Phase II repairs (temporary buildings)
- Agenda Johnston canopy repairs
- FBLG leak repairs and Agenda Johnston cafeteria leak repairs
- Southern High School gymnasium AC repairs (splits in classrooms)
- Southern High School classroom AC units

Other:

- Approved the purchase of water tank for Tiyan (completion date 2/18)

TEACHING VACANCIES

Elementary Schools: 15 classrooms positions, 5 referrals in progress, 4 selected (pending acceptance), 6 vacancies without identified applicants. DL Perez (K/2), Machananao (5), Price (SPED), Finegayan (SPED), and Chief Elementary School (ESL).

Secondary Schools: 14 classroom positions, 8 referrals in progress, 3-selected (pending acceptance), 3 vacancies without identified applicants. SHS (Business), THS (Social Studies), and OHS (ESL)

BUSSING

Monitoring DPW bus operations at schools and tracking on a daily basis. Administrators reporting to Deputy Superintendent for issues to be addressed with DPW bus operations. DPW is working to fill remaining driver positions. Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that he understands there are approximately 102 buses in operation currently.

SPED bus operations- 16 buses in operation, an additional 7 in maintenance and working to activate. Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that they have 16

bus drivers and four vacancies. GDOE is in the process of hiring for those positions.

Mr. Mendiola requested to have work session special education regarding transition, transportation, and support.

Vice Chair Gutierrez stated that she recommended to have the one to one aides start two weeks prior to the opening of school to ensure that they get the proper training needed.

2) Head Start Program Director's Report

Mrs. Schroeder announced that tomorrow is first day of school for Head start.

She mentioned that the grant that the Board and Policy Council approved in June and July 2017 was received as of yesterday. They received $25,697.00 (COLA) and $ 25,000 for training in Hawaii on March 2018.

She reported that they enrolled 534 children. As of today, they have several vacancies because the families move village to village. She hopes that by tomorrow they will still have 534 enrolled in the program. Not all are cleared to attend because they have not met the health requirements.

Ms. San Nicolas requested on page 2, first paragraph, and last sentence, to add "and to" in between "child" and "follow".

Ms. San Nicolas asked what standard procedures Mrs. Schroeder has in place in working collaboratively with the school principals.

Mrs. Schroeder responded that because there is no bussing, the principal is excusing the children a little earlier for pickup.

Dr. McNinch mentioned that the Board met in a previous meeting and discussed moving the Head Start report to Committee reports, but then it was moved back. He would to like to discuss more on that matter.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that a motion was made, the Board voted on it as a body, and then it was brought back without another vote to bring it back. He further mentioned that Head Start should be handled by a committee of 3 with 1 or 2 Board members to listen to the report.

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to accept the Head Start Program Director's Report.

Mr. Mendiola reported that he will make a motion to adopt a new agenda which will address the concerns that comes from the committees or ad hoc committees.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

1) Board/Union Contract Update

Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that he will be meeting with the negotiating members on Thursday morning to discuss the CBA.

He provided the letter from the Attorney General to Sanjay Sharma, GFT President.

2) Approval of Committee Assignments

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to amend the proposed Board Policy 115-Committees and to revise and add the standing committee, fiscal management committee.

Ms. San Nicolas asked for clarification if the new standing committee which is title "Fiscal Management." Mr. Mendiola concurred. Mr. Mendiola mentioned the chairperson for each committee and reported that they added a new standing committee, Fiscal Management that covers the committee structure that deals with finance.

He mentioned that they should create an "Ad Hoc committee" which addresses issues that do not occur throughout the school year and would be at the call of the chairman to discuss specific issues with the Board.

Superintendent Fernandez wanted to clarify because this is the reference to the document that was sent to all Board members. He stated that his input was that they use the template that was circulated earlier in the retreat and fill in the appropriate names. Based on the email conversations, he wants to make sure that the names are filled in correctly.

Mr. Mendiola mentioned that the five standing committees will allow the Board to schedule on a monthly basis when they have their meetings.

Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that not many changes were made on the draft document as far as who is responsible for each committee.

Chairman Ada mentioned that the chairman should be the one to handle "Governmental Affairs."

Dr. McNinch recommended in future meetings that each of the "Ad Hoc- Special Timeline Committees" be affiliated with the of the standing committees so that there is a connection there.

Ms. San Nicolas suggested that the Superintendent assign a staff member to be the point of contact for each committee as it was done in the past.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the committee structure and those are appointed to the committees with the recommendation that was made in the discussion for Ad Hoc committees to be placed under the respective committees. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

3) Pilot Evaluation Courses

Ms. Benavente asked to table this item until next week.

4) Renaming of J. P. Torres Alternative School

Mr. Lujan reported that the hearing for the renaming of JP Torres Alternative to JP Success Academy has been completed. The public hearing was held on August 2, 2017.

Principal, Dexter Fullo asked the Superintendent and the Board to consider renaming JP Torres Alternative School to JP Success Academy. He mentioned that this was student driven. The students had felt the stigma with Alternative School had caused them to be seen in a negative light and they want a fresh start as they are revamping JP Torres to ensure success is met in all levels from academics to social and emotional aspect.

Chairman Ada asked when they received accreditation. Mr. Fullo responded that they received their accreditation in February 2017. They had their visit in November but February 2017 from last year they were given initial 3-year accreditation.

Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that this the first renaming for this Board. He wanted to clarify that the process that was initiated by the Board. He appointed the committee made up of the Principal, Dexter Fullo, representative from the Board, Mr. James Lujan, alumnus of the school, a parent, and a representative of the Mayor. He further explained that this committee that is in charge of moving forward and conducting a public hearing which was held on August 2, 2017 at JP Torres Alternative School, where they received input. Once they completed that process, they provided a recommendation to the Superintendent as well as the supporting evidence, then the Superintendent sends the recommendation to the Board. The recommendation is to approve renaming JP Torres Alternative School to JP Torres Success Academy.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded Ms. San Nicolas, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation, based on the information provided by the appointed committee, to rename J.P. Torres Alternative School to the J.P. Torres Success Academy.

Mr. Crisostomo commented to Mr. Fullo that he does not want the school to be stigmatized but yet there are six other high schools. He asked why did they not change the name to "JP Torres High School?" He commented that you are stigmatizing the other end of the spectrum. GDOE is still pointing to JP Torres as a distinct school. He mentioned that JP Torres High School might be further along with what they are looking for. He commented that it might not be germane to the naming of the school but he thinks Board should reconsider.

Mr. Lujan mentioned that the purpose of the renaming is basically the name itself. He further mentioned that he agrees in some sense with Mr. Crisostomo about the behavioral aspect of detaching ourselves for that entity. The committee is renaming the school and as far as the program, they can come back and look at it again. According to the students that were present at the public hearing, they mentioned that a new name gave them a positive outlook.

Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that she agrees with Mr. Crisostomo because there are some students that don't have a correct schedule and they come whenever they want to come. She mentioned that students have said that they don't come every day. She believes that when the school is named a Success School yet the other high schools like Simon Sanchez, Okkodu High School and Southern High School could not make them successful. She commented that someone asked what makes them so successful? She continued that the student stated that they can go to school whenever they want, there is no policy, they can go outside the gate to smoke and what makes them so successful versus the regular high school. She suggested to hear from the IBOGS to see what they think about it.

Superintendent Fernandez responded that the renaming of the school is based on Board Policy that was enacted and based on the standard operating procedure that were signed off on by the superintendent and implemented by the school principal. He stated that under that process they asked the community for recommendations to come up with their ideas of renaming their school, the students, the teachers, and the community members who participated in this made their recommendations to Mr. Fullo and Mr. Lujan and they brought it up to him to bring to the Board's attention for their consideration. He mentioned that any community that wants to rename their school or improve their school has the opportunity to do it under the Board Policy and SOP. The Superintendent mentioned that he supports the renaming because of the students they are trying to help and because of the commitment to turn JP Torres into an opportunity for at-risk students to earn their diploma.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that she agrees with the Superintendent's statement. They had a public hearing on August 2, 2017, they asked people to give their input and students gave their input. They're entitled to the Board's respect and now we're going to tell them it doesn't matter what you have to say, we're going to do our thing, that's wrong. She stated that if the Board desires to go back and redo a public hearing and let the people know that the Board is coming up with a suggestion then she has no problem but the Board owes them the respect that they took the time to give input to their principal so please, let's demonstrate that.

Chairman Ada asked if the diploma for the last graduating group say, "JP Torres Alternative School" or "JP Torres Success Academy."

Mr. Fullo responded that the last graduating group was "JP Torres Alternative School."

Dr. McNinch suggested that if the Board changes the name to "JP Torres Success Academy" they should invite all previous graduates of JP Torres to receive new diplomas to update the name of the school. He mentioned that he like the term "high school." He suggested to have the word "high school" inputted to normalize the school format.

The Board voted by roll call and approved the motion with a vote of 6-2 (Yeas: P. Ada, L. Benavente, J. Lujan, R. McNinch, M. Mendiola, and L. San Nicolas. Nays: M. Gutierrez and R. Crisostomo). The motion passed.

VII. New Business

1) Board Policy 115- Committees

This item was approved under unfinished business, item # 2.

2) Board Policy 125.02 Board Meeting Order of Business

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez, to approve the proposed amendment to Board Policy 125.02 regarding Board Meeting Order of Business.

Mr. Mendiola mentioned that this item was discussed at the previous Board retreat. He further mentioned that this will ensure that public participation official communication and ex-officio reports are addressed during the beginning of the meeting and unfinished business/ committee reports are combined to ensure the agenda is action oriented and not redundant, new business and family involvement introduction of new manage report consideration followed by referral to the appropriate committees. This format will be used for future Board meetings.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

3) Approval of Collective Bargaining Negotiation Team

Superintendent Fernandez requested for the re-affirm the current member of the collective bargaining negotiating team. They are:

Primary Team:

1. Jon Fernandez, Superintendent- Chief Negotiator/Spokesperson
2. Geraldine Quejado, Machananao ES- Elementary
3. Rebecca Perez, Agueda Johnston MS- Middle
4. Sophia Duenas, Tiyan HS- High
5. Erika Cruz, Deputy Supt. ESCL (acting)- Central, Alternate Negotiator
6. Christopher Anderson, SSSD- Admn

Alternates:

1. Stacey Sahagon, Liguan ES- Elementary
2. Michael Meno, Inarajan MS- Middle
3. Carla Masnayon, Simon Sanchez HS- High
4. Yolanda Gabriel, Asst. Supt. SPED- Central
5. Joseph Sanchez, Deputy Supt. C & I- Central

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez, to approve the memorandum from the Superintendent of Education dated August 21, 2017, relative to the collective bargaining negotiating team as revised.

Mr. Lujan mentioned that the last committee he saw and witness worked very well with opposing negotiating team and he does not want to break that rhythm. He commented that last committee succeeded in coming to a comprised with the CBA for teachers and support staff.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

4) NASBE Annual Conference- November 1-4, 2017

Vice Chair Gutierrez reported that every year the National State Board of Education hosts their annual conference. At the conference, there will be the nomination committee and that she is a member of the Western Region committee and they will be making their recommendation to the Board of Directors as far as the nominees that were submitted. She mentioned that for the Western Region they were able to have Mr. Mendiola as a nominee from the Guam Education Board.

She mentioned that the annual conference is on Moving Beyond the State Plan: Equity, Excellence, Innovation from November 1-4, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia.

She mentioned the names of participants she recommended to attend this conference because they have a role to attend this conference. They are: Dr. McNinch who was nominated by the new member institute whose term will

start on January 2018, Ms. Benavente (a member of the governmental affairs who will be having their meeting), Mr. Mendiola who is the nominee for the western region, Vice Chair Gutierrez who is a member for the nomination committee for the western region and a member of the public education position, and Ms. San Nicolas who hasn't attended the annual conference and she believes that this conference will be benefical. She would like to give the opportunity for the Board to consider Ms. San Nicolas to join them.

Vice Chair Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve Dr. Ronald McNinch, Lourdes Benavente, Mark Mendiola, Lourdes San Nicolas, and Vice Chair Gutierrez to attend the 2017 NASBE annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia from November 1-4, 2017.

Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that she would also like the Board to consider that travelling to Atlanta, GA is about 14 hours . She asked the Board to approve the members to leave the end of October and departing Atlanta on the 5th of November.

Chairman Ada recommended Mr. Crisostomo to be of the members to attend the annual conference.

Mr. Crisostomo declined.

Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that the FY 2018 budget should cover the members who will be attending the conference. She stated that the reason for the early request is the hotel and registration deadlines. She mentioned that if they go over the deadline it becomes more costly.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

5) Bill 160-34 to convert 180 instructional days into hours

Mr. Mendiola requested from the Chairman that items 5 & 6 be referred to their respective committees at his direction.

Chairman Ada asked if there was any objection. No objection.

6) Bill 159-34 to raise the compulsory attendance age to 18

Superintendent Fernandez wanted to make sure that it's clear. When they legislation is introduced, sometimes GDOE input is requested as soon as possible. He mentioned that he will send the Board some of his information because the committees are asking for information as well.

Ms. San Nicolas commented on Bill 160-34 for the committee to include bus operations because right now they are encountering challenges.

7) GEB response to Declaration of Financial Status Designation for May 2017

Mr. Mendiola mentioned that in the packet the Board received resolution 2017-12. He further mentioned that Code-C Watch is required by law that requires the Board to notify and identify based on the public laws that included in the resolution the financial position within the department.

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez, to approve GEB resolution 2017-12 relative to approving the corrective financial recovery plan prepared in response to the code c-watch issued by the education financial supervisory commission for the month of June 2017. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

8) Committee Reports
   a) Executive Committee- None
   b) Instructional and Academic Support Committee- None
   c) Safe and Healthy Schools Committee – None
   d) Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee- None
   e) Accreditation Subcommittee- None
   f) Budget & Finance Subcommittee- Mr. Mendiola mentioned that in their work session he provided his trip report for Washington, DC. He briefed the Board of what transpired with their visit to Washington, DC with respect to the high risk status and issues regarding the Marbo property in Yigo.

9) IBOGS Report- Ernie Samelo reported that Student Orientation throughout the month of August, the Island-wide Board of Governing Students has been attending the various high school student orientations before school year 2017-2018 began. We, as a group, thought the best way to go out into our community and inform the students and parents about IBOGS is through the student orientation. At the orientation, we talked about what IBOGS is and what we do as a group. Parents and students were very intrigued about what IBOGS is and had positive comments and remarks.

   First day of School The first day of school year 2017-2018 was very successful. For the IBOGS, some members were able to greet all the new and returning students at their respected school before the first bell. Others were able to meet new students throughout the day. The only issue that came up were issues concerning student schedules. Some students had issues with their schedules on the first day, which led to an overflow of students trying to get to their counselors. Other than that, the first day of school in each of the high schools ran very smoothly.

   Mr. Mendiola thanked Ernie Samelo for providing a written report in the packet.

   Vice Chair Gutierrez mentioned that after the retreat she emailed Ernie Samelo to prepare a written report in advance and submit it to the Board members in the event there are any questions.

10) GFT Report – Mrs. Mandapat reported that there is a slight change. The primary negotiator is Sanjay Sharma and Alternate Tim Fedenko, otherwise the rest of the team is still the same.

    Mrs. Mandapat mentioned that a question was brought up by senior teachers, how would they know if they were part of the BRIP.

Mr. Mendiola that this will be placed on the agenda so that the Board can thoroughly discuss it.

Mr. Lujan mentioned that the letter will be sent out and if they have any questions or concerns, they can address them then.

11) Mayor's Council Report-None

Vice Chair Gutierrez asked the Chairman to write a formal letter to the Council to address the status of the representative for the Mayor's Council.

Chairman Ada mentioned that Mayor Matanane informed him that Council had selected the Agat Vice Mayor to be his alternate. He asked the Mayor to have the Council put that in writing.

VIII. Executive Session-

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to go into executive session. No objection.

The Board took a 3-minute break.

The Board moved into Executive Session 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to rise out of executive session. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

The Board at 9:58 p.m. went into Public session.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to authorize Mr. Mendiola to meet with the Attorney General as soon as possible. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

IX. Announcements and Adjournment

Mr. Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

LEILANI M. B. CRUZ
Administrative Officer

Date: 9/28/17

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MARIA A. GUTIERREZ
GEB Acting Chairwoman

Date: 10/3/17

JON J.P. FERNANDEZ
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Date: 10/2/17