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November 5, 2018

The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker
Thirty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Calvo and Acting Speaker Terlaje:

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 October 30, 2018 regular board meeting. The meeting was held in the Gallery, DOE Building B, Tiyan.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1627.

Senseramente,

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
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Attachments

cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
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8th Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, October 30, 2018
6 PM
Gallery A/B, Building B., Tiyan
AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

ACTION 1. Minutes of September 25, 2018 Regular Meeting

ACTION 2. Minutes of October 9, 2018 Special Meeting

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

IV. Communications

INFO 1. Correspondence

INFO 2. Superintendent's Report and Communication

V. Ex-Officio Member Reports

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

VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports

1. **Executive Committee**

ACTION a. Superintendent's Evaluation

INFO b. NASBE 2018 Annual Conference reporting

INFO c. Education Oversight Hearing

2. **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

a. Head Start Report

3. **Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**

4. **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

a. Ad-Hoc Special Committee Status Report - Nepotism

5. **Fiscal Management**

INFO a. Update on FY18 Budget / FY19 Budget

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

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: Hacie San Jose (SSHS) - IBOGS Representative, Mark McCarthy (AHES) - GFT Representative, Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane, MCOG Representative
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

VII. New Business

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

7,000-strong migrant caravan treks toward US

By Kate Linthicum
Los Angeles Times

TAPACHULA, Mexico – A growing caravan of roughly 7,000 Central American immigrants continued its trek toward the United States on Sunday, blowing past Mexican police and immigration officials.

The group, which has swelled in size in recent days, set out before dawn on the only road out of the small Mexican border town of Ciudad Hidalgo. It arrived in the afternoon in the city of Tapachula, more than 20 miles away.

The migrants, nearly all from the poor and violent nation of Honduras, posed a growing political and humanitarian calamity for Mexico, which has come under intense pressure from President Donald Trump to stop them.

On Friday, Mexican police used tear gas to block migrants from storming an official border crossing. But in the days since, Mexico has appeared unwilling to use force to stop the thousands of people who have illegally crossed the Suchiate River from Guatemala into Mexico and started walking north.

Caravan stretches for miles

That may be in part because the migrants include hundreds of women and small children, some in strollers. It could also be because of the daunting size of the caravan, which stretched for at least two miles.

As the caravan headed north Sunday in the 90-degree heat, another group of roughly 1,500 migrants waited on the Guatemalan side of the river, hoping to enter Mexico legally.

Authorities said at least 640 caravan members already have entered legally and applied for refugee status in Mexico and are being detained while their applications are processed.

The migrants left Honduras more than a week ago and began arriving several days ago at the Guatemalan border town of Tecun Uman, just across the river from Ciudad Hidalgo.

Most say they intend to cross into the United States, not seek refuge in Mexico. Some complain that they were unable to find work in Honduras. Others say they are fleeing violence or political repression there and hope to apply for asylum in the U.S.

Trump has made the caravan a campaign issue at rallies across the country ahead of the U.S. midterm elections, calling it a menace to national security. He has threatened Mexico and Central American countries with economic reprisal if they fail to stop the migrants and vowed to send the military to close the U.S. border should the group make it that far



WAITING: *Migrants from Honduras are waiting on a bridge that stretches across the Suchiate River and connects Guatemala and Mexico on Saturday.*
Jesus Alvarado/DPA/Abaca Press

More people join migrant caravan headed north



THE WASHINGTON POST

HEADED NORTH: *More people join migrant caravan headed north.*
The Washington Post

China's seaplane makes 1st takeoff from water

By Takayuki Nakagawa
Japan News-Yomiuri

BEIJING – China's domestically developed amphibious aircraft completed a takeoff from water for the first time on Saturday in Hubei Province.

The Chinese government says that the AG600, one of the largest planes of its kind, is developed mainly for search-and-rescue operations at sea. But some experts say it is possible that China aims to use the AG600 for military activities in the South China Sea, where the country has been building military strongholds.

The length of the AG600 aircraft is about 37 meters – similar to that of passenger airplanes. The aircraft's cruising range is believed to be 4,500 kilometers and each of the planes is capable of transporting about 54 tons of supplies.

Late last year, the AG600 aircraft conducted its maiden flight, taking off from the ground.

Congratulations from Xi

Saturday's test flight was broadcast live by the country's state television broadcaster. Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory message, saying, "I want people involved to work hard to realize the goal of making our country a nation with strong aviation capabilities."

Chinese media reported that the AG600 plane can be used as an early-warning aircraft over the South China Sea if necessary modifications are made.

Some experts have also pointed out that the AG600 aircraft could transport supplies to remote islands where conventional large planes cannot land or take off.

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AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Guam Land Use Commission will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 1:30 pm, Department of Land Management Conference Room, 590 S. Marine Corps Dr., 3rd Floor, ITC Building, Tamuning.

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes – NONE
III. Old Business
A. 2017-36, Christina M. Borja; Zone Change from "A" to "LC", Lot 101-9, Yona. [GLUC – 8/23/2018]
B. 2017-41B, Albert P. Sanga; Zone Change from "R-1" to "LC", Lot 1103-3-1A-1, Mangilao. [GLUC – 8/23/2018]
IV. New Business
C. 2018-21, TRI Inc.; Tentative Subdivision Plan for proposed Paradise Court Subdivision, Lot 2303-R8NEW, Mangilao.
D. 2018-24, Wellborn LLC; Tentative Subdivision Plan for proposed Wellborn Estates, Lots 7110-NEW-NEW-1; 7110-NEW-NEW-2 & 7110-NEW-NEW-R2, Yigo.
VI. Administrative & Miscellaneous Matters
E. 2002-30E, BME & Songs, Inc.; renewal of its previously approved Use Zone Variance and Status Report, Lot 10, Tract 293, Mangilao.
F. 2015-26C, Deepak & Kiran Sadhwani; Status Report for a previously approved Tentative Subdivision Plan, Lot 5315, Dededo.

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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. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A. – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B. (video-conference)

Non-Voting Members:
San Jose, Hacie – IBOGS Representative*
McCarthy, Mark D. – GFT Representative
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG Education Liaison

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

*Arrived after roll call

Absent:
Crisostomo, Robert A. (excused)

The Superintendent announced that seven (7) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum. The Superintendent noted that the Education Chair, representing the Legislature, Senator Joe San Agustin was also present for the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Mendiola thanked the Superintendent and the Department of Education team for all the work they did during and after the recent storm, Typhoon Mangkhut. He acknowledged their work and the coordination that was done for our students who were in the shelters. He also thanked the Department of Public Works for providing bussing for the students who were at the shelter and transporting them to the schools. He thanked

the Food and Nutrition Division for providing commodities as well as the parent and student outreach team for providing school supplies, shoes and uniforms.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to approve the August 29, 2018, regular monthly meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mendiola informed the Board that a letter was sent to Mr. Robert Klitzkie regarding Mr. Klitzkie's complaint, and no response had yet been received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATION

CURRICULUM

Instructional Makeup Days. The Joint Calendar Committee, comprised of management representatives and representatives of the Guam Federation of Teachers, met to discuss and ensure the proper implementation of makeup days, following Typhoon Mangkhut, during which schools missed between 3 to 5 instructional days. The recommendation of the committee to the superintendent was to use the makeup days and then the professional development days to cover the days that were missed. For those schools that missed three days, make up days include November 23, January 7 and 8. For those schools that missed four days, they will add February 4, 2019, and those schools that missed five days will also add March 18, 2008. Schools will not be required to adjust the ending date of quarters.

FACILITIES

Typhoon Mangkhut. GDOE opened and operated 15 shelters during Typhoon Mangkhut, including Upi ES, Machananao ES, Astumbo ES, Ordot/Chalan Pago ES, Wettengel ES, Maria Ulloa ES, MU Lujan ES, Merizo Martyrs ES, Carbullido ES, Talofofo ES, Truman ES, FBLG MS, Inarajan MS, Okkodo HS, and GW HS. Total number of shelterees peaked at over 2,100 individuals. Shelters maintained operation for approximately 48 hours, beginning Sunday at 6 p.m. Upon transition back to COR4, GDOE supported Tier II sheltering at Astumbo Gym, coordinating busing (w/DPW) and providing other support (food/uniforms/shoes) to approximately 90 schoolchildren and their families. Tier II shelter remained open with 127 individuals (21 families). All damage assessment reports and timesheets have been submitted to the Department of Homeland Security.

Simon Sanchez High School Procurement. The stay put remains in place based on the appeal filed by CoreTech International with the Office of Public Auditor. It is expected that all parties will support dismissal of the appeal in order to allow GDOE to move forward with the design of a new Simon Sanchez HS. A total of $2.5 million in funding for the architecture and engineering work for Simon Sanchez High School has been approved, and the work can begin once the stay is lifted.

SAFETY

Custodial Contract. There is a protest filed with the OPA regarding the procurement for custodial services. The current contract expires at the end of September. Superintendent will exercise emergency procurement authority in order to continue outsourced custodial service for schools. Also, certain schools may be given the opportunity to assume responsibility for cleaning their schools on a daily basis, which means that resources once set aside by the custodial contractor can go towards the purchase of supplies and equipment. We will continue to work with the schools during the interim.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, 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

IBOGS – IBOGS Chairwoman Hacie San Jose presented the IBOGS report and updates.

GFT – GFT Representative Mr. McCarthy read his report for the record. In Mr. McCarthy's report he informed the Board that teachers of brought their concerns to GFT regarding the PTEP.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Superintendent to provide an official response to GFT.

Ms. San Nicolas commented that we need data to identify what the problems are. A survey would help them to identify the issue.

Mr. Fernandez informed the Board that the management team would be meeting with Sanjay Sharma on Thursday. He also noted that the PTEP was listed on Mr. Sharma's agenda. The Superintendent stated that it is important to get more details so that they may come up with solutions on how to address the issue.

Mayor's Council of Guam – No report.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Executive Committee

NASBE Annual Conference Travel Approval – Ms. Gutierrez stated that she, Dr. McNinch and Ms. Lou Benavente were able to register for the conference. She also informed that she was able to register for a pre-conference, which would cover $500 for airfare and one night for hotel stay. She stated that the conference begins on October 17th. Ms. Gutierrez noted that the Superintendent would be attending the conference. She also noted that at previous conferences she saw that junior leaders were also present and wanted to request that they bring Nikki San Agustin to the NASBE conference.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the IBOGS Representative, a junior at John F. Kennedy High School, Nikki San Agustin to attend the 60th year NASBE Annual Conference. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. McNinch commented that he just had a long meeting in the morning related to various technical aspects of NASBE. He stated that they revised the bylaws and discussed a number of other topics for the upcoming conference. He stated that one suggestion that was made was for the school board to appoint a delegate representative to vote. He then nominated Ms. Gutierrez to serve in that role.

Mr. Mendiola asked Ms. Gutierrez if she accepted the nomination to be the Board's official delegate.

Ms. Gutierrez accepted and thanked Dr. McNinch.

Dr. McNinch also asked that Ms. Gutierrez be the head of their delegation to the conference.

2) Instructional & Academic Support Committee

Head Start Report – Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board that Ms. Schroeder had a family emergency and was not able to stay for the meeting. Ms. Gutierrez noted that the Head Start Report was provided in the board packet and Mr. Sanchez was present in the event that there were any questions.

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

3) **Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**

Mr. Lujan informed the Board that there would be work sessions scheduled to discuss the costs incurred from Typhoon Mangkhut. He also noted that they were supposed to meet to entertain the issue of Chief Brodie but because of the storm, they've had to push the meeting back.

Mr. Mendiola noted that he was aware that Mr. Lujan recommended that the Mayor of Tamuning be present at the meeting regarding Chief Brodie.

4) **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

Creation of positions for the Chief Auditor (GDOE) and the Auditor IV (GDOE) - Ms. Gutierrez made it clear that they understand the budget bill and wanted to make it clear that they are just creating the positions and not filling them. She also noted that they are just going through the process.

Mr. Fernandez stated that we have considered creating these positions specifically for the Department of Education. Recognizing that when it comes to professional audit staff that the Department has been at a disadvantage relative to autonomous agencies and the Office of Public Accountability. The Internal Audit Office has been very critical to our overall strategy for trying to get off high risk. In earlier discussions, we wanted to make sure that our employees did not get "headhunted" as positions become vacant elsewhere in the government due to the fact that their salaries were at a much lower level than their colleagues and peers. We engaged in this process, working through an analysis of duties and responsibilities and looking at the role and scope of work for these positions. We presented it to the Board to seek approval to move forward with the process. Mr. Fernandez noted that information was published for public comment but we had not received any comments. He stated that the next step would be for the Board to take its final review. Once the Board approves the creation of positions, they would then be submitted to DOA and then to the Legislature to be approved. Mr. Fernandez noted that just as Ms. Gutierrez mentioned, this effort doesn't mean that anyone gets a raise or promotion it just creates a new position in the Department of Education that recognizes the audit function as it relates to the largest agency on island. At a future point as we evaluate our budgetary situation and our resources, then we can make the decision whether or not to open the positions.

Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the GEB Resolution 2018-18 – Relative to Approving the Creation of Position Petition for the Chief Auditor (GDOE) and Auditor IV (GDOE) Positions. The Board voted by voice to approve the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Board Policy 903.200 – Nepotism – Ms. Gutierrez stated that a work session was held on Monday to discuss nepotism. She thanked Ms. San Nicolas for submitting her input. Ms. Gutierrez then made a request for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to be formed to address nepotism. Ms. Gutierrez stated that the committee should consist of board members and appointed members of management. She noted that the law and the board policy contradict each other so the board policy should be reviewed and possibly changed.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Board who would be willing to be a part of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Gutierrez agreed to lead and welcomed other board members.

Dr. McNinch, Ms. Benavente and Mr. Lujan volunteered to be on the committee.

Mr. Mendiola clarified that the Ad Hoc Committee would only exists up until the point in which they provide guidance and direction. If the law does need to be changed, this would be the recommendation coming from the AdHoc Committee. He stated that the committee needs to review the policy and ensure that it is aligned with the law.

5) **Fiscal Management**

Update on FY18 /FY19 Budget, Supplemental Budget and FY19 Spending Plan – Mr. Mendiola noted that they held a work session regarding the FY19 Spending Plan. A resolution was provided in the board packet and it outlined how they are going to proceed with regards to the spending priorities of the Department of Education. Mr. Mendiola thanked his colleagues and the Superintendent and his team. He knows that it was a very challenging task because of the financial condition that our elected leaders put us in. He stated that he firmly believes that the Department of Education has been at the forefront and took the lead in implementing cost-cutting measures. When we submitted our budget we used the 14 points which is a legislative mandate that has been placed on the Department of Education. We populated the dollar amount need to meet those mandates. He commented that the 14 points unfortunately don't come with a funding source and it is left at the whim of those who say education is a priority.

When it comes down to it, the ability for the Department of Education to meet those mandates were taken away. We have held the line, we have not gone on a hiring spree. He referenced Mr. Lujan's earlier comment regarding central office staff who have to work extra hard and for longer hours because of staff shortage. He stated that our payroll department, our accounting department and our HR department is suffering because of it. We are investing and channeling a lot of our resources to the classroom but when we have that compression here in the office, it is very difficult to put that forth. He stated that the spending priority is based on a dollar figure that was given to us and in addition to the dollar figure that they gave to us, they took even more away from us by giving it to the charter schools. We have some issues with the charter schools, this board has stood its' ground and said, "Look, you continue to take resources from us, you continue to use our resources" and then there's comments that are made saying that it's good to have competition. He commented that they are all our kids, if people want a choice that's what private schools are for, our public school kids need these resources. He stated that we are asking for a supplemental budget request and we can no longer take hits to the Department of Education because it is going to affect our classrooms and we will not be able to meet our mission. He asked the Board to support the resolution and asked the Board and all our partners in education for support. He stated that someone really needs to champion the Department of Education down at the Legislature and we really need support to help our students succeed.

Ms. Gutierrez read Resolution 2018-16 – Relative to Adopting the Spending Priorities for the Guam Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2019 into the record.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to approve the GEB Resolution 2018-16 – Relative to Adopting the Spending Priorities for the Guam Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2019. The Board voted by voice to approve the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Lujan commented that it is coming to the point where the Department of Education is becoming disenfranchised from the three basic tenants of the Organic Act and it is coming to the point where he is beginning to think that this Board should take action legally. He stated that they did not mandate the 14 points, the Legislature did, but they deny us the cost that is needed to run our department. He commented that they freeze increments, they freeze hiring that is needed to meet the 14 points, and where does it end?

The Superintendent stated that as we passed the spending plan and as we think about a supplemental budget, we want our community and our employees to know that when we made adjustments to try to do our part last year we were able to do so and try to maintain the core mission of the Department. As we got through the process, at the end of the day, we're at a point where it is going to be a very tough year. Based on the overall amount of funding that we're required to absorb and somehow try to maintain and meet the mandates that have been set upon us, we're going into this year knowing that it is going to be tough. Mr. Fernandez commented that the freeze on salary increments, promotions and merit bonuses, he agreed with Mr. Lujan. He stated that we have always asked for the flexibility to make these determinations ourselves so that we can insure that the impacts of our decisions do not harm the core mission. He stated

that his biggest worry right now is that we rely on our 4,000 employees to carry the weight of our mission, out in our classrooms and out at our school sites. At the beginning of the year, we're telling them already that they are not going to see their increments, if we open up positions, they cannot be promoted into those positions, that merit bonuses continue to be frozen and that if they invested in obtaining further education, reclassification is not a possibility. He continued to state that we're going to go through this year, continuing to drive, push and meet our mission, and yet, we already know from the very start that many of our employees are going to have to forgo because of the budget law. Mr. Fernandez commented that when you look back during this past typhoon and the role that our employees, employees who are not homeland security, red cross or civil defense, they are teachers, administrators, staff and central office staff who are now switching over and becoming emergency response experts. He stated that they are given the responsibility to maintain shelters, facilities that have not received facilities funding that we have asked for and requested year after year, but we're expected to open up schools in aged, worn down facilities to protect the livelihood of 2100 people. We put these individuals in the hands of DOE employees. He commented that it is so strange that we expect so much from our employees, and our employees step up to the jobs because they know they are being depended on and then on the other hand we tell them they have to wait another year for their salary increments and things that are available to them normally. He stated that it is a hard message for him to give because a lot people really put themselves out there, especially during emergencies. Our staff came out because they care and want to give support and do our part.

Mr. Ada commented that he had an opportunity to thoroughly review the spending plan. He stated that as the Superintendent stated, many of the staff have gone over and beyond, and left their families, not knowing what was going on. He stated that he went to several schools in the past and he observed on several occasions when he would visit the urinals, that there were three urinals and two were covered with plastic. The amount that we are requesting is good, but still, not enough. He stated that the Legislature during campaign time, always say that education is number one but the Department always gets the biggest cut first. He stated that he is going to vote on this resolution but with a lot of reservation because the Legislature put us in this position.

Mr. Mendiola thanked his colleagues for their support and stated that they are going to go into discussions regarding the supplemental budget.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1) Declaration of Financial Status Designation for June and July 2018

Mr. Ada moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of Resolution 2018-17 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 June and July 2018. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez questioned what they meant by recalculate on the resolution.

Ms. Taling Taitano explained that there was a budget modification so they readjusted the numbers.

Ms. Gutierrez asked what the modification was.

Ms. Taitano responded that they moved money around to cover utility costs.

Ms. Gutierrez asked what the status was on power conservation.

Mr. Fernandez responded that the last expenditure review showed that there was a decline in 7% for monthly consumption.

Mr. Mendiola asked if the Department could provide an update on which schools have been conserving power.

Mr. Lujan commented that a 7% decline is great especially since some of the schools are older with electrical systems that has not been updated.

2) Board Policy 125.3 – Distribution of Board Meetings Materials
3) Board Policy 130 – Board Work Sessions
4) Board Policy 210.1 – Administrative Personnel Compensation and Contracts

Ms. Gutierrez stated that some of the board policies need to be reviewed because some haven't been updated for some time. She commented that clarification needs to be given on what 72 hours refers to, calendar days or workdays. She requested that these be referred to the executive committee. Referencing BP 210.1, she commented that administrative appointment should not be subject to the approval of the Board because it is the responsibility of the Superintendent.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and commented that it will be referred to the executive committee.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fernandez informed the Board that each of them were given a calendar that highlights the artwork of our GATE students. He recognized the GATE Program and the students involved.

Dr. McNinch commented that he found the calendar to be interesting and an excellent example of our student's work as well as the teachers in our school system.

Ms. Gutierrez acknowledged Mr. Cesar Medina who is working with GATE students at Maria Ulloa Elementary School. She commented that she believes that we found someone who is really reaching out to the students and showing the talent of the students in the public schools.

Mr. Mendiola wished the Superintendent Happy Birthday.

IX. Announcements and Adjournment

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

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:
Christie L. San Nicolas

Date: 11/5/18

CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
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MARK B. MENDIOLA
GEB Chairman
Date: 11/5/18

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Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent
Date: 11/6/18

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8th GUAM EDUCATION BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
6 pm
Gallery A/B, DOE Bldg. B., Tiyan

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hacie San Jose (SSHS)
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 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. – Chairman
Gutierrez, Maria A. – Vice Chairwoman
Ada, Peter Alecxis
Crisostomo, Robert A.
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.
San Nicolas, Lourdes B. (video-conference)

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

Absent:
San Jose, Hacie – IBOGS Representative (excused)
McCarthy, Mark D. – GFT Representative
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG Education Liaison

The Superintendent announced that eight (8) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

Mr. Lujan announced that the Committee on Safe and Healthy Schools met on October 4th to discuss the expenditures for typhoon readiness and recovery. He stated that he would provide on update at the next regular meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1) Supplemental Budget FY19

Mr. Mendiola noted that a work session was held to discuss the supplemental budget. He thanked Ms. Taling Taitano and her team and the Superintendent for putting all the data and documents together and

giving the Board proper guidance. He stated that they are asking that the Guam Department of Education be exempted from the hiring freeze effective October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, as well as the freeze on increments, promotions, reclassifications, merit bonuses, any other upward pay adjustments and the suspension of certification pay differential under 4 GCA §§6235. In addition to that, we want administrative authority regarding any charter school appropriations balances that revert to GDOE to offset operational shortfalls. Lastly, we are requesting that they allow flexibility to use Special Fund Appropriations to offset operational shortfalls. He noted that in the board packet, they would see that we are requesting supplemental funding of about $15.5 million to meet the needs of GDOE with respect to the 14 points. Mr. Mendiola continued to give a brief summary of Resolution 2018-19. Mr. Mendiola informed the Board that a copy of the overview was also provided and noted that for each item listed, the corresponding 14-point breakdown was also referenced.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, for the approval of Resolution 2018-19 Relative to adopting a request for Supplemental Funding and Amendments to Fiscal year 2019 Budget Act for the Guam Department of Education. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez read a portion of the resolution into the record.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he asked the Superintendent and the Department to create legislation that is in line with the resolution. He stated that they wanted to be able to present it down to the Legislature for their consideration.

2) Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Mendiola noted that the executive committee met to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. He thanked Ms. San Nicolas for her input.

Mr. Fernandez went over the timeline and pointed out some changes that were made.

Ms. Gutierrez asked for clarification regarding how the board members will be submitting their evaluations and emphasized the importance of the Board approving the use of the template that was created.

Mr. Fernandez agreed that they should approve the template first and then work on the timeline.

Ms. Gutierrez commented that in regards to finalizing their evaluations of the Superintendent after the Superintendent responds to their initial evaluation, she personally would not want to go back and revisit the evaluation. She stated that once she does her ratings and evaluation to her satisfaction, she would be done and wouldn't need to edit or go back.

The Superintendent explained that others may feel that they are unable to rate a certain category because they don't have enough information. The timeline would allow for further discussion to take place for that board member who would like more information to complete their evaluation.

Ms. San Nicolas informed everyone that numbers 11, 14 and 15 in the Superintendent's evaluation template, were incomplete.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan, to approve the Superintendent of Education's evaluation template, which was created by Dr. Ron McNinch and agreed upon by Superintendent Fernandez. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola informed the Board that Christie would provide copies of the evaluation template for each member once the correction that was pointed out is made. He instructed members that once evaluations are complete they would place it in a manila envelope, seal it and Christie would secure it. He stated that once evaluations are received he would then work with Dr. McNinch to do assessment and numbering.

3) CCSSO Meeting Nov. 12 -14, 2018 – Annual Policy Forum

Mr. Mendiola informed the Board that he received an invitation from the organization to attend the conference.

Mr. Fernandez stated that in the past, the CCSSO and the NASBE meetings happened at the same time. In the past the NASBE and CCSSO would get together at least for one dinner and discussion with a keynote speaker. He stated that the CCSSO indicated that we are able to bring a deputy and any other senior officials from the agency as long as they received an invitation. He stated that Mr. Mendiola received the invitation, and what we are going to do, as we've done for some of the NASBE trip, is use some of our indirect cost funding to support that travel. Mr. Fernandez stated that the CCSSO would cover the remaining expenses for his travel and stay. He stated that he believes that it is in line with the State Superintendent and board responsibilities.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Lujan and Ms. Benavente, to approve the travel for the Chairman of the Board, to attend the CCSSO Annual 2018 Policy Forum in Long Beach, California, on November 12 – 14, 2018. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Fernandez stated that because this was a special meeting and there is no other item on the agenda, he wanted to get a ruling on the germaneness of announcing that we have nine MagPro winners in the Department. The Life Saving Medal to Ronny Pro Espina, Nurse at Simon Sanchez, Female Athlete of the Year to Charisse Bolabola, a PE teacher at Jose Rios but also a Guam National Basketball representative in the Micronesian Games, Male Athlete of the Year, James Stake one of our Attorneys. He commented that this is great recognition for the Large Agency Program of the Year, the Student Support Services Division School-Based Behavior Health Initiative. Congratulations to Nadine, Jonathan and Terry for their work on that. He continued to announce, National Recognition Citation, Dr. Ron Canos from Simon Sanchez as well as Dr. Zeni Natividad from RP&E. Employee of the Year in the General Education category, our Teacher of the Year, Jonah Mari Gumataotao, Supervisor of the Year in Nursing & Dental Hygiene, Ms. Julietta Quinene of our Nurses, and finally, for Large Department/Agency, Manager of the Year, former Deputy Superintendent, Erika Cruz. Mr. Fernandez stated that we are still in the running of the nominations that won't be announced until the 26th that includes the Large Department/Agency of the Year for who we nominated our Student Attendance Officers, Department of the Year, Department of Education and Department of the Decade, Department of Education. He stated that he would like to see if it was germane to this discussion but he did want to inform the Board since we had the good news.

Mr. Crisostomo also announced that the Lieutenant Governor announced the tuition free courses that students can take. He noted that there weren't many applicants so they are requesting for Mr. Fernandez to announce it. It was previously limited to last year's graduating class but they've opened it up to include students who will be graduating this school year.

Ms. Gutierrez announced the National Principals Month and recommended that the recognition event be held on October 30th at 4 o'clock before the board meeting. Ms. Gutierrez noted that Senora Rufina Mendiola has volunteered to coordinate lite refreshments and decorate the space to be used. She also noted that she spoke to Dr. Sukola to prepare certificates for the principals. Ms. Gutierrez asked all board members to donate $50 dollars. The Superintendent and his deputies are welcome to get the cake.

Ms. Gutierrez announced that the NASBE school leadership survey is due on November 9th.

Ms. Gutierrez showed the board members a plaque that was donated by Ms. Rufina Mendiola. She informed the Board that they would present the plaque at the Annual Conference to the outgoing President and CEO Kristen Amundson, on behalf of the Department of Education and the GEB.

III. Adjournment

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

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

Date: 11/5/18

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:
(✓) Approved as submitted
( ) Approved subject to corrections
( ) Other: _____

MARK B. MENDIOLA
GEB Chairman

Date: 11/5/18

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: 11/6/18