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June 27, 2018

The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo
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Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

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Thirty-fourth Guam Legislature
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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 June 26, 2018 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, June 26, 2018
6 PM
Superintendent's Conference Room, Building A., Tiyan
AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

ACTION 1. Minutes of May 22, 2018 Regular meeting

ACTION 2. Minutes of June 14, 2018 Special meeting

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

IV. Communications

INFO 1. Correspondence

ACTION/INFO 2. Superintendent's Report and Communication

a. Standing Public Update on Simon Sanchez High School

b. Standing Public Update on USDOE Special Conditions

c. Standing Public Update on Attendance Areas

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/INFO a. Superintendent Evaluation

ACTION/INFO b. Board Self-Evaluation

ACTION/INFO c. Charter School Update

INFO d. NASBE Report & Invoice

2. Instructional & Academic Support Committee

INFO a. Head Start Report

3. Safe & Healthy Schools Committee

4. Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, Maria A. Gutierrez , Vice Chairwoman, Peter Alecxis D. Ada, Lourdes M. Benavente, Robert A. Crisostomo, James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD, Lourdes B. San Nicolas
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Vacant, IBOGS Representative, Mark McCarthy (AHES), GFT Representative, Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane, MCOG Representative
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

5. **Fiscal Management**

INFO a. Update on FY18 Budget / FY19 Budget

6. **Ad-Hoc committee on Furlough and School Year 2018-19**

VII. New Business

ACTION 1. Declaration of Financial Status Designation for April 2018

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).

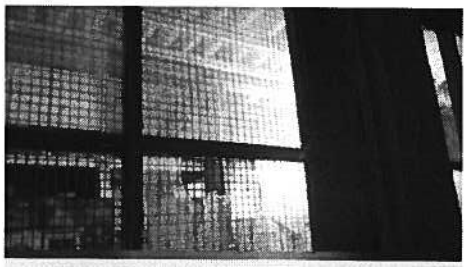
IX. Adjournment

Suspect dead after 20 injured in NJ shooting

(Reuters) - A suspected gunman was fatally shot after multiple people opened fire at an all-night arts festival in New Jersey, wounding 20 people including a boy who is in critical condition, authorities said on Sunday.

Prosecutors said a 33-year-old man was killed and a second suspect arrested after gunfire erupted at 3 a.m. at the event in the city of Trenton, about 60 miles southwest of New York City.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that multiple individuals attending the Art All Night event opened fire within the venue. ... Multiple weapons have been recovered," Angelo Onofri, prosecutor for Mercer County, told a news conference.



SHOOTING: *A broken window is seen after a shooting during the art festival in Trenton, N.J., June 17, in this screen grab obtained from social media video.*
Edward Forchion Facebook via Reuters

Among those wounded by bullets was a 13-year-old boy who Onofri said was in extremely critical condition. He said more than 1,000 people were believed to have been at the festival when the violence started.

"It absolutely could have been worse, given the confined space and the number of shots that appear to have been fired," Onofri said.

Authorities are investigating whether the deceased suspect was killed by police or by gunfire from other suspects, he said.

Organizers canceled the remainder of the event, billed as "24 hours of community, creativity and inspiration."

"We're still processing much of this and we don't have many answers at this time but please know that our staff, our volunteers, our artists and musicians all seem to be healthy and accounted for," the organizers wrote on Facebook on Sunday. "Our sincere, heartfelt sympathies are with those who were injured."

The New Jersey shooting occurs amid a debate about U.S. gun laws that was given fresh impetus by the massacre in February of 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Florida.

"It is a fact that our cities as well as our suburbs throughout America are experiencing an increase in public shootings and public unrest such as this," Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson told the news conference. "This isn't just a random act of violence. This is a public health issue."

Students begin tour to address gun violence

CHICAGO (The Washington Post) - The nation's contentious debate about guns came here this weekend, to a small, nondescript South Side park in a city where violence is rampant and the homicide count is escalating. Survivors of a suburban school mass shooting in Florida joined with survivors of an ongoing urban shooting epidemic in an effort to unite the nation's youth ahead of the upcoming midterm elections.

But instead of the walkouts and political speeches and boisterous rallies like one Friday night at a nearby church - which included music stars such as Chance the Rapper and Jennifer Hudson - on Saturday the students got down to work. In an understated effort in the struggling Auburn Gresham neighborhood, about 20 teenagers with the March for Our Lives movement began a 20-state summer bus tour with a drive to register young voters and encourage them to go to the polls.

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> *- Lauren Hogg, 15, of Parkland, Florida*

The students and recent graduates of Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the site of a mass shooting in February that left 17 people dead and created a renewed effort to battle gun violence, said they don't want a repeal of the Second Amendment or to banish guns. Instead, they want to galvanize the youth vote to make their peers understand how they can play an important role in getting more sensible gun reform laws on the books.

"The only horse we have in this race is living until tomorrow," said Cameron Kasky, 17.

Volunteers maintained a registration kiosk as a DJ played music and local residents could pick up free fried chicken and ice cream. Partnering with teenagers from Chicago anti-violence groups, packs of young people canvassed surrounding blocks and rang doorbells. The Parkland and Chicago students, some of whom met during a Florida visit in March, walked leisurely as they talked and laughed with a familiarity that obscured the troubling circumstances that brought them together.

"We have this bond," said Lauren Hogg, 15, of Parkland, as she walked with Kaiseona Lockhart, 16, of Chicago. "We don't need to say anything. We all understand the pain." Lockhart, who said gun violence "happens daily" in her neighborhood, said she can relate. "We all experience trauma. Out here, you become immune to it," she said.

The Chicago teenagers, many of them who take part in local anti-violence groups, said they have grown tired of the outside world categorizing the gun violence on their streets as simply a gang problem, which they say allows lawmakers to avoid confronting a more nuanced reality.

Students spoke at a Saturday night town hall in suburban Naperville, telling a crowd that they are more than mere statistics and that the problem is about far more than just guns. They hope that the new association with the Parkland students will help expose other factors linked to the violence, such as unemployment and failing public schools.

"Taking out the guns would make a difference, but we have to tackle all the problems if we want to see true change," said Trevon Bosley, 20, whose brother Terrell, a musician, was killed in a shooting at a church where he was rehearsing.

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Date: **Friday, June 29, 2018**
Time: **9:00 a.m.**
Place: **GMHA Daniel L. Webb Conference Room, Administration Wing, 850 Gov Carlos Camacho Road, Oka Tamuning, Guam.**

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Jon J.P. Fernandez
GDOE Superintendent

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
Benavente, Lourdes
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes

Non-Voting Members:
Samelo, Ernie (SHS) – IBOGS Representative
McCarthy, Mark (AHES) – GFT Representative

Legal Counsel:
Stake, James

Absent:
Ada, Peter Alecxis – Excused
Crisostomo, Robert – Excused
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison - Excused

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. San Nicolas motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. **Public Participation** – The Chairman reminded participants that they have a three (3) minute time frame and that if they go beyond three minutes, they may submit testimony. He also informed participants that if any comments that are made to the board, if there is a standing committee for the issue, it will be forwarded to the committee for review and if it is an operational issue, the Superintendent will respond accordingly.

Doris Terlaje, Chairperson, Teacher's Unit, GFT – Ms. Terlaje mentioned that she submitted a letter to the Superintendent regarding this matter. She read her testimony regarding the amendment to GDOE Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 904.701, regarding reclassification.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ms. Terlaje for her testimony and noted that there is a committee on the Board who is reviewing testimonies regarding the amendment. He stated that if it makes it up to the Board he will request the Superintendent to inform everyone who is affected but noted that he would send it back to the Superintendent.

Mr. Fernandez clarified that the Board delegates the authority to the Superintendent to ensure that the rules and regulations are in place. He stated that, as part of the budget exercise, there was a proposal to make certain amendments to the reclassification process. He continued, that as part of that regulatory process a public hearing was conducted; further, the department will continue to receive testimony until May 28th. He stated that once testimony is received, it will be reviewed and the board will be apprised of management's recommendations. He commented that right now, it can be implemented as part of the rule making.

Ms. Taling commented that it goes to the Legislature.

Mr. Fernandez stated that at some point it is based on the delegating authority from the Board so they're going to want to inform them of what the testimony has been and then determine how to proceed. Mr. Fernandez stated that he had a conversation with the President of the GFT earlier, we received testimony as part of the hearing and we continue to receive written testimony until May 28th and maybe schedule a work session to go over the work.

Dr. McNinch asked if the Board would be expecting information sometime in June regarding this issue.

Mr. Fernandez agreed and stated probably in early June they would go through the testimony, discuss internally and determine whether any adjustments or changes will be made to the rule and then discuss at a work session with the Board.

Dr. McNinch questioned whether it will be shared with the Board before it goes to the Legislature and whether they have an approval process in the interim before it goes to the Legislature.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the Board could always exercise its policy authority over it, right now we operate under the delegated authority. He stated that management and the Board have been working smoothly together, trying to be on the same page. He continued, what we'll do is take the testimony, make our recommendations as management and share everything with the Board, and if it's all in agreement we can move forward to the Legislature. Otherwise, we can discuss our options.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ms. Terlaje and assured her that the conversation would continue and that our educators would be engaged on how they proceed. He reminded them that they are invited to attend the work sessions.

Mr. Fernandez stated that we would make sure to inform the GFT Board Representative to ensure the word gets around when the work session is scheduled.

IV. **Communications**

FY 19 Budget Hearing. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Department has been working with the Appropriations Committee to determine when the budget hearing will be scheduled. He stated that the

committee is targeting mid-June for the hearing. He also informed the Board that there is a work session scheduled for May 30th to prepare for the hearing.

Mr. Lujan questioned the protocol regarding teacher's grievances and any type of request or concerns. He stated that he believes that, regardless of whether they are in the union or not, they should consult the union.

Superintendent's Report and Communication

The Superintendent reminded everyone that the last day of classes for the students is May 24th, the last teacher work day is May 31st, Teacher Orientation is August 10th and the first day of class for SY 18-19 will be August 14th. He also noted that there will be no delay in the start of the school year.

- **Simon Sanchez High School Procurement.** The Superintendent provided an update on Bill 204-34 and informed everyone that the Guam Legislature voted unanimously to pass the bill and on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 it lapsed into law. After such events, the Superintendent immediately wrote letters to the Director of the Department of Public Works and the President of Core Tech International asking the parties to settle their dispute in order to allow GDOE to move forward. GDOE is awaiting responses from either of the parties. He stated that once those matters are resolved, it'll clear the path for the Department to begin our work. He stated that he will be providing a monthly update on the Simon Sanchez High School Procurement.

- **Request for Removal of Special Conditions.** The Superintendent provided on update on the request stating that a final letter requesting the removal of special conditions is being finalized and will go to the U.S. Department of Education before the end of May. The letter is being updated to include a proposed transition structure for the department as well as to recommend changes to the special conditions letter. Upon submission of the letter, GDOE will engage USDOE regarding the next steps in the review process. A July visit is anticipated in order to discuss how USDOE will proceed with its review.

- **Revision of Attendance Areas.** The Superintendent stated that discussion will take place later in the agenda, the committee will answer any final questions and hopefully the Board will have enough information to take action.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Mr. Ada, to accept the Superintendent's Report and Communication as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

Ms. San Nicolas asked the Superintendent, with regards to the Simon Sanchez procurement, what is his target wait time was for the two parties to settle their dispute and what could the next step look like.

The Superintendent responded that he sent a letter to each party in which he asked on behalf of the students and teachers and families of Simon Sanchez that both parties find a way to resolve any outstanding issues with the OPA and the court. He stated that it is his understanding that they are in discussions and we hope that they do reach an agreement soon. He stated that with his discussion it does seem positive but that there is not real time frame but they are working together to see if they can reach a resolution.

Mr. Mendiola stated that maybe the Board should also send a letter to the parties.

Ms. Gutierrez addressed the Superintendent and commented that for the school readiness and facility efforts, Facilities and Maintenance really needs to check on schools. She stated that she understands that at a school they are using a classroom as a kitchen. She wondered if it is authorized for the classroom to have a refrigerator and a stove and was concerned about something happening in the classroom.

Mr. Fernandez requested that Ms. Gutierrez give him specific information so that he could look into it. He noted that he will be going into the schools to do inspections and will look out for any building regulations.

Mr. Lujan asked when the School Readiness planning would start.

Mr. Fernandez responded that maintenance has their plans and should begin once schools shut down. He also noted that school administrators have their plans ready for cleaning of classrooms and painting. He stated that it is his understanding that maintenance has been trying to be proactive this year so they are not worried about what needs to be tackled on their list, as long as it is being reported. He also informed the Board that normally they would activate the Operation Balle Gasgas projects during the summer but because Property has been trying to take care of any surveyed items more frequently, they don't anticipate that it will be a major operation this summer. He stated that he will get a better feel once he starts visiting schools.

Mr. Lujan stated that he would like to know whether classrooms are being used as kitchens and other types of spaces. He commented that with the possibility of looking into the reassignment of attendance areas, it is important to know what areas previously used for other spaces will be able to be restored to classrooms.

V. Ex-officio Member Reports

1) IBOGS – Ermin Samelo reported that their Student Leadership Seminar was a success, they had 112 participants. He stated that they received a lot of feedback and comments from everyone.

Ermin commented that they attended and participated at the work session that was held regarding the Mesh Bag Policy on May 10th. He stated that some editing was made and discussion will occur later in the agenda.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ermin for his professionalism and his contribution to the IBOGS.

Mr. Fernandez also commented, congratulating the IBOGS representatives for the accomplishments.

2) GFT – Mr. McCarthy read his report that was provided in the board packet regarding formative assessments.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Mr. McCarthy for his report and noted the Superintendent meets with GFT on a regular basis and assured Mr. McCarthy that GFT will always have a seat at the table to be a part of the discussion to ensure that their concerns are addressed.

Dr. McNinch asked if it would be possible to have a sample, one or two sentences of an AIMSWEB writing sample. He also asked if AIMSWEB serves a functional purpose. He stated that if it doesn't have a functional purpose, maybe it should be discussed in the future.

Mr. Fernandez commented that any discussion on policy changes is currently being addressed by the committee.

Mr. Lujan commented that teachers should be invited to the work sessions as well.

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

VI. Unfinished Business

1) Executive Committee

a) Revision of Attendance Areas – Mr. Fernandez thanked the Reassignment of Attendance Areas Committee for the work that the put in. Mr. Fernandez informed everyone that the packet contained a memorandum, updated tables for the reassignment of attendance areas, and a resolution for approval.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the proposed Guam Education Board Resolution 2018-09 – Resolution to approve the Proposed Reassignment of Elementary School Attendance Areas for School Year 2018-2019, Approve the Reassignment of High School Attendance Areas to take effect School Year 2020-2021, require a Feasibility Assessment and Implementation Plan for a Central Middle School, and Require the Development of a Board Policy for the Regular Review of Attendance Areas Every Five Years. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez read Resolution 2018-09 into the record.

Ms. Gutierrez thanked the committee for the hard work. She stated that she appreciated the time they put into this effort. She recalled that some of the town hall meetings weren't fun but they sacrificed their time from their families and their schools. She thanked them from the bottom of her heart. She acknowledged that they can't satisfy everyone but appreciates the work they put into it.

Mr. Lujan also thanked the committee for their hard work.

Ms. San Nicolas applauded the committee's efforts and commented that they've done a remarkable job.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he really appreciates the process and he understands that some people are not happy. He reminded the Board that once they vote it'll be the Department of Education's choice on the path they are taking. He noted that the resolution clearly defines the process that brought them all to this point. He stated that he understands that some people are not happy but the resolution provides the flexibility for the Department of Education to adapt to certain conditions that may come up. He stated once they set this path and charted this course as a board with the Superintendent and his team, now they have to go out there and own it. It stated that it is their decision and they will own it as a group. He thanked the committee for their hard work.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Superintendent to do a roll call for the vote.

The Superintendent took roll call for the vote on Resolution 2018-09:

Benavente, Lourdes – YES
Gutierrez, Maria A. – YES
Lujan, James C. – YES
McNinch, Dr. Ron L. – YES
Mendiola, Mark B. – YES
San Nicolas, Lourdes – YES

The Superintendent informed the Chairman than he has six votes in favor of the proposal.

Mr. Mendiola congratulated the Superintendent and the Reassignment of Attendance Areas Committee.

b) NASBE Update/New Member Institute

Ms. Gutierrez reminded everyone that whenever a board member travels, it is a policy that the Board must approve and upon their return the member must submit a written report. She stated that there is a 2018 New Member Institute scheduled and although the Board doesn't have a new member, Dr. McNinch is the new member representative on the NASBE Board and needs to attend the meeting from June 8 – 9. She requested that the Board approve the travel pursuant to the board policy.

Dr. McNinch commented that a lot of hard work went into establishing a relationship with NASBE and Ms. Gutierrez did a lot of work in this area over the years, we're well known with NASBE and they are

very positive about our interactions with them. He stated that at this coming meeting there are some important things that he hopes to be able to accomplish and he wants to coordinate with the Superintendent. He noted that there are very important things that they will be discussing in the meeting and he hopes that at the next board retreat they can discuss how they are going to maximize our NASBE relationship. He commented that NASBE has a lot to offer. He also mentioned that in October, there is a 60th anniversary meeting and the Board may be able to fundraise to send several board members to attend the meeting. He stated that it is a very important networking opportunity for our board to work with national board members across the nation.

Ms. Gutierrez asked Dr. McNinch to follow up with President of NASBE, the possibility of NASBE opening up another region, which was discussed at the last annual conference that she attended.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to approve the travel of Dr. McNinch to attend the 2018 new Member Institute Conference. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

2) Instructional & Academic Support Committee

a) Head Start Report – Ms. Catherine Schroeder stated that received the funding guidance for their COLA grants. She stated that they are going to applying for $77,530 dollars. She stated that it is due on June 18, 2018, and she requested a work session to move forward with the grant.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. San Nicolas, to approve the Head Start Report as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

b) Accreditation Report – Ms. San Nicolas reported that, of the fourteen schools that underwent a visit, seven schools underwent the full self-study which is a four day process. In that particular process, Category A involves the governing authority. She reported that there were two emerging things that came from most of the seven schools. The visiting teams applauded the dedication and commitment of the school leadership, faculty and staff. They also applauded the demonstration of caring for the students. The area for growth is that we have great programs and very meaningful professional development but the questioned that was asked is how do you access all of these to determine if they are impacting student achievement? Ms. San Nicolas stated that it is a real challenge and based on her experience it is not unique to Guam. She recommended that maybe they could work together with the Curriculum and Instructional Committee with Mr. Sanchez. She stated that the reports that were given to the principals were in draft form. Every visiting chair takes the draft report, goes through the report and the final report will be given to the principal. She requested to the Superintendent that when those reports are finalized, they be included in the packet because there are areas where they make recommendations to the Governing Authority, central office and/or the Board. Ms. San Nicolas thanked all the board members who attended the meetings with the visiting teams, and kudos to the principals, teachers, staff, parents and students. She stated that they need to be commended because they really demonstrated their pride for their schools.

Mr. Fernandez pointed out that several years ago the Department made a commitment to accredit all schools. Recently with the budget there has been discussion on whether we should revisit that topic. He stated that his recommendation to the Board was to complete this effort first and then come back to revisit how it is streamlined and make sure that it is effective. He pointed out that we have accredited eleven new schools over the past four years and over the next two years we intend to accredit six more schools which would bring us to all schools having gone through accreditation. We could then start to work on looking at how we can support and continue the accreditation process and doing it locally or regionally instead of all through WASC, except for the high schools and middle schools. He stated that he's open to revisiting that but we are close to full completion and it is incumbent upon us to maintain the standard of accreditation in our schools.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that she is very concerned with the schools that have begun preparation for the visit for school year 2018-2019. She stated that we may want to know where they are at, how much progress they have done, particularly those that are undergoing full self-study and mid cycle.

Mr. Mendiola stated that accreditation means a lot to their team and requested for the Superintendent to write a letter on behalf of the Board to the accreditation teams at the different schools. He stated that he wanted for the teams to be recognized and Ms. San Nicolas could sign off on the letter.

3) Safe & Health Schools Committee

a) Mesh Bag Policy – Ms. Gutierrez noted that one of the projects for the IBOGS was for them to develop a policy regarding school bags.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of the proposed Uniform Bag Policy developed by the IBOGS. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez commended the IBOGS for being the first to introduce a board policy.

IBOGS Chair Ernie Samelo stated that he and his team worked on the proposal for almost the whole school year and hoped that the Board would agree with the policy so that it could become official.

Dr. McNinch commented that it is very refreshing to see our young students dealing with policy. He stated that he feels that it is such a good learning experience for them and they did a wonderful job, they obviously put in a lot of hard work for this process. He commended and congratulated the IBOGS team.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ms. Gutierrez for devoting a lot of her time and energy and providing guidance to the IBOGS team.

4) Fiscal Management

a) Update on FY18 /FY19 Budget – Mr. Mendiola stated that the committee will be calling for a work session to prepare for the meeting with the Legislature.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he hopes that there will be participation at the work sessions and the hearing because there have been some items that have come up since we first introduced this budget, that will impact our budget request. He stated that May 30th is when the work session is scheduled. He stated that we are dealing with a different budget environment, if this bill passes to raise the compulsory age, we will need to take that into account. He also stated that we also need to make sure that all the funding that is going to be dedicated to facilities gets appropriated so that we can utilize that for the next school year.

Dr. McNinch asked if the Board had taken an official position on the bill regarding raising the compulsory age.

Mr. Mendiola responded that they had.

Mr. Fernandez clarified that the testimony that was provided stated that if it were to go into effect we would need the resources necessary to be able to address the additional population of students. He also stated that the other issue was to assure that we have all the supports needed to ensure that students who may have dropped out for other reasons are able to be supported towards successful completion of high school.

5) Ad-Hoc Committee on Furlough and School Year 2018-19 – Tabled.

VII. **New Business**

1) Declaration of Financial Status Designation for December 2017 and March 2018

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of Resolution 2018-08 Relative to approving the Corrective Financial Recovery Plan Prepared in response to the Code C-Watch issued by the Education Financial Supervisory Commission for the Months of December 2017 and March 2018. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

2) Standing Update on Simon Sanchez High School Renovation - Mr. Mendiola informed the Board that this topic would be included as an agenda item moving forward. The item will be available in the event that the Superintendent needs to provide an update.

Mr. Mendiola commented that he knows that there are community partners out there and that some military exercises would be coming in and some people mentioned that some sailors want to volunteer their time to assist with the school clean ups. He stated that we should maximize them over the summer time and utilize it as school readiness. He noted that one of the biggest challenges when we open for the school year are the air conditioning problems. He stated that we need to be ahead of it and asked the Superintendent to work with his team to address this problem.

Mr. Lujan recommended that air conditioning units be turned on a week before the start of school so that we can verify that the units are working.

VIII. **Announcements and Adjournment**

Mr. Mendiola mentioned the idea of board members wearing robes during graduations.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by all to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, June 14, 2018
2 pm
Superintendent's Conf. Rm., Bldg. A., Tiyan

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS

Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman
Maria A. Gutierrez, Vice Chairwoman
Peter Alecxis D. Ada
Lourdes M. Benavente
James C. Lujan
Ron L. McNinch, PhD
Lourdes B. San Nicolas

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

VACANT
IBOGS Representative

Mark D. McCarthy (AHES)
GFT Representative

Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane
MCOG Representative

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Jon J.P. Fernandez
GDOE Superintendent

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 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. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Lujan, James C.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B.

Staff:
Nasis, Jesse - Legal Counsel
San Nicolas, Christie

Absent:
Benavente, Lourdes M. – Excused
Crisostomo, Robert – Unexcused
McNinch, Dr. Ron L. – Excused*
IBOGS – Vacant
McCarthy, Mark D. - GFT Representative – Unexcused
Matanane, Rudy – MCOG Representative – Unexcused

The Superintendent announced that five (5) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

Mr. Mendiola stated that the agenda is short, with two items on the agenda.

II. New Business

1) Head Start COLA Grant Application

Ms. San Nicolas stated that the Chairman of the Board of Education, Mr. Mark Mendiola received a letter from the Office of the Head Start Region IX regarding the Guam Head Start application for supplemental

funding. She stated that the application is the reason for the special meeting because the deadline for the proposal is June 18, 2018. She stated that there are conditions in the letter regarding what should be included the grant application, and it is to address the 2.6% COLA or differential COLA increases. In addition, any balance of the COLA funds proposal could be used to offset higher operating costs. She stated that there were three work sessions held on June 6th, June 12th and June 14th. At the June 6th and June 12th members of the parent council were present at both meetings, they were given the opportunity to provide input to the preliminary grant application that was prepared by the Head Start Director, Ms. Cathy Schroeder. Ms. San Nicolas stated that on June 6th they met in the Superintendent's Conference Room and they provided input from the Board members and the parents that were present. Changes had to be made, and Mrs. Schroeder assured the Board and the parents that those changes would be taken into consideration. On June 12th the Joint Council Meeting was held in the Head Start Office and parents were present along with Ms. Schroeder, Ms. San Nicolas and the Head Start staff. During the Joint Council Meeting there were minor changes. The final draft was provided to all Board members and the Superintendent. She stated that there was a work session held today, June 14th, at 1 pm. Everyone was given the opportunity to ask questions for clarification. At the June 12th meeting, Ms. San Nicolas brought up the idea of including tablets in the proposal; however, at that meeting, Ms. Schroeder indicated that there is another grant opportunity called Program Improvement Funds. That grant should emerge this summer, and technology tablets could be included into the proposal.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Ada, to approve the Guam Head Start Program Grant Application for Supplemental funding as submitted by Head Start Director, Ms. Schroeder. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 5-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he is glad that Ms. Lou San Nicolas mentioned technology, and they hope that the program will continue to look for opportunities to get technology into the hands of our kids. In addition, he stated that the Board would like to hold a work session with SPED and Head Start to work on transitional issues and to discuss how they can strengthen the relationship between the SPED Program and the Head Start Program. He stated that they want to close the gap as much as possible.

Ms. Gutierrez asked to include the Parent Council members at the meeting.

Ms. Mendiola clarified that the Board is asking for everyone to be around the table to address any issues, and if there are any policy changes needed or support that the Board can provide, they will.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to approve the prioritization of technology in the next grant proposal, the Program Improvement Funds grant, to enhance teaching and learning and to support the Reading Program ReadyRosie. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 5-0. The motion passed.

2) **Travel related to USDOE matters**

Ms. San Nicolas stated that she wanted to be sure that all future related travels for the Chairman, regarding USDOE and in particular, GDOE's high risk status, that the Board afford the Chairman who also chairs the Budget and Finance Committee, or his designee, be able to participate in that conversation, dialogue and meetings with the Superintendent and the USDOE. She stated that there would be no need to meet for one particular item. She stated that the Chairman has done a good job providing the Board with feedback, and she personally would like to see that he continues to reinforce the Department's efforts to get us out of the high risk. Mr. Mendiola requested to add "or designee" to the motion in the event that he is unable to attend said meetings. Ms. San Nicolas stated that she would correct her motion to reflect Mr. Mendiola's request. Mr. Ada recommended that whichever board member is overseeing the high-risk issue be the person to attend but to utilize position title instead of name.

Ms. San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve all future related travels for the Chairman, regarding USDOE and in particular, GDOE's high risk status, that the Board afford the Chairman who also chairs

the Budget and Finance Committee, or his designee, be able to participate in that conversation, dialogue and meetings with the Superintendent and the USDOE. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 5-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola thanked the Superintendent, Ms. Cruz, Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Taitano for successful graduation ceremonies that were held and thanked all the board members that participated.

He also thanked the board members who are on the Budget and Finance Committee and he thanked the Superintendent for doing an outstanding job in presenting the fiscal year 2019 budget. He thanked the Superintendent, the partners with the GFT, the IBOGS and the Mayor's Council. He stated that we have to come together as a community and brace ourselves for 2019. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 26.

Ms. Gutierrez announced that the IBOGS representative from Tiyan High School, Eries Moreno, who is also the valedictorian, is inviting the Board to witness him receiving his resolution from the Legislature today, at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

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