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July 23, 2019

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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex
Adelup, Guam 96910

Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker
Thirty-fifth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Barnes:

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 July 16, 2019 regular board meeting. The meeting was held in the Gallery, DOE Building B, Tiyan.

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

Senseramente,

for **JON J. P. FERNANDEZ**
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Attachments

cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
Deputy Supt., FAS
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9th Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, July 16, 2019
6 PM
Gallery, Building B, Tiyan
AGENDA

	I.	**Meeting Call to Order**
	II.	**Approval of Minutes**
ACTION	1.	Minutes of June 18, 2019 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**
INFO	1.	GFT
INFO	2.	Mayor's Council of Guam
	VI.	**Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports**
	1.	**Executive Committee**
INFO	a.	Board Ethics Training
INFO	b.	Board Boardsmanship Training
INFO	c.	Retreat
	2.	**Instructional & Academic Support Committee**
INFO/ACTION	a.	Head Start Report
INFO/ACTION	b.	Update from Joint Calendar Committee Joint Resolution to Amend the Public Law to Clarify the Definition of Instructional Time
	3.	**Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**
INFO	a.	Central Middle School
	4.	**Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**
INFO/ACTION	a.	Above-Step Recruitment for Clarita Babauta for the position of Licensed Practical Nurse II
INFO	b.	Drug Free Work Place
	5.	**Fiscal Management**
INFO	a.	Update on FY20 Budget
INFO	b.	US DOE High Risk
	VII.	**New Business**
INFO/ACTION	1.	NASBE 2019 Annual Conference (October 16 – 19, 2019)
ACTION	2.	SY 19-20 UPDATED Calendar
	VIII.	**Executive Session**

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, Maria A. Gutierrez , Vice Chairwoman, Lourdes M. Benavente, John T. Burch, Ray P. Chargualaf Jr., James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: VACANT - IBOGS Representative, Nicole Nadal (OMS) - GFT Representative, Mayor, Rudy M. Matanane, MCOG Representative
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

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

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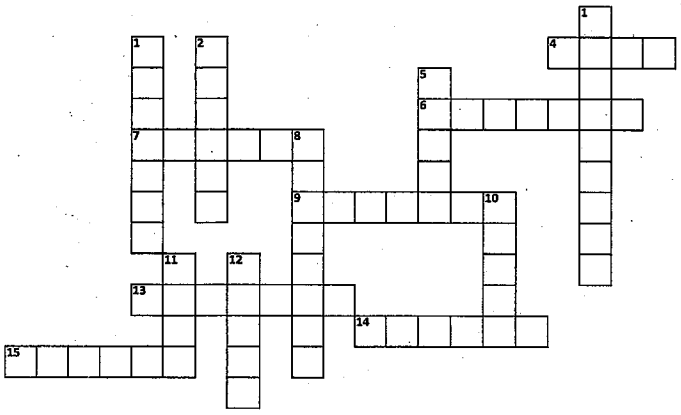
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ANTIOS	eyeglasses
ATMAYAS	oatmeal
CHANSA	chance
CHETTON	stick to, stuck
DAA'	combined, be together
DINGU	depart, leave behind
ESTOMAGU	stomach
FATINAS	cook, make
FATTO	arrive
FINAMAIPE'	made hot, warm up(food)
GADDO'	wild yam
RIKU	rich
SESYON	adult rabbitfish
TAHDONG	deep
TRISTE	sad



Across
4. rich
6. oatmeal
7. sad
9. deep
13. cook, make
14. adult rabbitfish
15. chance

Down
1. made hot, warm up(food)
2. stick to, stuck
3. eyeglasses
5. arrive
8. stomach
10. wild yam
11. combined, be together
12. depart, leave behind

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Financier Epstein arrested in sex trafficking case

NEW YORK (Reuters) – Financier Jeffrey Epstein was arrested late on Saturday on suspicion of sex trafficking of underage girls and will appear in federal court in Manhattan on Monday, a source familiar with the matter said, meaning he will face charges similar to those he avoided in a 2007 plea deal.

Epstein, 66, was being held in New York City's Metropolitan Correctional Center, according to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons website.



Jeffrey Epstein

Asked by email if Epstein planned to plead not guilty to any charges, Jack Goldberger, a lawyer for Epstein, replied: "Yes."

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York, which is handling the case, declined to comment.

The former hedge fund manager who is known for socializing with politicians and royalty has been investigated in the past.

Epstein pleaded guilty in 2007 to a reduced felony prostitution charge in Florida and registered as a sex offender. His 13-month sentenced enabled him to get out of the Palm Beach County Stockade six days a week to work from his office, according to The New York Times.

In February, a district judge in Florida ruled that prosecutors violated the federal Crime Victims' Rights Act by not letting more than 30 identified victims know of the deal so they would have a chance to oppose it.

Even so, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a court filing last month there was no reason to cancel that agreement.

Among the prosecutors who made that 2007 deal was Alex Acosta, the then-U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida and now Secretary of Labor for President Donald Trump.

A U.S. Justice Department office is investigating whether government attorneys committed professional misconduct in the Epstein case.

The Justice Department declined to comment on the status of that probe.

Before reaching the nonprosecution agreement with Acosta's office, Epstein was facing potential federal indictment for sexually abusing dozens of girls as young as 14 between 1999 and 2007, directing others to abuse them and paying employees to bring victims to him, according to court filings.

Epstein has said that his encounters with alleged victims were consensual and that he believed they were 18 when they occurred.

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MINUTES

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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. 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
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Burch, John T.
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

Non-Voting Members:
Nadal, Nicole A. – GFT Representative

Legal Counsel:
Stake, James

Absent:
Chargualaf, Ray P., Jr.
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG Education Liaison

The Superintendent announced that six (6) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged the presence of the newest board member, Ms. Karlyn Borja. He thanked Ms. Borja for attending the meeting and noted that he understands that she still needs to complete the swearing-in process and she would be good to go.

Dr. McNinch introduced his graduate students from his Public Management class who are here to witness how public boards operate.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to approve the May 21, 2019, regular monthly meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to approve the June 6, 2019, special meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Raymond Mundo** (Parent of GWHS student) – Mr. Mundo informed the Board of a conversation he had with his son. His son told him that one of his friends from ROTC had committed suicide. His son also told his dad that he too wanted to commit suicide. Mr. Mundo shared his concerns regarding the incident at GW High School and how it has affected the JROTC program and its students. He asked the Board to take action against the individual and to be banned from all the schools.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Mr. Mundo for coming out and stated that he and the other board members share the same sentiments that the safety of our children is paramount. He stated that they will do everything in their powers to craft and create policies the protect our students from the dangers. He commented that he knows that the case that he is referring to is still currently under investigation and that the superintendent has taken the lead with it and stated that he will ask the superintendent to provide him with a formal response.

IV. **COMMUNICATIONS**

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mendiola noted that all members should have a letter from Vice Speaker, Telena Nelson in their packets. He noted that the letter is regarding the conversion of Chief Brodie Elementary School. He stated that he transmits the letter to the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee along with the Redistricting Committee to hold a work session and provide an official response to the Vice Speaker.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. The superintendent provided highlights from his report. They included the following:

Administrator Assignments. Administrator assignments for SY19-20 will be shared with the GEB once all administrators have been notified of their assignments. A media announcement will be made shortly thereafter to inform the school communities. Official transition date will be July 1, 2019.

Central Middle School. Superintendent noted that this topic was discussed and commented that they could work together so that there is just one response coming from the Board and the Superintendent.

Simon Sanchez High School Procurement. GDOE plans to issue the next solicitation planned for the Simon Sanchez High School project during the week of June 24, 2019. The RFP will solicit for professional engineering services to provide the architectural design for a new Simon Sanchez High School and to conduct owner agent services throughout the predevelopment and development stages. GDOE would like to award this contract over the summer in order to initiate design work soon after the land survey results are received.

Tiyan Building E. Discussion is ongoing with the Governor's office to accommodate GDOE, Guahan Academy Charter School, and the GDOE Chamoru Studies Division's Language Revitalization Center. Tiyan Warehouses, Parking and High School Sports Facilities. A letter was sent to Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero on May 24, 2019, requesting support for several priorities at the Tiyan headquarters site, including funding for the completion of mezzanine and office space for the facilities and maintenance warehouse, acquisition of an additional warehouse and parking adjacent to the Tiyan headquarters, and acquisition of property to help complete the construction of sports facilities for Tiyan High School. Senator Telena Nelson held a roundtable hearing on June 13, 2019, to discuss these priorities in detail with the superintendent and Tiyan High School administrators.

Governor's School Safety Partnership. The School Safety Partnership held three community meetings in May at Liguan Elementary School (May 6), Carbullido Elementary School (May 7) and Inarajan Elementary School (May

8). In addition, an online survey was launched to gather further input. The partnership has until the end of June to provide its findings and recommendations to the Governor.

Ms. Gutierrez brought up her concerns regarding bus shelters and service learning.

Mr. Fernandez commented that part of their efforts is to work with the mayor's offices and DPW. DPW will be going back to their books to identify any of the shelters who are already adopted to see if those groups are able to meet the expectations. The plan is to make sure that those adopt-a-shelters still get attention.

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

V. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

GFT Report – Ms. Nadal gave an update regarding the mentorship program. She stated that they needed clarification on whether or not those who seek mentorship with a mentor at their school would fulfill the mentoring requirement.

Mr. Sanchez commented that it would. He explained that they are working with the schools to identify those who need mentorship. He stated that they have a strong cadre of teachers who can provide the mentoring and it's just a matter of identifying which teachers need mentorship.

Ms. Nadal also followed up on the BRIP payout. She stated that at a board meeting in 2018 they were told that teachers would be notified on the status of their payout but some teachers still haven't received the payment.

Mr. Mendiola stated that they would discuss it during the budget and finance committee work session and follow up with the legislature.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Executive Committee

Board Retreat – Mr. Mendiola stated that the Superintendent would work with everyone to schedule the board retreat sometime in July on a Saturday. During the retreat, the board would map out their agenda for the rest of the year.

2) Instructional & Academic Support Committee

Head Start Report – Ms. Schroeder reported the program high lights. She stated that there is a supplemental grant for forty thousand dollars. The purpose of it is to provide the travel fees to go to the Annual Hawaii Ocean Pacific Region Nine training in San Francisco. She noted that at this point, they do not know the exact date. They were informed about the grant on June 4th and it is due on July 1st.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to approve the Guam Head Start Program Supplemental Grant application. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola clarified that it is travel money that is a part of the grant. He stated that it's an approved activity that is federally funded.

Ms. Schroeder then informed the board of the required Head Start training and noted that there is a 60-day deadline.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to accept the Head Start Report. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

3) **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

Nepotism – Ms. Gutierrez informed the Superintendent and the Chairman that she would be calling the Ad-Hoc committee to address a nepotism issue.

Mr. Fernandez stated that if there are concerns he asks that he be informed so that he may act on it. He stated that if it is a policy change that is being recommended, he would be happy to work with the committee but if it's a concern, he asked to be made aware of it.

Ms. Gutierrez noted that she just wanted it to be put back on the agenda.

Drug-Free Work Place – Ms. Gutierrez asked the Superintendent if he had a committee in place to address the Drug-Free Work Place.

Mr. Fernandez responded that he did not but that he would have it done within the week.

Ms. Gutierrez noted that she received a request to address the above step recruitment for an LPN II. She stated that she would like to have a work session to discuss this issue. She announced that the work session is scheduled for June 25th from 10 – 11 am.

4) **Fiscal Management**

Update on FY19/20 Budget – Mr. Mendiola stated that we're still maintaining our FY19-20 budget. He noted that the legislature will go into session to approve the budget before the end of August. He stated that one of the challenges for the budget is the proposal to separate the charters school's budget from DOE's budget.

US DOE High Risk – Mr. Mendiola briefed the new board members on the high-risk status. He stated that the Department has been working on the re-evaluation plan, which is a plan that gives us a timeline. The Internal Audit Office and the Superintendent informed him that by the end of July we should be at about 80% complete with the timeline. If we continue to track that, we should be able to have a real progress record that will hopefully be able to move us off this status. Moving forward is the sustainability of putting a team in place so that when the third-party moves on, we don't revert back to the issues and challenges that we were faced with many years ago. Mr. Mendiola noted that the Superintendent and his team will be traveling to Washington D.C. to have face to face time with the leadership and the U.S. Department of Education. Through these efforts, we have been able to remove some of the special conditions that have reduced the cost of our third-party oversite.

Mr. Mendiola stated that a new member was appointed to sit on the Educational Financial Supervisory Commission (EFSC) to represent the parents. He stated that the new member is an attorney who has questioned their role as the supervisory commission. In his opinion, there are certain parts of the law that need to be clarified because the law empowers the commission to handle the budget, priority spending, and things of that nature for the Department of Education. He stated that they are questioning the role of the GEB Budget and Finance Committee. He forwarded this issue to the Superintendent for him and his legal team to look at the law that enables the EFSC and 17 GCA that outlines the roles and duties and responsibilities of the GEB as it pertains to budget and finance. He stated that he would like a legal opinion given to the Board as soon as possible to inform them of the role that they will play now that this issue has been raised by the EFSC.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lujan brought up his concerns regarding school aide positions at the schools.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that she has been hearing the same concerns and she will be calling for a work session to discuss it further.

1) Board Matters

Mr. Mendiola asked to go into executive session.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to move into executive session to discuss board matters. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 6-0. The motion passed.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:04 pm.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez to move out of executive session at 7:44 pm. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion. The motion passed.

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:44 pm.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Christie L. San Nicolas

Date: July 9, 2019

CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF June 18, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
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Maria G. Gutierrez
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MARK B. MENDIOLA
GEB Chairman

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