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August 23, 2019

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
Governor of Guam
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Adelup, Guam 96910

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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 August 20, 2019 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
Deputy Supt., FAS
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9th Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6 PM
Gallery, Building B, Tiyan
AGENDA

I. **Meeting Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Minutes**

ACTION 1. Minutes of July 16, 2019 Regular 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

INFO 3. IBOGS Report

VI. **Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports**

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INFO a. Board Ethics Training

INFO b. Board Boardsmanship Training

INFO c. Retreat

INFO d. NASBE Update

INFO e. Retiree Recognition

2. **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

INFO/ACTION a. Head Start Report

INFO b. Follow-up on Resolution 2019-10 Re: Instructional Time

3. **Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**

INFO a. Interscholastic Sports - Update

4. **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

INFO a. Drug Free Work Place

5. **Fiscal Management**

INFO a. Update on FY20 Budget

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**

VOTING MEMBERS: Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, Maria A. Gutierrez, Vice Chairwoman, Lourdes M. Benavente, Karlyn RCG Borja, John T. Burch, Ray P. Chargualaf Jr., James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent

Democratic 2020 contenders condemn Trump for spreading Epstein conspiracy theories

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Democratic presidential contenders Beto O'Rourke and Cory Booker slammed President Donald Trump on Sunday for promoting unfounded conspiracy theories about the apparent suicide of disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein in his New York jail cell.

After the death on Saturday of Epstein, a millionaire charged with sex trafficking who once counted Trump and former President Bill Clinton as friends, Trump retweeted a baseless claim from a conservative comedian that Clinton was involved in the death.

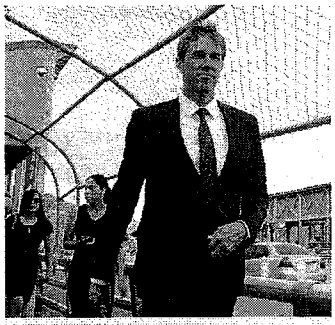
"This is another example of our president using this position of public trust to attack his political enemies with unfounded conspiracy theories," O'Rourke, a former congressman from Texas, said on CNN's State of the Union.

O'Rourke said Trump was trying to shift the public's focus away from last weekend's two deadly mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, which have led to new calls for gun restrictions and criticism of Trump's divisive anti-immigrant and racially charged rhetoric.

"He's changing the conversation, and if we allow him to do that then we will never be able to focus on the true problems, of which he is a part," O'Rourke said from his hometown of El Paso.

Booker, a senator from New Jersey, said Trump's retweet was "just more recklessness."

"He is giving life to not just conspiracy theories but really whipping people up into anger and worse against different people in this country," he said on CNN.



O'ROURKE: *Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke crosses the Paso del Norte International border bridge to attend the funeral services for one of the victims of last weekend's mass shootings at a Walmart store, in El Paso, Texas, as seen from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Aug. 8.*
Jose Luis Gonzales/Reuters

The FBI and the Department of Justice Inspector General have opened investigations into the death of Epstein, who a source said had been taken off suicide watch. Last month, Epstein was found unconscious on the floor of his jail cell with marks on his neck, and officials were investigating that incident as a possible suicide or assault.

Attorney General William Barr said he was "appalled" to learn of the apparent suicide in federal custody. "Mr. Epstein's death raises serious questions that must be answered," Barr said in a statement on Saturday.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democratic congresswoman from New York City and a leading progressive voice, tweeted: "We need answers. Lots of them."

White House senior adviser Kellyanne Conway said investigation of Epstein should continue despite his death.

"Jeffrey Epstein has done some very bad things over a number of years, so let's continue to investigate that," she said on Fox News Sunday. "I don't think that somebody's crimes and the accountability for that necessarily perish with them."

More than a decade ago, Epstein pleaded guilty in Florida to state charges of solicitation of prostitution from a minor in a deal with prosecutors that has been widely criticized as too lenient.

Then in July, Epstein was indicted, federal prosecutors in New York accusing him of knowingly recruiting underage women to engage in sex acts with him, sometimes over a period of years while paying the women for each encounter. He pleaded not guilty.

O'Rourke and Booker are among two dozen candidates seeking the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican Trump for the White House in 2020. Nearly all of those Democrats have condemned Trump's incendiary rhetoric for inflaming racial tensions and anger.

"We've seen people's lives being threatened because this president whips up hatred. This is a very dangerous president that we have now," Booker said.

Over 3,800 workers at Tyson Foods beef plant out of work

(Reuters) – Some 3,800 workers at a Tyson Foods Inc. meat-processing plant in Kansas will be out of work after a Friday night fire that caused significant damage, but the company on Sunday said it will provide them "some guaranteed pay."

Tyson Foods spokesman Worth Sparkman said the plant would remain closed indefinitely and there were no details on the cause of the fire and or the extent of the damage. "It was a pretty big fire," he said.

Independent trader Dan Norcini said the cattle market could respond negatively to news of the fire, but the impact would depend on how long the plant stays closed.

A prolonged closure could force the company to move cattle designated for slaughter to another facility, which could result in additional cost.

Tyson said in a statement that it would meet with workers in shifts at the facility on Monday to answer their questions.

"We will provide some guaranteed pay," Sparkman said.

The company said no one was hurt in the fire and workers were safely evacuated around 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Sparkman had no additional details on the expected duration of the closure.

Local media reported that firefighters battled the fire through the night before getting it under control on Saturday morning.

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9th GUAM EDUCATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 18, 2019
6 pm
Gallery, Bldg. B, Tiyan

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS

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Lourdes M. Benavente
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Jon J.P. Fernandez
GDOE Superintendent

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Gutierrez, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Dr. Sukola, Acting Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

Voting Members:
Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman (via video conference)
Gutierrez, Maria A. – Vice Chairwoman
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Borja, Karlyn RCG
Burch, John T.
Chargualaf, Ray P., Jr.
Lujan, James C. *
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

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

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

Absent:
Matanane, Rudy M. – Yigo Mayor and MCOG Education Liaison

**Arrived after roll call*

The Acting Superintendent announced that seven (7) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum. Mr. Mendiola and Mr. Fernandez were both present via video conference. Ms. Gutierrez noted that Mr. Lujan was on his way to the meeting.

Ms. Gutierrez announced that Mr. Mendiola is in Washington, DC with the Superintendent. She also welcomed new board member, Karlyn Borja who was confirmed by the 35th Legislature.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the June 19, 2019, regular monthly meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that she would be moving some items up on the agenda. Unfinished Business, Instructional and Academic Support Committee, item b., and Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee item a. were moved up on the agenda, after public participation.

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

Dr. McNinch also asked to add an item under new business relative to the Joint Board.

IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) **Executive Committee**
Update from Joint Calendar Committee Joint Resolution to Amend the Public Law to Clarify the Definition of Instructional Time -

Ms. Benavente motioned, Ms. Gutierrez seconded the motion, to approve GEB Resolution 2019-10 Relative to Requesting the 35th Guam Legislature to Amend PL 34-105 to Clarify the Requirement of Instructional Time in the GDOE Elementary & Secondary Public Schools.

Ms. Benavente read GEB Resolution 2019-10 into the record.

Mr. Burch asked to review the draft legislation that Resolution 2019-10 referred to on line 20.

Ms. Benavente withdrew her motion.

The item was moved back down on the agenda to allow time for copies of the draft resolution to be made.

Mr. Lujan arrived at the meeting.

2) **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**
Above-Step Recruitment for Clarita Babauta for the position of Licensed Practical Nurse II (LPNII) – Ms. Gutierrez stated that there was a work session that was held with HR and Mrs. Julietta Quinene, Administrator of the nurses. The request is for a budgeted vacancy in one of the high schools. Ms. Gutierrez stated that they were able to find an applicant to fill the position of LPN II but the applicant is asking for consideration to be recruited at Step 5 at paygrade N-1, $31,133 per annum instead of step 1. The request is due to her experience and the pay that she was receiving at her previous job.

Mr. Lujan motioned, Mr. Burch seconded the motion, to approve the Above-Step Recruitment for Clarita Babauta for the position of Licensed Practical Nurse II. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez noted that the Department does have another employee who holds the same position at a lower step but felt that Ms. Babauta's experience warrants her to be recruited at Step 5. She reiterated that this is a vacant position that is budgeted and they would like to fill the position before the start of the school year. Ms. Gutierrez asked Ms. Quinene if the position was for Southern High School.

Ms. Quinene responded that the vacancy is a Southern High School.

Ms. Gutierrez questioned if this position would be for Southern High School and not borrowed for another school.

Ms. Quinene responded that the LPN does assist at other schools as needed.

Dr. McNinch expressed his support for the motion.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Gutierrez brought the Board's attention to the draft letter to Vice-Chair Telena Nelson regarding the Central Middle School. She noted that Mr. Lujan would make the report later in the agenda.

Ms. Gutierrez began to discuss the email from the Board's staff regarding a meeting request with an assistant from Congressman San Nicolas' office regarding Education Policy Fact-Finding. She stated that she asked their staff to call the Congressman's office and as for clarification on the purpose of the meeting. She commented that in the past when Senator Nelson's office has requested to meet with the Board it was together, with the Superintendent, but the Congressman's Office is requesting to meet separately.

Chairman Mendiola clarified that they were able to meet with the Congressman's staff in Washington, D.C. and he informed them that they have a new employee who is tasked to deal with education. In the discussion, the Congressman's staff explained that they wanted their new employee to come out to Guam to look at different policy issues that perhaps the Congressman could push in D.C., whether it be for Department of Interior funding for facilities or for other grants that may available in Washington D.C. He stated that he requested that they receive a formal letter requesting to meet. He mentioned that they were also informed that the Congressman's office wanted to meet with the Superintendent as well and they wanted to discuss policy issues.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if the Congressman was a part of the meeting in D.C. or if they had met with his staff.

Mr. Mendiola responded that they had met with the Congressman's staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. All board members were provided with a copy of the Superintendent's report. No questions were asked.

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

VI. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

GFT Report – Ms. Nadal announced that GFT would be having their annual TB Test and Health Fair on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at GPO from 10 am to 2 pm. She noted that the TB tests are just for GFT members but that the fair is open to the public.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Executive Committee

Board Ethics Training - Ms. Gutierrez announced that the ethics training has been scheduled on July 27, 2019 from 8 am to 12 pm.

Mr. Fernandez noted that the training is for the new members and all other members have already received ethics training. He noted that the only requirement for ethics training is that board members receive a refresher course once every four years. He stated that all board members are welcomed to use this as their refresher.

Boardsmanship Training – Ms. Gutierrez noted that boardsmanship training is different from NASBE and that it is a requirement under Guam law that all board members receive this training.

Mr. Fernandez stated that the tentative date for boardsmanship training is August 24th from 8 to 12 pm. He noted that the idea is to do a full day and to schedule the retreat right after the training.

Retreat – Mr. Fernandez stated that the idea is to lead from the boardmanship training into the board retreat in the afternoon. He stated that he would leave it to the Chair and Vice Chair to help set the agenda for the retreat. The retreat and boardsmanship training would be scheduled for late August to allow some of the board members to get up to speed with the issues that we are facing and the Chairman mentioned that he would like them to set the Board priorities for the coming year.

Update from Joint Calendar Committee Joint Resolution to Amend the Public Law to Clarify the Definition of Instructional Time –

Mr. Lujan motioned, Ms. Borja seconded the motion, to approve GEB Resolution 2019 -10 Relative to Requesting the 35th Guam Legislature to Amend PL 34-105 to Clarify the Requirement of Instructional Time in the GDOE Elementary & Secondary Public Schools.

Mr. Burch asked for clarification on the resolution.

Deputy Superintendent Joe Sanchez provided clarification and an explanation of the resolution.

Mr. Burch questioned the instructional minutes of the elementary schools. He stated that he had reviewed the different bell schedules and noticed that the elementary schools put in more instructional time than required.

Mr. Sanchez explained that in regards to the elementary level, it was discussed with the union and it was a negotiation with the GFT. He explained that the additional 13 minutes is needed for us to have nine (9) professional development (PD) days. Originally, the schedule allowed for only two (2) PD days and we wanted to include an additional seven (7) PD days and for us to do that, we had to add 13 minutes to the time for elementary schools.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Sanchez continued to discuss the additional minutes added to the elementary school's instructional time.

Mr. Fernandez stated that they could have a work session regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Unit if they would like to ask questions or if they have issues so that the team that was there during negotiations could answer questions. He noted that within the CBA framework, there is an opportunity for either party to raise issues or to modify and there are mechanisms to open that discussion. He continued to state that he meets monthly with the GFT president and this hasn't been an issue that has been raised in those discussions or at the board meetings but we can bring those involved to the table to bring the Board up-to-date. He stated that the purpose of this resolution is to also deal with the third factor, which was legislation that was passed, to try to address and further clarify the instructional time requirements. He explained that the law creates a discrepancy that had to be rectified but we're they're doing is not just trying to abide by the CBA but also trying to ensure that the legislation that was passed does not create further issues for the operations of our schools.

Mr. Lujan, Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Burch continued to discuss the resolutions and concerns regarding the duty hours. It was agreed upon that further discussion with the CBA team would happen at a later date.

Mr. Lujan requested that a work session be scheduled to discuss the concerns that Mr. Burch brought up.

2) **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

Head Start Report – Ms. Schroeder reported the program high lights. She informed the Board that they received their grant award, inclusive of the Expansion Grant for three million five hundred thirteen

thousand nine hundred thirty-three dollars ($3,513,933). She stated that because this is the first year of the five-year grant cycle, two conditions need to be met. One condition is that a meeting is held between the Policy Council Chair, the Board Chair, the Superintendent and herself to look at their leadership needs and to set a plan of action. She stated that the second highlight of interest is the outcomes of their children, where they started in the fall when they did the assessments and where they are now. She stated that they keep trying to improve their Math scores but they still end up with their children being ready for kindergarten at 74.6% readiness in Math. She stated that other than that their report stands as is. She will set up a meeting with the Chairman's of the Board and the Policy Council along with the Superintendent and move forward with the governance piece of the requirements.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Borja to approve the Head Start Report. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Schroeder acknowledged that Ms. Borja attended the Policy Council meeting last month.

3) **Safe & Healthy School Committee**

Central Middle School – Mr. Lujan stated that they entertained Senator Nelson's request to reach out to the community to discuss the Central Middle School. The findings have been very positive and the community has expressed their full support of this effort. He stated that there were concerns from the faculty and staff of Chief Brodie Elementary School but they were entertained and reassured that the school would not be closed down until it was necessary. He also noted that they discussed the option of K-8th grade at their town meetings but they decided that that option wasn't conducive at this point. He stated that the Superintendent has submitted a letter to the Legislature to support the resolution and requested that the Board also submit a letter to reaffirm their support.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to reaffirm the Board's stance on the GEB Resolution 2019-09 regarding the Central Middle School. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

4) **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

Drug Free Work Place – Ms. Gutierrez informed everyone that there would be a work session regarding the Drug Free Work Place on July 19th to discuss the policy.

Ms. Gutierrez also noted that there would be a curriculum work session on July 19th at 1:30 regarding Standards Based Grading.

5) **Fiscal Management**

Update on FY20 Budget – Mr. Mendiola stated that it is important to note the changes to the Charter School Law with the increase to another charter school. He stated that he has asked the Superintendent and his team to start looking at what those numbers may look like based on what was passed by the Legislature. He stated that there are many external concerns with our budgetary issues at the Department. He noted that upon his return he would be calling a Finance and Budget Committee work session to discuss the budget and to address the issue regarding the EFSC.

US DOE High Risk – Mr. Mendiola stated one of their missions while in D.C. was to continue to push the issue to address the high-risk status of the Department. One of the challenges that we are facing right now with the U.S. Department of Education (USEd) is that many of the key players who were involved in dealing with the high-risk issue have been transferred or are no longer working at USEd. They met with the community grant personnel, received good feedback and we have asked them to speed up the process of getting us information so that we could settle these grants as soon as possible. He noted that they also met with the Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, Mike Brogan, to get reassurances that although they are going through changes within their structure, the GDOE won't get lost in the shuffle. He stated that another key point that they pushed forth was to request to remove the special condition of

timely filing of a single audit report. They also met to discuss the framework of the visit that USEd would be making to Guam in the latter part of July. USEd would be visiting to validate or assess some of the information we provided to them. He also briefed the board on the new offices that were created within the USEd.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1) **NASBE 2019 Annual Conference** – Ms. Gutierrez briefed the new board members on their NASBE membership and all that it entails. She noted that they have received five grants through NASBE to help with different projects and efforts. She also briefed on the upcoming annual conference. She informed stated that the conferences that the Board has attended have helped them as board members to learn more and share their experiences with other board members. They would like to obtain approval for the board members to attend the Annual Conference, subject to the availability of funds. She stated that three board members are also NASBE committee members and that the Annual Conference is when the NASBE committees have their meetings. She also noted that Dr. Ron McNinch has been nominated to be a Western Region Area Director and he is the only candidate. Ms. Gutierrez stated that Dr. McNinch is a current member of the Board of Directors, Ms. Benavente is a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee, and she is the voting delegate for Guam and a member of the Public Education Policy Committee. She asked the other members to let them know if they are interested in attending the conference so that they can begin the process for registration. She also noted that the Board has to approve the travel for members to attend. She commented that last year they were fortunate enough to bring a student and would like to bring a student this year as well. She stated she would like a blanket request in the event that all board members are interested in attending.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to approve the travel and funds for all board members to attend the NASBE 2019 Annual Conference on October 16th through October 19th, 2019, in Omaha, Nebraska. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

2) **SY 19-20 Updated Calendar** – Dr. Sukola explained that the Joint Calendar Committee met and would like to request to make two changes to the existing SY 19-20 Calendar. The changes proposed were for August 9th to be changed to a Teacher Work Day. Previously it was named Teacher Orientation but according to the CBA there should be two teacher workdays every school year, they would like to correct that to reflect Teacher Work Day. The other change proposed was for January 20th which correctly identifies the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the Guam Department of Education Calendar for school year 2019-2020 as amended. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Dr. McNinch stated that the murder case of Tamika Nauta who was a student at Okkodo High School has been in the media recently. He suggested that maybe the IBOGS representatives from Okkodo High School could include her in their graduation in 2021.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mendiola stated that we are hosting the regional conference for educators and they were able to invite Assistant Secretary Brogan to be the keynote speaker. He commented that should Mr. Brogan accept the invitation we would have one of the highest-ranking officials from the USEd to come out to Guam. We would have a unique opportunity to talk about Guam's current situation.

Ms. Gutierrez informed the board members of the Rainbow Graduation scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th at John F. Kennedy High School at 10 am. She also noted that the GDOE Interns will be having their final presentation on Friday, 19th.

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

Ms. Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Date: August 15, 2019

CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF July 16, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
(√) Approved as submitted
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MARK B. MENDIOLA
GEB Chairman

Date: August 20, 2019

JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: August 20, 2019