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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo
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GL#34-18-1698
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 March 13, 2018 special meeting. The meeting was held at the John F. Kennedy High School, multimedia room.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1547.

Senseramente,

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cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
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8th Guam Education Board
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
6 PM
John F. Kennedy High School, Multimedia Room

AGENDA

I. **Meeting Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call of Members**

III. **Unfinished Business**

1. FY 18 Budget Reductions

IV. **New Business**

1. Head Start Grant Application

V. **Executive Session**

VI. **Adjournment**

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

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of Labor data.

"The executive order shall apply, regardless of the funding source, to all government of Guam departments, bureaus or agencies, including autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies, or other instrumentalities of the executive branch of the government of Guam based on their respective furlough and layoff personnel rules and regulations; and shall further apply to federally funded positions, whether fully or partially funded," according to the governor's revised executive order, released Monday but signed on March 2.

The governor's earlier executive order exempted certain essential personnel, such as Guam Memorial Hospital health professionals, from the work-week reduction, which is a form of furlough or work without pay.

The furlough plan stems from the administration's projection that the recently enacted federal tax cuts would mean a $67 million shortfall in tax collections this fiscal year, and an even deeper cut next spending year, which starts in October.

The administration has proposed an overall budget of $1.04 billion in fiscal 2019, but without a tax increase, the budget would lower to $930 million for the entire local government, including federal funding sources and special funds.

To show that the government faces a cash crunch, and to press for a tax increase, the administration has shut down the Piti and Astumbo fire stations, and mobilized Hagåtña Precinct police officers to the Department of Corrections prison facility in an attempt to cut costs.

Adelup: $1M saved each pay period

The administration has estimated the reduced workweek would result in a savings of $1 million per pay period.

The across-the-board pay reduction would be averted by a tax increase, the administration has stated.

"The administration continues to provide the Legislature with all the information it needs to act on any of the bills that have been sent to them, or that they have introduced themselves," the governor's office stated.

"Furlough, government shutdown and panic over cost-cutting measures could have been avoided if the Legislature had voted on the governor's Bill 245, introduced on Feb. 14," the release added. The legislation proposed a 50 percent increase to the business privilege tax, from a rate of 4 percent to 6 percent.

The Legislature has since received various tax proposals, including a 2 percent sales tax, a 6 percent online retail shopping tax, a 20 percent gaming tax and an additional tax on banks and insurers.

These proposals await a public hearing process.

Complex process

While the across-the-board pay reduction plan has been ordered, its execution faces hurdles, in part because of the different tiers of employee classification.

And before any classified employees can be furloughed, GovGuam must first see if its employees volunteer to take time off from work with no pay, to reduce the number of forced furloughs, according to a 2009 AG's office memo cited in the March 1 memo from Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson.

The order of furlough shall be determined by each department or agency, states the 2009 AG opinion, but affected employees of an agency or department shall be furloughed in the following order:

- part-time, seasonal or temporary workers
- provisional workers
- limited-term workers
- probationalor "initial" workers.

Classified employees are protected from getting pay cuts or layoffs first, the AG's office stated.

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with volleys of their own.

When lawmakers voted Friday to recess for a three-day holiday weekend, after acting Speaker Therese Terlaje denied Calvo's call for a Friday special session, the governor issued a release declaring it "the worst dereliction of duty I have seen in my years of public service."

Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson issued an opinion affirming his right to make that call on Saturday.

Legislature 'works for the governed, not the governor'

In response, Terlaje declared, the Legislature "works for the governed, not the governor." She accused Calvo of "executive overreach" but agreed to call the special session "out of respect for the attorney general," although "the Legislature may consider legal action," she said.

Saturday saw the administration's move shutting down the Guam Police Department's Hagåtña Precinct as a result of what the administration had dubbed "the Cruz crisis," in reference to Speaker Benjamin Cruz.

"As the Legislature takes a break this weekend," stated the governor, "my team is working hard."

The announcement declared that "the governor and his fiscal team worked alongside the Lieutenant Governor's Office and public safety agencies ... to address the ongoing fiscal crisis."

The statement declared that "inaction by lawmakers" has taken "the government to the point where there will be no cash to pay government employees, causing a government shutdown."

Ahead of Sunday's closure of the Astumbo and Piti fire stations, the Democratic Party of Guam got into the mix, issuing a statement underscoring remarks made by the deputy director of the Department of Administration, Vince Arriola, during the Saturday night session.

'The governor's call'

Arriola admitted the closure of police and fire stations was 'the governor's call,'" according to the Democrats' release.

The statement also highlighted Arriola's admission that "DOA had cash in the bank," but "the Legislature could not" see-through a read-only view – the public bank accounts as required by law.

Still, Adelup did not let up. Vice Speaker Terlaje was trying "to embarrass the administration, not to find solutions," said the Governor's Director of Communications Oyaol Ngiralriki.

The closure of three public safety facilities Sunday was done to reduce overtime costs, said the statement. Blame was placed on the Legislature.

Sen. Joe San Agustin's sales tax bill was described as something that "would not yield additional cash" until May.

"My colleagues and I are diligently working towards consensus on additional cost-cutting and revenue-enhancement measures based on facts and we are seeking community input as we move forward," Terlaje said.

"Senators recess for holiday," stated the response from the governor's office. "Senators still asking for information already provided," was its headline.

"After weeks of meetings in Special Economic Services, Committees of the Whole and public hearings, and sharing hundreds of pages of data and information provided, senators are still without a solution," declared the governor's statement.

Special session resumes at 2 p.m. today.

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Baker, 24, were arrested in November 2016 after the couple picked up two mail packages that contained 18.7 pounds of crystal methamphetamine. Authorities have said it had a maximum street value of $4.7 million.

Baker pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal use of a communication facility by knowingly using the mail to distribute meth.

She cooperated with authorities and said she and Rios went to Washington state where the drugs were purchased and sent the methamphetamine in packages that were shipped to a mailbox in Barrigada.

Rios previously argued the charges against him should be dropped because of Guam's political status as a colony and not a U.S. state, Post files state.

$1.1M, six vehicles seized

Federal agents seized approximately $1.1 million from Rios' bank accounts and safety deposit boxes, as well as six vehicles.

The court has yet to schedule a new sentencing date for Rios and Baker.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The GMHA Board of Trustees Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018 has been rescheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: 1st Floor, Daniel L. Webb Conference Room

You may contact Toni Tenorio at 647-2216, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or other services.

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Multimedia Room, JFK High School

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:04 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:
Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Crisostomo, Robert
Lujan, James C. – via teleconference
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

Non-Voting Members:
Bukikosa, Luke (GWHS) - IBOGS Representative
Sharma, Sanjay - GFT Representative
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison*

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

Absent:
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.- Excused
Mandapat, Audrey P. (SSHS) - GFT Representative - Excused
Samelo, Ernie (SHS)- IBOGS Representative – Excused

**Arrived after roll call.*

The Superintendent announced that seven (7) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

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Mr. Mendiola clarified that usually during regular meetings there is an opportunity for public comment but because it was a special meeting they would just go into the order of business.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he was going to move New Business up, to address the Head Start Grant Application and then that he would move into item three, the FY18 Budget Reductions Proposal.

II. New Business

1) Head Start Grant Application

Ms. Benavente stated that the final version of the Head Start Grant Application took into account the GEB Head Start Committee recommendations, the Policy Council recommendations and the most recent information provided by Technical Assistance from Region IX. Ms. Benavente pointed out that the most recent changes to the Grant Application were provided in a memo from the Head Start Program Director on March 11, 2018. The memo outlined the specific changes that were made to the previous drafts.

Ms. Schroeder stated that it was mentioned at the various work sessions and with the Council that Head Start was looking at improving their organizational structure and making changes to their staffing pattern. She explained that, because they were not going to be expanding the classrooms to a full day this year, they took three of the limited term, part time aide positions and converted them to a Program Coordinator I who would focus on service coordination such as mental health, disability and parent engagement. With the remaining funds, the Policy Council requested that the funds be moved to supplies for the classroom. This allowed for the program to increase funding for substitutes and allow for a Head Start Mentor Coach stipend.

Ms. Gutierrez asked for clarification, questioning whether the conversion of the salary for the three aides would completely cover the salary of the Program Coordinator and an additional substitute.

Ms. Schroeder clarified that it would.

Mr. Mendiola stated for the record that Ms. Lou San Nicolas worked very hard on trying to support and provide guidance to the Head Start Director. He went on to state that he believes that this program really helps our children and he hopes that we get the support and the renewal of the grant.

Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to approve the Head Start Grant Application. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola recognized Mayor Rudy Matanane for joining the meeting.

III. Unfinished Business

1) FY 18 Budget Reductions

Mr. Mendiola gave a brief overview of the different meetings that the Finance and Budget Committee, along with the Superintendent, have held within the past weeks.

He explained that the Superintendent prepared a letter with a request and he would like to give the Superintendent the opportunity to present his proposals and discuss the resolution.

The Superintendent stated that yesterday they released the plan for Phase II and Phase III reductions in the event that we do not have revenue solutions for the existing budget situation of the Department. He stated that part of that was to inform the Board and to inform the employees about the possibilities should we continue to go down that route. He stated that we are witnessing a cash shortfall that will continue to grow over time if we are unable to sustain the cash released from DOA. When we responded to the pro-rata reductions that were provided in the BBMR circular, we started out Phase I reductions that achieved a $12

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million savings by foregoing spending that had been planned. As a result, we see things like the delay in the Prekindergarten expansion, funds from the Textbook, Library, Limited Gaming and Healthy Futures Funds being redirected into core operations. He went on to say that we are working with the schools and divisions to reduce utility costs, and we are working on reducing contracts. In addition, we are continuing the hiring freeze at central office as well as assistant principal positions. Also announced was the delay of hiring of more substitute teachers until October 1, 2018. He explained that we thought we had done enough and we are waiting for revenue solutions but short of that, we have outlined what might have to happen if cash is not available to support the operations. Mr. Fernandez went on to explain the components of Phase II and Phase III.

Phase II would provide savings of $2.8 million dollars. The key points in addition to the continued deeper cuts into contracts and operations was trying to reduce the reliance of on-call substitute teachers for the remainder of the school year. Another proposal was extending the hiring freeze to school based positions unlike before, where it was only central office positions.

Phase III includes deeper cuts but would allow the Department to get to the remaining five million dollars savings. Mr. Fernandez stated that he reviewed the process for implementing a furlough. The process requires that GDOE look at all operational areas and making those cuts as much as possible before impacting personnel. The two proposals put out there were to shut down school operations after the instructional day. Also, Mr. Fernandez stated that he is asking the Board to consider delaying the start of the next school year until October 1st should we need that opportunity to make sure that we are meeting our budget targets. He stated that finally, what he is asking the Board to do, is authorize the implementation of a furlough following the procedures outlined in our agency's rules and regulations. He clarified that he is asking for authorization to initiate the furlough process, based on our rules and regulations, and we are required to issue a 90 day general notice to all employees before we can implement the furlough. He continued that the time frame in place looks like a furlough would take place during the summer so the impact should only be felt by the 12-month employees. He emphasized that the Department does not want to go in this direction but he is asking for the Board to consider all the tools and options available to deal with the worst case scenario if the cash crisis continues. He stated that the request outlines all the efforts and official documentation to get through this budget situation, to include work sessions, meetings with the community, interaction with the Legislature and the Governor. It is a request to start the process once we have the Board's approval.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Superintendent to clarify "authorization" versus "implementation".

The Superintendent explained that according to our rules, the Board has to authorize the implementation of a furlough as the initial step, but it does not mean that it starts right away, or that the 90 days starts right away. He explained that what it means is that the Board has taken the first step that would allow the Superintendent to take the next step which is the actual issuance of a general notice. The Superintendent clarified that even though the Board authorizes the furlough today, he asks for the opportunity to continue to work for other solutions or to work on the details of the furlough. The date that he's looking at, in order to hit a July 1st deadline, means that the notice would have to go out by April 2nd. He stated that he's hoping for the process by which he can continue to work with the Board and the GFT and other stake holders to work through and answer any questions prior to the implementation.

Mr. Mendiola then read Resolution 2018-004 into the record.

Ms. Gutierrez, with her deepest reservation moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to approve Resolution 2018-004 – Resolution to Affirm the GDOE's Austerity Measures and Budgetary Cuts in Response to Anticipated Revenue Losses Under The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act Of 2017 and to Authorize the Superintendent to Initiate the Furlough Process for Employees and to Commence Planning for a Delayed 2018-2019 School Year Start on October 1, 2018, in Light of the Impact of the Current Budgetary Crisis.

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Mr. Sanjay Sharma (from GFT) questioned whether the savings from the delayed start of the school year be then passed on to the next school year. He asked, whether whatever amount is saved from the delayed start would it not be a cost for the next fiscal year?

Mr. Fernandez explained that the savings that are achieved due to the late school start are mostly calculated on the basis of not having to call on our limited term employees, who would normally be working at the start of the school year. There would be savings this fiscal year and based on how we work through the calendar for the next fiscal year. He stated that we have already factored in all the operational expense savings, and we did not calculate any savings in teacher pay. We are not anticipating impacting teacher pay, just limited term employees, to include substitute teachers, limited term teachers, and retired teachers.

Mr. Sharma clarified if full time teachers would not face any pay reductions from the start of the school from August to October. Mr. Fernandez clarified that we have not calculated any of the proposed savings from a cut in teacher pay but he is asking the Board, if this is approved, to give him time to work with the GFT through the Calendar Committee to determine the details of the calendar and the details of the pay schedule. He stated that at this point we are not anticipating any savings from the teacher pay but that we need to work out the details.

Mr. Ada stated that the situation that the department is currently in is not a threat, it is real. He reiterated Ms. Gutierrez's sentiment about not wanting to have to go through with the resolution, but that it was necessary to be prepared. He said it is very painful, but he must agree with the resolution but he hopes that the Legislature will come up with a solution and we will not have to implement it.

Ms. Gutierrez asked whether in the event that the Legislature passes the bill, will the resolution be dissolved and rescinded? Mr. Fernandez clarified that if we had to implement a July 1st furlough, the target date would be around April 2nd, but what we're hopeful for as we work on the details of the worst case scenario we're going to be looking for a solution from our elected officials and continue to press them. He stated that he wants the public to know that this is not the determination that we are headed down this path, this resolution provides us with the options on the table to give us the tools to address the budgetary situation. He stated that because of the 90-day notice he is asking the Board to give the authority now so that in 90 days once we assess the situation, we'll know better of what we need to do. He went on to say that it is our hope that the Legislature will pass a bill that would mean that we do not have to take further cuts into the department so that we won't have to furlough our employees. Mr. Fernandez stated, the answer is yes, it is my intent that if we can have some revenue relief that addresses our budgetary situation, then no, we would not move further with the furlough.

Dr. McNinch thanked the community members for being present. He stated that the resolution addresses the "what if they don't fix the problem". He said the issue of funding is a whole bunch of details but he thinks the real issue is much simpler than that. He stated that he would like to ask the Legislature to please take the Guam Department of Education off the table and simply say that it is not going to be affected by what they are doing. Take us off the chopping block because education is an Organic Act function and it is a basic function of government.

Mr. Crisostomo added that all it takes is for the Legislature to act, if that is done we can avoid this road we're going down. Besides the furlough and the resolution today, not only are we going to close operations after school, we're going to have to close schools. That would mobilize the education community. We close schools in those villages, people get upset. It is not the Board of Education's intent to close schools because we want to, we're going to have to close schools because we need to. Students are going to have to move.

Mayor Mantanane stated that he agreed with Ms. Gutierrez when she stated that we have to make decisions that are going to hurt, and he agreed with Dr. McNinch about taking DOE off the chopping board.

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He stated that we need to be realistic because before the Legislature takes DOE off the chopping board, they're going to have to take care of the hospital. He said he supports DOE but realistically before they take DOE off the chopping board they have to consider what they're going to do with the hospital but he prays that it won't come to that and he hopes the Legislature and the Administration work together.

Luke Bukikosa from IBOGS commented that the main thing that was covered in the resolution was the furlough to employees. He stated that he agreed, the employees work so hard for the students. He believes that not only the employees will be affected but the students will also be affected. He questioned, if we're not funding our schools how are the students going to have a future. He invited everyone to join the IBOGS down at the Congress building at 3:30 pm tomorrow to show support and voice their opinions. He talked about the cuts this year and possibly next year. He talked about the possible cuts to after school functions and later cuts to IIAAG sports, which are the only escape for some students.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he would be there with the IBOGS to show support and invited everyone to come. He continued to express his support for the Department as a parent and as a board member. He also clarified that just because these options are on the table, it doesn't mean that they cannot take it off the table. He said this is the time that we as a department can rise and demand the attention that we deserve.

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

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola then stated that with the approval of this resolution he would like to create an Ad-Hoc committee to work with the Superintendent to address the finer details of the austerity plan and the delayed school opening. He asked that the Superintendent reach out and include the ex-officio members in the committee. He then appointed Mr. Robert Crisostomo, Dr. Ron McNinch, Mr. Peter Ada and Ms. Lou San Nicolas to the committee and requested that the committee provide to the Board within sixty days or earlier, a plan that would detail how we will proceed with respect to the furlough and the delayed opening of the school. He reassured the community that if the Legislature and the Governor come to the aide of DOE then they would take this item off the table.

He mentioned the upcoming board meeting on March 27, 2018 and stated that he hoped we would be able to get the reprieve we need from our elected leaders.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to approve the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez requested to go into executive session. Mr. Mendiola stated that he preferred to wait till the next meeting and would address it then.

IV. Announcements and Adjournment

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

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Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

FOR Christelyn Samiacala

LEILANI M. B. CRUZ
Administrative Officer

Date: 3/28/18

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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

ACTION 3. Minutes of January 23, 2018 Regular meeting

ACTION 4. Minutes of January 26, 2018 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

INFO 1. IBOGS

INFO 2. GFT

INFO 3. Mayor's Council of Guam

VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee

ACTION a. Committee Assignments/Updates

INFO b. Strategic Plan Update (Robert Crisostomo)

ACTION c. NASBE Legislative Conference Travel Approval

2. Instructional & Academic Support Committee

ACTION a. Head Start Report

3. Safe & Healthy Schools Committee

4. Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee

5. Fiscal Management

INFO/ACTION a. FY 2018 Budget Reductions

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INFO b. Update on Guahan Academy Charter School

6. Ad-Hoc committee on Board matters

VII. New Business

1. Discussion on Bill 244-34 and 245-34

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

Banker: Guam would be highest tax jurisdiction for US banking

By Andrew Roberto
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Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr.'s proposal to change the way Guam banks are taxed "would make Guam the highest tax jurisdiction for banking anywhere in the United States," and that's not good for consumers, said local banker Philip Flores.

Rodriguez proposed taxing the banking industry on qualified gross income, as one of the ways to fund the cash-strapped Guam Memorial Hospital.

Guam banks are already subject to the 4 percent gross receipts tax, but the tax is assessed on net income.

What the GMH bailout legislation, first proposed by the governor through Bill 230-34, would do is apply the tax on banks' gross revenue, rather than net income. Rodriguez further proposed recently to revise the tax system, and tax banks based on qualified gross income.

"Banks are taxed on a net basis nationwide," said Flores, chairman and president of BankPacific.

The result of the proposal from the governor, and now Rodriguez, according to Flores, would be passing on costs to consumers in the form of higher interest rates on loans and lower rates paid on savings accounts.

'A significant outlier'

Flores shared with the legislative leadership a letter from the American Bankers Association that if the proposed tax change occurred, it would make Guam's tax approach "a significant outlier, relative to the taxation of banks across the country."

"We know it's not a good idea," he said.

In his letter to Speaker Benjamin Cruz, Rodriguez referenced a recent decision by the Congress of the Philippines to begin taxing banks based on gross income.

According to the Philippine Bureau of Internal Revenue, banks are taxed on gross receipts at a rate of 5 to 7 percent.

A higher tax has meant a higher cost of borrowing in the Philippines, Philippine banking websites show. For instance, in the Philippines, a two-year car loan carries an interest rate of 14 percent, and the rate increases as the repayment terms get longer. A 10- to 20-year home loan can carry an interest rate of more than 10 percent a year in the Philippines. That's at least two or three times the rates on Guam for home loans, and three times or higher for car loans.

But according to Troy Torres, Rodriguez's senior policy adviser, a tax increase on banks does not hurt consumers.

He said taxing based on gross income "levels the playing field" for businesses already being taxed that way.

"Every other business is pitching in by paying at a gross rate," Torres said. He added, "In our current laws, netted out from the consideration of gross receipts for banks are everything from personnel expenses to marketing and advertising. If every business had that same opportunity, then I think (other businesses) would be very happy."

"There will be an even bigger advantage to consumers because banks have to be more competitive," Torres said, referring to credit unions. However, credit unions have a limit on the loans they can extend, local bankers have said.

Effect on health insurance

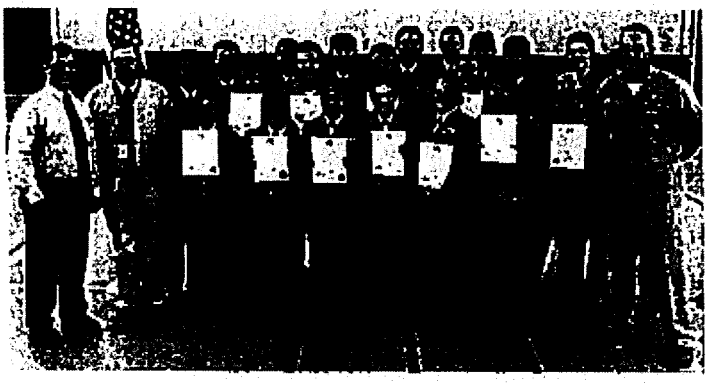
The island's health insurance industry also faces a tax increase in the proposals to bail out GMH.

"Any kind of tax is going to be passed on to consumers," said Jerry Crisostomo, plan administrator at NetCare Life & Health Insurance Co.

Crisostomo said increased health insurance costs might lead employers to avoid offering insurance altogether and that there could be an increase in the island's uninsured population.

"(Insurance company) margins are not large enough to absorb the tax," Crisostomo said.

Aguon recognizes NJROTC teams



CERTIFICATES: *Sen. Frank Aguon Jr. presented certificates to 22 students from the Guam High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps drill and marksmanship teams. The teams participated in four competitions: the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) Pacific Drill Meet and the East Region Drill Meet, both held in Japan; and the South Region Marksmanship Meet in Japan and the South Region Marksmanship Meet in South Korea. They were led by instructors Cmdr. Douglas Bowling and Chief Mark Franchino and were accompanied by designated "Team Mom" Gina Punzalan. Photo courtesy of the Office of Sen. Frank Aguon Jr.*

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8th Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
6 PM
Superintendent's Conference, Building A., Tiyan

AGENDA

I.	Meeting Call to Order	VI.	Unfinished Business / Committee Reports
II.	Approval of Minutes	VII.	New Business
III.	Public Participation	VIII.	Executive Session
IV.	Communications	IX.	Adjournment
V.	Ex-Officio Member Reports		

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MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, 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:
Mendiola, Mark B. - Chair
Gutierrez, Maria A.- Vice-Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Crisostomo, Robert
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

Non-Voting Members:
Samelo, Ernie (SHS)- IBOGS Representative

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

Absent:
Benavente, Lourdes M. - Excused
Mandapat, Audrey P. (SSHS) - GFT Representative - Excused
Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison - Unexcused

The Superintendent announced that seven (7) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

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II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. San Nicolas stated that the minutes provided in the original board packet have been replaced with corrected copies. The corrections that made were for grammatical errors and sentence fragments.

Ms. San Nicolas motioned to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017, the minutes of December 27, 2017, the minutes of January 23, 2018 and the minutes of January 26, 2018, Special Meeting.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ms. San Nicolas for taking the lead in ensuring that the minutes were well documented and informed everyone that the minutes were also recorded electronically. He went on to state that if something in the discussion was missed, we could refer back to the recording of the board meeting.

Ms. San Nicolas stated that in the minutes she went through with Christie San Nicolas, there were several instances where she had to ask her to go back and listen to the recording to make sure that they were both understanding the comments that were made during the meetings. She stated that the comments were not diminished in any form whatsoever and that the corrections made were just sentence fragments and minor grammatical errors.

Ms. San Nicolas added that she wanted to publically acknowledge Ms. Christie San Nicolas who was very diligent, very conscientious and very smart. She stated that it was really a pleasure working with her because it expedited the review process.

The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. Public Participation

Rand Coffman from Asmuyao School stated that he is excited for Asmuyao because for SY 2017-2018 they have started to help students gain credits through their DOE Counselor Scholarship Program. He passed out a flyer and stated that every counselor throughout DOE high schools can send one student to Asmuyao to earn three credits with no registration or tuition fee charge. Students only have to pay one hundred ($100) dollars that goes to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Mr. Coffman exclaimed that it is very exciting for Asmuyao to be able to help students who can not afford to go to Asmuyao to earn three credits that they may need in order to graduate, and the counselors are empowered to send them to Asmuyao.

Mr. Coffman offered that Asmuyao would like to save the Department nine hundred thousand ($900,000) dollars by having the students at Alternative School (J. P. Torres Success Academy - JPTSA) attend Asmuyao instead of JPTSA. Mr. Coffman went on to say that Asmuyao has an open-door policy, anyone from the Board or the GDOE are welcome to come by. He thanked the Board and the Superintendent and also thanked Deputy Superintendent Joe Sanchez for coming to Asmuyao to see how the school works. He reminded the Board that Asmuyao renewed their accreditation status in June 2017 for an additional six (6) years until year 2023. He expressed that Asmuyao has been reaching out to the Department of Education and has been wanting to help, which is why they have the DOE Counselor Scholarship Program. Mr. Coffman said that they wanted to reach out to the Board for them to acknowledge that Asmuyao is here and is playing as big a part as possible with the Department of Education.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Mr. Coffman for sharing with the Board and invited Mr. Coffman and his personnel to come to the GDOE budget committee work sessions to provide testimony. He acknowledged receiving Asmuyao's official documentation and stated that he would forward it to the Superintendent to provide guidance appropriate to the Board on any actionable items.

The Superintendent told Mr. Coffman that he would ask Mr. Sanchez to meet with him again for further discussion.

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IV. Communications

1) Superintendent's Report and Communication

Before the Superintendent presented his report, Mr. Mendiola congratulated Dr. Ron McNinch on his reappointment. Mr. Mendiola thanked the Office of Senator San Agustin for assisting the Board and helping Dr. McNinch's packet get processed and passed. He also thanked the Governor's Office for allowing for the swearing-in ceremony to take place. He stated that everything is confirmed and complete and now Dr. McNinch will be serving a three-year term as a board member.

Mr. Mendiola also wanted to inform everyone that he received the Governor's letter that was sent to all GovGuam employees about the bills regarding the budget. He mentioned that the letter would be reviewed later during the meeting when discussion of Fiscal Management takes place.

Mr. Mendiola briefed the Board regarding the Superintendent's settlement. He stated that he witnessed through the media that the Superintendent's settlement was passed by the Legislature and he also sent a request to the Attorney General asking for support to inform the Board on the next steps that needed to be taken.

Mr. Fernandez informed the Board of the communication that was received from the Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG). The document listed all DOE schools and the Mayor or vendor that was taking care of ground maintenance for each school. Ms. Gutierrez brought up a possible discrepancy in the document that was provided by the MCOG. She mentioned that the list showed that JFK High School staff provided grass cutting for the school but noted that the landlord should be responsible for the maintenance at the school. Mr. Fernandez agreed and said that he would look into it.

In addition to his written report to the Board, the Superintendent provided highlights and updates.

Budget Reductions - Mr. Fernandez stated that budget issues have been dominating the Department's focus and attention. In regards to the budget reductions, Mr. Fernandez mentioned the Phase I reductions were communicated with all employees and the decision from the Finance & Budget Committee to hold community meetings. After the community meetings are held, the Board will make a decision on further actions that need to be taken. Mr. Fernandez mentioned his recommendation to hold a special meeting on March 13 to give the Legislature time to act on the bills that were brought before the Legislature.

Ms. Lou San Nicolas mentioned that she was concerned about the special meeting to approve that Head Start grant application. She clarified that the program director made the request so that the grant application be approved before their travel takes place.

Mr. Fernandez agreed that the grant should be added to the agenda. Mr. Mendiola concurred.

Guahan Academy Charter School Update – Mr. Fernandez gave a brief overview of the situation at Guahan Academy Charter School (GACS). He mentioned that GACS received an eviction notice the week before. The landlord decided to give GACS an extension up until June 30th to allow the school to complete the school year. He went on to mention that the Charter School Council will be meeting to review the charters and noted that these issues may continue to surface.

Mr. Crisostomo shared his concerns about liability to the department because of the overdue rent owed to the landlord. Mr. Mendiola stated that they are going to let the Charter School Council address the issues at GACS.

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Mr. Crisostomo also questioned the possibility of all GACS students returning to DOE. Mr. Mendiola mentioned that he attended a Charter School Council meeting and that GACS was instructed to work with DOE to make sure transition occurs smoothly should students return to DOE.

Mr. Ada shared his concerns about the enrollment and withdrawal of students at GACS returning to DOE and the issue with GACS enrolling more students than they are authorized to do by law.

Ms. San Nicolas emphasized the need for timelines for GACS to transition all students so that when the school year starts for DOE the schools are ready to receive them.

Mr. Mendiola assured everyone that the deputies are working with GACS to ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to accept the Superintendent's Report and Communication as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

V. Ex-officio Member Reports

1) IBOGS – No report. Mr. Mendiola acknowledged Mr. Samelo for submitting comments for the budget. Mr. Fernandez also commended the IBOGS for meeting with Sodexo and providing input on the meals being served at the schools.

Mr. Mendiola also mentioned that he was invited by the IBOGS to a meeting at Southern High School to discuss some of the issues and challenges. Mr. Mendiola mentioned that he brought up the issue of graduation attire and tasked the IBOGS to come back to him with solutions on that issue. He stated that the Board leaves it up to IBOGS to decide if there are any policy changes that need to be considered on graduation attire or any other issues discussed.

2) GFT – No report. Mr. Fernandez informed the Board that the Department has been meeting monthly with the President of GFT to get their input on the current budget issue. He stated that they are in the midst of scheduling a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) meeting to go over the CBA and think through the FY19 and issues that we will be facing budgetarily.

3) Mayor's Council of Guam – No report.

VI. Unfinished Business

1) Executive Committee

a) Committee Assignments/Updates – Mr. Mendiola issued appointment letters to all chairs of the committees and stated that he wanted to maintain the committee assignments of all the current board members.

i. **Organization Efficiency and Development Committee Chairwoman** – Vice Chair, Maria Gutierrez
ii. **Fiscal Management Committee Chairman** – Chairman, Mark Mendiola
iii. **Instructional and Academic Support Committee Chairwoman** – Member, Lourdes Benavente
iv. **Safe and Healthy Schools Committee Chairman** – Member, James Lujan

Mr. Mendiola asked that any actionable items come from the committees.

Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to accept the committee appointments. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

b) Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Crisostomo informed the Board that he met with Dr. Zeni Natividad and the Superintendent the week before to discuss the plan for getting the Strategic Plan off the ground. The Superintendent support Mr. Crisostomo's request to received data from Dr. Zeni so that they can

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reevaluate the existing goals for the Strategic Plan. He strongly recommended that the Board takes a look at the existing goals. He stated that the attainment of the goals depends on where we started four and half years ago. He commented that he has been requesting the information for some time already, and that we won't know where we're going if we don't know where we started. Mr. Crisostomo requested that this topic be on the agenda for the next couple of meetings or possibly at the next board retreat.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Superintendent to provide the data to Mr. Crisostomo and mentioned that he would send out a request for a board retreat.

Mr. Fernandez agreed and stated that the commitment was to provide four year data on goals one and two. He mentioned that Dr. Zeny needed to do some reformulation to make the data easier to sort through. He also thanked Mr. Crisostomo for his recommendation to meet with Ms. Sam Mabini again to get Department of Labor involved.

c) NASBE Legislative Conference Travel Approval – Mrs. Gutierrez stated that the Board needed to approve the travel of Dr. McNinch to attend the NASBE Legislative Conference. She noted that because of budget constraints, two other board members would not be attending the conference. Mrs. Gutierrez explained that the Board has a Professional Development Account (PDA) that is used to pay for travel. The PDA currently has about $3,000. NASBE will pay $750 for Dr. McNinch's travel because he is on the Board of Directors, the balance due will come out of the PDA funds. Ms. Gutierrez explained that full payment is made up front and upon Dr. McNinch's return, NASBE will reimburse the $750 to the PDA funds. She went to explain that NASBE is also covering two nights at the hotel and all other expenses could be submitted to NASBE for reimbursement. She clarified that no local funds would be used to fund the trip.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Ada, to approve the travel for Dr. McNinch to attend the 2018 NASBE State Board of Education Legislative Conference in Washington, DC from March 4th to March 6th.

Mr. Mendiola congratulated Dr. McNinch for being on the Board of Directors and noted that he believes it will be a great opportunity for the Board to get a grasp on what is going on, on the federal side. To understand more about the federal dollars that are coming towards the Department.

Mr. Ada commented that he was happy to hear it when Mrs. Gutierrez stated that two other board members would not be attending the conference because of budget constraints. He also stated that he hopes this board will continue to take a serious look and restrain from sending more than one individual to these conferences. He went on to say that the Board, from the very top has to show that it is doing its part.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and commented that he is the chair of the budget and finance committee and right now that is on the table and they are considering it.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

2) Instructional & Academic Support Committee

Ms. San Nicolas stated that there have been numerous work sessions to focus on the preparation of the Head Start Grant Application. Some issues discussed during the work session was how they could accommodate students on the waiting list. She explained that they have been working with Region IX to improve the rating of the criteria that needs to be followed.

a) Head Start Program Director's Report

Ms. Schroeder stated in her report she attached the point system that is based on their community assessment with their parents and the community as a whole as to what their challenges are. Region IV

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wanted the Head Start Program to be more clear on how they gave points so that they would serve the highest risk families. The priority for Head Start is the homeless, the foster children and then high-risk children.

Ms. Schroeder announced that tentatively they will be having a guest from Region IV on March 6th and 7th to work directly with the program design and management of the program, which includes the Board and the operations within the grant.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to accept the Head Start Program Director's Report. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

3) Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee

Ms. Gutierrez stated that there was a work session held yesterday. Mr. Lujan attended the work session and said that issues brought up during the March meeting so that they could be resolved between now and March. Mr. Mendiola clarified that Ms. Gutierrez was referring to issues that were brought up regarding the Nepotism Policy.

4) Fiscal Management

a) FY 2018 Budget Reductions – Mr. Mendiola recapped some events that had occurred within the past few weeks in which the Board and the Superintendent held multiple meetings with the community and shareholders.

Mr. Mendiola announced that he was going to discuss an item that was listed under New Business in the agenda, Discussion on Bill 244-34/245-34.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Mr. Ada to accept the Resolution Relative to Providing Comments on Bills 244-34 and 245-34, Initiatives to Offset Anticipated Revenue Losses under the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017.

Mr. Mendiola stated that the Board received both bills and asked the Superintendent to do an analysis on both bills. The analysis was provided to the Board during a work session that was held. The resolution takes the position that the Department supports the Governor and Speaker Cruz's bill. He stated that certain parts of different bills needed to be taken into consideration. Mr. Mendiola then went on to read part of Resolution 2018-003. Mr. Mendiola went on to ask for support from the board members.

Mr. Ada went on the record to say he is in support of Bill 245-34 but noted that Bill 244-34 did not include autonomous agencies. He stated that it has caused issues with moral in his department and he brought up concerns of employees having to possibly pay back increments received.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he and the Superintendent would be providing testimony for the bills.

Mr. Fernandez commented that his testimony and the Chairman's testimony would be aligned with each other. He also noted that the Department would continue to make reductions to our budget. He commented on the difference between the two bills.

Ms. San Nicolas went on record to say that we must protect our employees from any adversities that would impact their salaries. She went on to say that employees are working really hard at the schools that are up for accreditation, doing the best they could to make sure their schools are ready. She also commented that high schools are already preparing for graduation and emphasized that we must protect our employees.

The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

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Ms. Gutierrez asked what time the hearing was scheduled for at the Legislature tomorrow.

Ms. Fernandez clarified that they informed the Legislature that they could testify at 2 pm tomorrow.

b) Update on Guahan Academy Charter School – Discussed earlier.

5) **Ad-Hoc committee on Board matters** – To be discussed during executive session.

VII. **New Business**

1) **Discussion on Bill 244-34/245-34 – Discussed earlier.**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

The Board rose from Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Ada, to accept the Attorney General's information and guidance relative to the ethics complaint filed by Mr. Barry Mead against GEB Members James Lujan and Dr. Ron McNinch. The Board considers this matter resolved. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 5 – Yes and Mr. Lujan and Dr. McNinch abstaining from voting. The motion passed.

VIII. **Announcements and Adjournment**

Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

FOR: _____ Date: 3/28/18

LEILANI M. B. CRUZ
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
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MARK B. MENDIOLA
GEB Chairman

Date: 3/27/18

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: 3/27/18

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September 29, 2017

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Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz
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Thirty-third Guam Legislature
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Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Cruz:

Håfa Adai! Pursuant to Public Law 31-32 (Title 5 GCA, Chapter 43, §43107), attached is the **Guam Education Board's FY 2018 Second Quarter Attendance Report** for the period of January 31, 2018 to March 31, 2018. The report will be posted on the Board's website at www.gdoe.net/geb.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1547.

Senseramente,

JON J.P. FERNANDEZ
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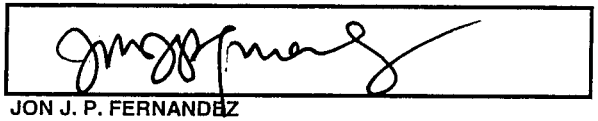
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GUAM EDUCATION BOARD
FY 2018 Second Quarter Attendance Report
For the Period of January 31, 2018 to March 31, 2018
Ref: Public Law 31-32 enacted on April 18, 2001

No.	Name	Position	Meeting Dates and Venues				
			23-Jan-18	26-Jan-18	20-Feb-18	13-Mar-18	27-Mar-18
			Regular Mtg.	Special Mtg.	Regular Mtg.	Special Mtg.	Regular Mtg.
			Supt's Conf. Rm., Bldg. A., Tiyan	Supt's Conf. Rm., Bldg. A., Tiyan	Supt's Conf. Rm., Bldg. A., Tiyan	Multimedia Room, JFK High School	Supt's Conf. Rm., Bldg. A., Tiyan
	Voting Members						
1	ADA, Peter Alecxis D.	Chairman (Efft. 1/3/17)	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
2	BENAVENTE, Lourdes M.	Member	Present	Present	***Absent***	Present	Present
3	CRISOSTOMO, Robert A.	Member	Present	***Absent***	Present	Present	Present
3	GUTIERREZ, Maria A.	Vice Chairperson (Efft. 1/3/17)	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
4	LUJAN, James C.	Member	Present (tele-conf)	Present	Present	Present (tele-conf)	Present
5	McNINCH, Dr. Ronald L.	Appointed Business Rep.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
6	MENDIOLA, Mark	Appointed Parent Rep.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
7	SAN NICOLAS, Lourdes B.	Member	Present	Present	Present	***Absent***	***Absent***
	Non-Voting Members						
8	MANDAPAT, Audrey (SSHS)	Guam Federation of Teachers Representative (Efft. 5/15/17)	Present	***Absent***	***Absent***	***Absent***	***Absent***
9	MATANANE, Rudy M.	Mayor's Council of Guam Education Liaison (Efft. 7/25/14)	Present	***Absent***	***Absent***	***Absent***	***Absent***
10	BUKIKOSA, Luke	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (GWHS)					
11	RAMOS, Mxoe	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (JFKHS)				Present	
12	KAKAS, Talyas	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (JFKHS)					
13	SAGUN, Bryoni	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (OHS)					
14	ROSALES, Marah	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (OHS)					
15	SAMELO, Ernie	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (SHS)	Present	***Absent***	Present		Present
16	DUENAS, Hannah	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (SHS)					
17	GARCIA, McEllie	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (SSHS)					
18	GAYETA, Joyce	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (SSHS)					
19	LAVA, Marie	IBOGS Representative SY 17-18 (THS) (started: 8/28/17)					

Certified True and Correct:



JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
GDOE Superintendent / GEB Executive Secretary

Date: 3/28/18

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