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March 1, 2018

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Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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**Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Cruz:**

***Håfa Adai!*** Pursuant to Public Law 31-233, Section 38, *Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions,* attached are copies of the Guam Education Board's meeting agenda, approved minutes and other documents as discussed at the January 23, 2017 regular board meeting. The meeting was held at Superintendent's Conference Room, Building A., Tiyan.

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**8th Guam Education Board**
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**
**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**
**6 PM**
**Superintendent's Conference Room, Building A., Tiyan**

**AGENDA**

**I. Meeting Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

ACTION 1. Minutes of December 12, 2017 Regular meeting

ACTION 2. Minutes of December 27, 2017 Special meeting

**III. Public Participation** (BP 125.6) Time Limit 3 minutes

**IV. Communications**

INFO 1. Superintendent's Report and Communication

**V. Ex-Officio Member Reports**

1. IBOGS
2. GFT
3. Mayor's Council of Guam

**VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports**

**1. Executive Committee**

**2. Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

ACTION a. Head Start Report

**3. Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**

**4. Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

ACTION a. GEB Procedural Manual & Code of Conduct (Update Status)

**5. Fiscal Management**

ACTION a. FY 19 Budget

ACTION b. Declaration of Financial Status Designation for September, October, and November 2017

**6. Ad-Hoc committee on Board matters**

**VOTING MEMBERS:** Maria A. Gutierrez, Chairwoman, Mark B. Mendiola, Vice Chair, Peter Alecxis D. Ada, Lourdes M. Benavente, Robert A. Crisostomo, James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD, Lourdes B. San Nicolas
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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

## VII. New Business

INFO/ACTION a. Superintendent's Evaluation

INFO/ACTION b. Guam History

INFO/ACTION c. Reaffirmation of Collective Bargaining Agreement

INFO/ACTION d. SY Calendar for 2018-2019 & SY 2019-2020

INFO/ACTION e. Reaffirmation of Attendance Areas Update

INFO/ACTION f. JROTC

## VIII. Executive Session

The Board of Education reserves the right to go into executive session during any part of the meeting. Based on the Open Govt. Law specific matters can only be discussed. (Personnel Matters, Collective Bargaining Agreement, Contracts, and Litigation).

## IX. Adjournment

# FCC: Hawaii had no safeguard to stop missile scare

(Reuters) - Hawaii apparently did not have adequate safeguards in place to prevent a false emergency alert about a missile attack that panicked residents for more than a half-hour before it was withdrawn, a federal official said on Sunday.

Speaking after Saturday's errant ballistic missile warning to Hawaii residents, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai said government officials must work to prevent future incidents. The FCC "will focus on what steps need to be taken to prevent a similar incident from happening again," he said.

Officials at all government levels need to work together "to identify any vulnerabilities to false alerts and do what's necessary to fix them."

The alert, sent to mobile phones and broadcast on television and radio shortly after 8 a.m. local time, was issued amid raised tensions over North Korea's development of nuclear weapons and missiles.

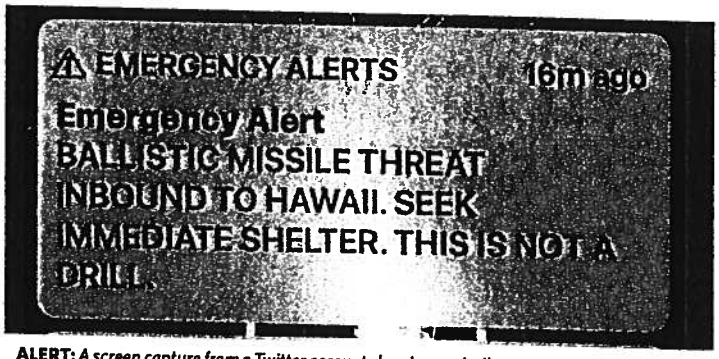
The message, which was not corrected for 38 minutes, stated: "EMERGENCY ALERT BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

"The false emergency alert sent yesterday in Hawaii was absolutely unacceptable," Pai said. "It caused a wave of panic across the state.... Moreover, false alerts undermine public confidence in the alerting system and thus reduce their effectiveness during real emergencies."

Corrections should be "issued immediately in the event that a false alert does go out," Pai said. The FCC probe so far suggests Hawaii did not have "reasonable safeguards or process controls in place."



**PAI:** *Chairman Ajit Pai speaks ahead of the vote on the repeal of so called net neutrality rules at the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., Dec. 14, 2017. Aaron P. Bernstein/Reuters*




**ALERT:** *A screen capture from a Twitter account showing a missile warning for Hawaii, Jan.13 in this picture obtained from social media. Reuters*

The FCC has jurisdiction over the wireless alerts and has proposed technical upgrades to precisely target them to communities. It plans to vote on revisions to the alert system later this month.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige said on Saturday he was "angry and disappointed" over the incident, apologized for it and said the state would take steps to ensure it never happens again.

Ige said the alert was sent during an employee shift change at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and that the state had no automated process to get out the word that it was a false alarm. "An employee pushed the wrong button," Ige said.

Sen. Brian Schatz, a Hawaii Democrat, spoke to Pai on Saturday and praised him for working "with us on developing best practices on the communications side for states and municipalities to make sure this never happens again. This system failed miserably, and we need to start over."

A 2013 government audit found the Federal Emergency Management Agency has improved a federal alerting system known as the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, "but barriers remain to fully implementing an integrated system."

The system can receive and authenticate internet-based alerts from state and local government agencies and disseminate them to the public.

Some states were reluctant to fully implement a system and that "decreases the capability for an integrated, interoperable, and nationwide alerting system," the report said


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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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VII. New Business
VIII. Executive Session
IX. Adjournment

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**INVITATION FOR BID**

**IFB NO. PAG-CIP-018-002**
**DESIGN BUILD TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW 8,000 GALLON DOUBLE WALL FUEL TANK WITH FUEL DISPENSER AND COMPLETE APPURTENANCES**

The Port Authority of Guam (PAG), a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of Guam, will receive sealed bids for the **DESIGN BUILD TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL NEW 8,000 GALLON DOUBLE WALL FUEL TANK WITH FUEL DISPENSER AND COMPLETE APPURTENANCES.**

Bids will be received as described in the bid and contract documents until **2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Chamorro Standard Time (Guam Time),** at the Procurement Office, located at the 2nd Floor of the PAG Administration Building. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the PAG Board of Directors Conference Room. Late bid submittals will not be considered.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 15% of the total bid price. Bid security may be in a form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's checks made payable to the PAG. All Bid documents will be made available at no charge, at the Procurement Office, located at the 2nd Floor of the PAG Administration Building.

A pre-bid meeting will be held in the PAG Board of Directors Conference Room at **10:00 A.M., Chamorro Standard Time (Guam Time), Friday, January 19, 2018.** Site tour will be tentatively scheduled for Tuesday. January 23, 2018, at the proposed project location. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

The PAG reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities, and to disregard all nonconforming or conditional bids or counter proposals when in PAG's opinion, such rejection or waiver will be in the Authority's best interest.

For additional information, contact Mr. Steven P. Muna, Contract Management Administrator at (671) 477-5931 x269 or email at: spmuna@portguam.com

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GDOE Superintendent

## I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Maria A. Gutierrez, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

***Non-Voting Members:***
Samelo, Ernie (SHS)- IBOGS Representative
Mandapat, Audrey P. (SSHS) - GFT Representative
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison

***Legal Counsel:***
Stake, James

The Superintendent announced that all members of the Board were present.

The Chairwoman announced that there would be a change in the agenda stating that
1) Ad-hoc Committee on Board members would be moved to the executive session
2) Election of Officers would be moved down to the end of New Business
3) Reaffirmation of Collective Bargaining Agreement, would be moved to after the Executive Session.

## II. Approval of Minutes

The Chairwoman asked Ms. Lou San Nicolas if she was able to review the minutes for the December 12, 2017 and December 27, 2017 special meeting. Ms. San Nicolas stated that she did not get the minutes prior to the distribution and after reading the minutes she found many errors and would like to be given the time to sit down with Ms. Lani Cruz and go over the corrections that need to be made.

**Ms. San Nicolas motioned to table the minutes of December 12, 2017 and the minutes of December 27, 2017 until the next meeting,**

Mrs. Gutierrez noted that GFT called in to be excused on the December 27 meeting but was marked unexcused and stated that it should be changed to excused.

**The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motioned passed to table the approval of the minutes for the December 12 and December 27 meetings.**

## III. Public Participation - None.

## IV. Communications

1) Superintendent's Report and Communication
In addition to his written report to the Board, the Superintendent provided highlights and updates.

**Curriculum –**

**Charter School Update –** Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that there would be a Charter School Council meeting tomorrow. During the meeting, the Charter School Council is supposed to move their budgets forward to the Superintendent and the Board of Education for inclusion in the FY 2019 budget.

Scheduled action for the Guam Education Board (GEB) to approve the budget is January 26, 2018 during the Special Meeting. Mr. Fernandez stated that it is important that the Department and the GEB have the opportunity to review and comment on the Charter School budget.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that it should be made clear to the Charter School that with the current conditions and upcoming budget shortfalls that they should not expect to receive $6,500 per student.

Mr. Fernandez responded that they are aware and the Charter School Council has made it clear to the three charter schools (Guahan Academy, ilearn and Science is Fun Academy) that they should not be moving forward without the appropriation coming through.

Mr. Fernandez stated that it would be useful for the Charter School Council to put forward its position at the meeting tomorrow and it would give the opportunity for the Board to state its position as well.

Mr. Mendiola stated that when the Board and GDOE presents its budget, to include the Charter School Budget, it would be an opportune time to push the issue of separating the two budgets.

Mr. Mendiola also brought up his concerns with the possible litigation issue that the Charter Schools may experience from the contractors. He also wanted to ensure there were no issues that would point back to GDOE. He reiterated that it is important that we are following our rules and regulations.

Mr. Fernandez clarified that GDOE does not have authority to withhold or grant funds from the Charter School Council and that we do not have a contract with the Charter School Council. The Superintendent stated that he recognizes Mr. Mendiola's concerns and that he would explore this issue further with Legal Council and the Attorney General.

Mr. Ada questioned why the Charter School Council gives their budget to the GEB and the Superintendent when neither can make changes to their budget. Mr. Fernandez clarified that the law created the process and suggested that the GEB make it clear in the resolution how the GEB would like the budgets to be separated when it is presented to the Legislature.

Mr. Mendiola agreed that emphasizing the need to separate the budgets is important and states that the GEB will not include the Charter School Council in the resolution presented to the Legislature.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that we need clarification on what will happen if one of the charter schools close and have outstanding liabilities.

Mrs. Gutierrez brought up her concerns on the cap of enrollment for the charter schools and questioned why their enrollment projection is higher when there was no change in law. Mrs. Gutierrez stated that this issue needed to be brought up to the Legislature. She also shares her concerns of the Charter School Council's inability to meet with the subcommittee.

**Fiscal Management** – Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that the Federal shutdown has been resolved until February 8 and assured the Board that the Department is in contact with the federal agencies and is reviewing guidance that has been issued to our agency.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the consensus is that if there is a shutdown, we should be okay for up to 6 weeks. If there is not a consensus and there is another shut down, we will have to look at the potential impact. He also clarified that the shutdown would not necessarily shut down a campus but it could impact certain services that we provide that are being funded by the federal government.

**High Risk Situation** – Superintendent Fernandez states that the Department is working on a draft letter to request reconsideration on our special conditions. Mr. Fernandez stated that the draft is substantially complete and we are currently working to complete the validation of our activities under the Comprehensive Correction Action Plan (CCAP). The Department was invited to submit draft letters to USDOE in the event that we want preliminary input and we will be submitting our draft letter. Once USDOE provides input, we will proceed with the preparation of a formal letter.

Mr. Fernandez mentioned that the Department has put out a Request for Information to solicit input from potential partners. The input would allow the Department to define the scope that would eventually become a Request for Proposal for consulting services.

Mr. Mendiola expressed his agreement with the Superintendent's sentiments.

Mr. Crisostomo expressed his concern as to why the Department did not pick up a transition consultant sooner and commented that maybe the Department would have been able to get out of the situation sooner if we had.

The Superintendent clarified what the process has been and all the necessary steps the Department has taken and is currently taking to improve the process within the Department. He also clarified that during the last two visits with USDOE they stated that the Superintendent has the authority to request reconsideration but that we had better be absolutely certain that the Department is ready and able to meet the standard. However, if not, USDOE could impose more special conditions based

on their findings. The Superintendent stated that we want to be sure that we are confident and comfortable making that request.

**Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to accept the Superintendent's Report and Communication as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

2) Disposition Status of Marbo 80 acres Parcel of Land

Mr. Crisostomo attended a meeting at Adelup called by GWA to meet with the Governor's Legal Counsel to discuss the disposition status of the marble 80 acres parcel of land owned by the GDOE. The land was conveyed by USDOE to the GDOE with the conditions that the sole intent for the land was to build a northern high school and to provide a yearly update on the status.

The USDOE has threatened the involuntary conveyance of the land back to GSA. Mr. Crisostomo mentioned that he recently did a complete history of what happened and why we were not able to build a northern high school on the land. GDOE has three more years on the agreement but USDOE is not willing to wait three more years.

Mr. Crisostomo pointed out that the land has been identified to be used for the Marine relocation and is to be used as a training area. Although the Department of Defense (DOD) is not in the picture, Mr. Crisostomo is sure that the DOD is putting pressure on USDOE to re-convey the land. Mr. Crisostomo then mentioned GWA's concern with re-conveying the land and not having access to the three wells that were built there.

Mr. Crisostomo stated that he no longer believes that we have the option to keep the land. Mr. Crisostomo ensured GWA that we would expedite the re-conveyance of the property with the conditions that we will not be held liable for cleaning up any contaminants on the land and that GDOE has every intention to request for 60 acres parcel of land for the sole purpose of building a vocational technical school.

Mr. Crisostomo stated that DOE needs to begin working with Mary Okada to draft a plan and the GDOE needs to look into funding for the building of the vocational school.

Mr. Ada asked for clarification on the location of the 60-acre lot that Mr. Crisostomo was referring to. It was clarified that the lot is located across the Guam Home Center. Mr. Crisostomo then went into details regarding the military and the net negative agreement.

Mr. Fernandez stated that we know the plan for what we need to do but the issue for us is assembling the group. If we are going to partner with GCC and anybody else, we need their full participation. The strategic direction from the Governor's Office and the Military Buildup side is also key to help us negotiate with the various agencies that will be involved. Mr. Fernandez stated that we need the guidance to make sure that we are talking to the right people in the Federal Government.

Mr. Crisostomo mentioned that at some point he and the Superintendent might need to go to Washington to seal the deal.

3) Update on request to Attorney General (AG)

Mrs. Gutierrez informed the Board that she received a response from the AG and provided a copy of her letter dated January 17, 2018 to the AG thanking her for her response.

4) Meeting with the Mayor's Council

Mrs. Gutierrez, Mr. Mendiola and other Members of the Board attended a meeting with the Mayor's Council on issues that were raised regarding ground maintenance. Mr. Mendiola emphasized the need to clarify the definition of "ground maintenance", so that administrators of the school's know what they may expect from the mayor's office.

## V. Ex-officio Member Reports

1) GFT – Audrey Mandapat requested clarification regarding the BRIP that was discussed during the previous meeting. Mr. Mendiola provided the update that was discussed at the last meeting.

2) Mayor's Council of Guam – No report but Mayor Matanane mentioned the success of adding a bus stop in Yigo.

Mrs. Gutierrez asked Mr. Matanane if he could provide a report at the next meeting on the bus shelters in other villages and expressed her concerns about other villages where students do not have bus shelters. She also inquired about who determines where the bus shelters would be built.

Mr. Ada stated that when driving through Sunset Boulevard he sees two concrete bus stops that are not being used and further mentioned that other locations would be able to make use of the concrete bus stop.

Mr. Matanane mentioned that he has been asking Chuck Ada, the General Manager of the airport, for the bus stop so that he can utilize it in Yigo.

Mr. Crisostomo acknowledged Mr. Matanane's efforts in placing the bus stop at Gil Breeze and paving the road in the area.

## VI. Unfinished Business

1) Instructional and Academic Support Committee

**Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that she would like to share something after Ms. Schroeder reports on Head Start.**

a) Head Start Program Director's Report

Ms. Schroeder stated that the last couple of days have been filled with memos from the Office of Headstart and would like to provide updates on the changes of Headstart.

Ms. Schroeder stated that one of the major changes is the timeline for Headstart to expand the Headstart classroom by 1,020 hours and that by 2019 they were supposed to have 50% of their sites extend their school days. That has been cancelled because the Feds have not figured out how to fund the extra hours and that particular item has been waived. Programs can still go forward with extending the school hours but it is no longer a requirement for Headstart to have 14 other centers extended their hours by 2019. The other item Ms. Schroeder received was the federal poverty guidelines; they are ready to look at enrolling children next year. Ms. Schroeder also stated that another letter she received is probably moot now because it had to do with what was going to happen due to the government shutdown. The Headstart Program is looking at letting the various programs know if there will be any monetary issues but they are on hold until February 28. The word is, no news is good news, if the Headstart Program does not hear from the Office of Headstart then their funds our fine.

Mr. Ada stated that he heard on Fox News that schools were not to be affected by the Government shut down.

Ms. Schroeder clarified that the Office of Headstart was affected by the shutdown.

Mrs. Gutierrez asked Ms. Schroeder what the Asan building was being used for. Ms. Schroeder clarified that it was primarily a parent resource room and storage and that the space was previously used for training. Ms. Schroeder said that she just recently learned that the Asan building was used as a program classroom for Headstart in the past but that the program has been weening themselves away from that site.

Mrs. Gutierrez suggested that if the space is primarily used for storage, the program should work on utilizing the GDOE warehouse to store its items.

Ms. Schroeder commented that they are currently working on moving their items to the warehouse. She also clarified that the Mayor's Office has always had access to the space when they needed it.

Mr. Fernandez mentioned that in the past DOE has had to be a referee between the Mayor's office and Headstart. He stated that the issue is that Headstart improved the facility using Headstart funds but the Mayor's offices does not have the funds to improve other parts of the building. DOE is looking into accommodating some of the Headstart activities with the opening of the new building but he will assist with the communication with the Mayor.

Ms. Schroeder mentioned that she would like to continue co-sharing the space with the Mayor in the event that meetings needed to be held down south. Mr. Fernandez suggested that an agreement be put in writing in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mayor. In the event that the Mayor changes, Headstart would have an existing MOU in place.

Mr. Matanane stated that he could try to negotiate with the Mayor of Asan to accommodate the kids.

Ms. Schroeder stated that the Mayor's Office had been very good to the Headstart Program so when it came up at the parent meeting, she was surprised. However, she thinks that if they just sat down and talked with the Mayor's Office and work it out they would be able to co-share the space.

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that the Mayor appeared before the Joint Council on January 17 but there was no quorum. She also questioned what the funding source was that built the classroom but Ms. Schroeder did not know. Ms. San Nicolas clarified that the Mayor did clarify that Headstart could use the space for the Monthly Joint Council Meeting.

Ms. San Nicolas stated that she was concerned about the grant application that is due April 1 and invited everyone to the January 24 at 3 pm the work session. The work session is intended for parents to give input on the grant application. The second meeting for the parent group will be held on February 7, 2018. February 21, 2018 is the monthly Joint Council Meeting at Asan. March 6 would be a work session with Headstart and staff to review the grant application and by March 13 the grant application will hopefully receive approval by the Chairwoman and the Superintendent.

Mrs. Gutierrez clarified to Ms. Schroeder that the timeline provided by Ms. San Nicolas is so that there is sufficient time to review all grant documents to submit the application.

Ms. Schroeder mentioned that the only issue they have had with the grant is the Board minutes. Stating that if the minutes are done and approved earlier than usual, they would be able to submit the application in a timelier manner.

Mrs. Gutierrez stated that we will try to do what we can do and although Ms. Schroeder and her staff will not be on island we will send the minutes to her through Ms. San Nicolas.

Ms. Schroeder then stated that even though she is off island if she can get a copy of it she would be able to plug it into the system and be ready to submit it.

Mr. Fernandez addressed Ms. Schroeder as well all other federal grants, stating that we need to be communicating, monitor budgets and make sure that everyone is kept apprised on the issues of federal grants.

Ms. Schroeder informed everyone that when she received the funding notice she normally informs the Board Chairwoman shortly after.

**Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to accept the Head Start Program Director's Report. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

2) Safe & Healthy Schools Committee

Mr. Lujan mentioned (via teleconference to Leilani Cruz) that it was regarding busing and grass cutting, which was already mentioned by the Mayor.

3) Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee

Dr. Mc Ninch mentioned the Board Retreat in a couple of weeks and the fact that we are just starting up a new year and several board members will be off island around March but that he's hoping to wrap it up by May. He stated that the Board needed to schedule a couple of meetings and just need to make a consensus on the schedule (maybe via email) to do that. One key thing Dr. Mc Ninch expressed it that the manual should not be done by a sub-committee but by all board members. He suggested possibly having a mini-retreat meeting where they would go through the points and then have a deciding meeting at the end.

Mrs. Gutierrez requested that Dr. Mc Ninch high light his changes and send it to Lani so that she can send it to all board members.

Dr. Mc Ninch agreed.

4) Fiscal Management

a) FY 19 Budget

Mr. Mendiola requested that this topic be moved to the special meeting on Friday, January 26, 2018, to allow the Superintendent more time to address some of the issues with respect to the budget. Mr. Mendiola stated that with the Trump tax cut we are anticipating a forty-eight million dollar short fall, government wide. The department is going to have to figure out how the cut is

going to affect the department. GDOE is looking at about twenty dollars being cut from the department, which will force us to take a hard look at our priorities.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that we know the budget decrease is coming but we have not entertained the possibility of stream lining schools, downsizing or consolidating schools. He said it is inevitable, we cannot continue to run forty-one schools, four charter schools and keep decreasing our budget. He recommended that the Board start entertaining closures and not wait until the last minute to tell people and the kids that are affected.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged Mr. Crisostomo's recommendation and agreed that we need to start looking into the possibilities while keeping the public informed.

Mr. Fernandez stated that we have received official notification and the instructions from BBMR is for all agencies to develop suggestions for reductions. Because GDOE is 40% of the general fund, we anticipate that we will be 40% of the total anticipated loss. Another option would be to suggest revenue enhancements, so we either cut or find ways to generate revenue that would make sense to support our operations.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged that they needed to start looking at it as a Board and put the Superintendent to task to getting his team together to help them make that determination.

Dr. Mc Ninch suggested that DOE make a packet for each of our schools and apply to the Charter School Council so that we can get preferential treatment for our students.

b) Declaration of financial Status Designation for October and November 2017

Mr. Mendiola pointed out that in everyone's board packet there was a resolution relative to approving the Corrective Financial Recovery Plan prepared in response to the C-Watch issued by the Education Financial Supervisory Commission (EFSC) for the Months of October and November 2017. Mr. Mendiola gave a brief description of the meeting he attended with the EFSC.

Mr. Matanane commented that maybe we could lobby with the Legislature and see what they can do for us. They say that Education is one of the most important things on their agenda, this is the time to lobby and convince the Legislature to give us a break.

Mr. Lujan commented that we need to be aggressive and take charge of what we are going to do, we need to move fast and quick with whatever direction we are going to take to the Legislature and the Governor's Office. He shared the same sentiments as Dr. Mc Ninch regarding the special treatment of the Charter schools and stated that whatever we do, we need to stand strong and not back down.

Mr. Fernandez clarified that he believes Mr. Lujan was trying to say was that whatever action we do, we need to engage with the Legislature and the Governor's Office and stand strong in whatever our suggestion is, whether it is for cuts or for maintaining the funding for our schools.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that he wanted everyone to know, since the Governor's office is being brought up, that the Governor has made his priorities known in their meetings. The Governor's biggest concern issue is public safety. He went on to state that education would not take a front seat to Public Safety or Public Health.

Mrs. Gutierrez commented that she is sure that the Committee on Education Chair's representative would relay the information to Mr. San Agustin.

**Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Mr. Crisostomo to accept the Resolution to approving the corrective financial recovery plan prepared in response to the code C-Watch issued by the EFSC for the months of October and November 2018. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

## VII. New Business

1) Superintendent's Evaluation
Mrs. Gutierrez appointed the sub-committee - Dr. Mc Ninch, Ms. San Nicolas, Ms. Benavente and herself, Chairwoman Maria Gutierrez and requested approval. Mrs. Gutierrez acknowledged that the evaluation is between the Superintendent and the Board and the Superintendent and the Board have to agree with whatever system is used.

**Mr. Mendiola moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas to accept the appointment of Dr. Mc Ninch, Ms. San Nicolas, Ms. Benavente and Mrs. Gutierrez as the members for the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

Mr. Crisostomo questioned when the evaluation period would be. Mrs. Gutierrez clarified that it would be beginning March 2017.

Mr. Crisostomo asked the Board to put the committee together and commented that the Superintendent has been flying blind without guidance, true guidance on what he would be evaluated on. He further went on to comment that the Board could not evaluate him this cycle, because he was never given parameters, goals and objectives or even point their fingers a certain direction. Mr. Crisostomo also stated that if any Board member were to give the Superintendent a derogatory evaluation, they would be wrong. The Superintendent should only get a passing or above because he was not given due notice of what he would be evaluated on and recommended that he be given the parameters, evaluate him on the coming year and give him a pass for this year.

Mrs. Gutierrez acknowledged Mr. Crisostomo's comments and stated that now that the AdHoc Committee has been approved they will work diligently to get it done.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that whatever the evaluation tool is, it would not be implemented without the Superintendent's approval.

Mr. Crisostomo continued to get clarification on when the Superintendent would be evaluated. It was clarified that it would not be for the current period – March 2017 – March 2018.

Mr. Lujan agreed with Mr. Crisostomo that it would be unfair to evaluate the Superintendent without an evaluation tool in place yet.

Mrs. Gutierrez stated that the members of the committee would meet with the Superintendent and begin the process.

2) Guam History

Mr. Sanchez recalled the summer of last year in which the Board voted to realign the high school graduation requirements and adopted the middle school Guam History courses. During that time, it was discussed that if a student were to take Guam History in middle school would it fulfill the legal requirement that requires students to take Guam History in a secondary school. After researching, they determined that it did in fact fulfill the requirement because the law only required students to take one year of Guam History in a secondary school. During further discussion of high school requirements the question was then brought that if Guam History was taken during middle school would it be necessary for students to take it in high school.

Mr. Sanchez went on to explain that after the policy was passed, administrators brought it to his attention, the discussions that they were having with their Guam History teachers. The Guam History teachers felt that we shouldn't be able to waive the course in high school because, even though students take the course in middle school, when they take it in high school it is one of the few courses that covers local and current history. Teachers felt that students need to have and maintain the course that focuses on current events, local politics and local issues. Teachers also pointed out that other courses such as World History, World Geography and U.S. History are taken in both middle school and high school.

Mr. Sanchez stated that these issues were discussed with the Board Curriculum Committee Members, the principals, the teachers and with the IBOGS members. All were in agreement that Guam History remain a high school graduation requirement because it adds value to the student's experience, whether or not they take the class in elementary school. The committee agreed to move it forward for the Board's consideration.

**Ms. Benavente moved, seconded by Mr. Mendiola to reaffirm Guam History as a High School graduation requirement for all high school students pursuant to Board Policy 351.4 even if the student had already taken the course in middle school. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

Ms. Benavente commented that the Curriculum Report was in the Board packet and if anyone has any questions to let her or Ms. San Nicolas or Mr. Sanchez know. She points out that the last page of the report states that the proposed next GEB Curriculum work session was supposed to be on February 6 but it has been changed to Thursday, February 8 at 3 pm, a notice will be sent out.

3) SY Calendar for 2018-2019 & SY 2019-2020

Deputy Superintendent, Erika Cruz went over the schedule of meetings that took place for the Calendar Committee to come to the final drafts of the calendars. Ms. Cruz mentioned that at the last meeting on January 22, Administrator of Astumbo Elementary School, Mr. Derrick Santos recommended that Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) be moved from 1st and 3rd quarter to 1st and 2nd quarter. She also mentioned that administrators were polled and majority of them agreed to move the PTCs to 1st and 2nd quarter.

Mr. Crisostomo questioned what the rationale was behind this decision.

Ms. Cruz clarified that it was not the recommendation to move the PTCs for secondary because of grades for high school credit but the rationale for elementary was that they wanted to meet with

parents sooner. They agreed that 3rd quarter PTC in March was too late to provide intervention for the students and to work closely with teachers, parents and administrators.

Mr. Crisostomo questioned whether there was something in place in the Board Union Contract that prevented the schools to have more than two PTCs and whether it was not palatable to the teachers.

Ms. Cruz stated that it was what was agreed upon with management and GFT and that parents and teachers are able to meet any time and not just during PTC.

Mr. Mendiola commented on how much he appreciates the ability to access to Power School to view his children's grades and encouraged that parents be pushed to use power school because it is such a great tool.

Ms. Cruz explained several different ways that parents are encouraged to utilize Power School.

Mr. Crisostomo asked for data on how many parents utilize Power School.

Ms. Taling commented that the information could be provided to him.

Mr. Crisostomo commented that he keeps asking for data and not receiving it. He mentioned that he still has not been assigned anyone to work with for the Strategic Plan or the Middle College Plan. He stated that he cannot do it by himself and he will not do it by himself.

Mrs. Gutierrez tells the Superintendent to take notes because Mr. Crisostomo has been bringing up these issues up.

She goes on to explain that the reason the data is not in the report is because the Superintendent cut down his report but he should have it in the next report.

Ms. Benavente stated that action on the calendars would be done on Friday during the Special Meeting.

4) Reaffirmation of Attendance Areas Update

Mrs. Gutierrez emphasized that it is important for the mayors to be involved in the reaffirmation of attendance areas. She mentioned how Mr. Lujan asked to move the meeting up from March to February because parents and stakeholders need to be involved.

Deputy Cruz mentioned that the committee meets every Thursday at 1 pm at Untalan Middle School.

Mr. Ada mentioned that there was a concern about Sinajana and Agana Heights that was brought to his attention. He requested for Ms. Cruz to look into C. L. Taitano Elementary and Agana Heights Elementary and the fact that sections of the villages go to one school when they seem to be closer to the other school.

Mrs. Gutierrez mentioned that Mayor Hoffman had also brought up the same concerns. She also questioned whether the attendance areas were being worked for all school levels or just elementary.

Deputy Cruz responded that all were being worked on.

5) Election of Officers

**Nominations of Chairman**

Mrs. Gutierrez nominated Mr. Mark Mendiola as Chair.
Ms. Benavente seconded the nomination.

**Mr. Ada moved to close the nominations. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

**The Board voted by voice and approved the motion for Mr. Mendiola to be Chairman with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

Mrs. Gutierrez thanked everyone for their cooperation and assistance for the time she was Chairwoman.

Chairman Mendiola thanked everyone and stated that he looks forward to a great 2018 and that there are a lot of challenges but the Board will be cohesive and work closely with the Superintendent.

**Nominations of Vice Chair**

Ms. San Nicolas nominated Mrs. Gutierrez as Vice Chair.
Ms. Benavente seconded the nomination.

**Dr. Mc Ninch moved to close the nominations. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

**The Board voted by voice and approved the motion for Mrs. Gutierrez to be Vice Chairwoman with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.**

## VIII. Executive Session

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:12 pm.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:28 pm.

**Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mrs. Gutierrez, to reaffirm the Collective Bargaining Agreement as a result of the Board's actions on September 21, 2017.**

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call for voting purposes. The following members were **present and voted** for the motion:

| **Voting Members:** | **Vote:** |
|---|---|
| Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman | Yes |
| Gutierrez, Maria A. - Vice Chair | Yes |
| Benavente, Lourdes M. | Yes |
| Crisostomo, Robert | Yes |
| Lujan, James C. (Tele-conference) | Recused himself from voting |
| McNinch, Dr. Ron L. | Yes |
| San Nicolas, Lourdes B. | Yes |

**The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6. Mr. Ada was absent for voting and Mr. Lujan recused himself. The motion passed.**

## IX. Announcements and Adjournment

Chairman reminded the Board of the Special Meeting that is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2018. Discussion will include the budget and the calendar. He mentioned that there is a Budget work session tomorrow from 9 – 12.

**Mr. Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

FOR: _____ Date: February 21, 2018

**LEILANI M. B. CRUZ**
**Administrative Officer**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**
**( ) Approved as submitted**
**(✓) Approved subject to corrections**
**( ) Other:** _____

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**MARK B. MENDIOLA**
**GEB Chairman**

**JONJ P. FERNANDEZ**
**Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent**

**Date:** 2/27/18 **Date:** 2/27/18