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GEB October 22, 2019 Regular Meeting - Reporting Requirements

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Please see the attached documents for the Guam Education Board's Regular Meeting held on October 22, 2019.

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November 5, 2019

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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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 October 22, 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
Superintendent of Education

Attachments

cc: Chairman and Members, Guam Education Board
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9th Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, October 22, 2019
6 PM
Gallery, Building B, Tiyan
AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

ACTION 1. Minutes of September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
ACTION 2. Minutes of September 27, 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
INFO 3. IBOGS Report

VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports

1. **Executive Committee**
   - INFO/ACTION a. NASBE Committee Appointments
   - INFO/ACTION b. Superintendent's Evaluation
2. **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**
   - INFO/ACTION a. Head Start Report
   - b. Follow-up on Resolution 2019-10 Re: Instructional Time
3. **Safe & Healthy Schools Committee**
   - INFO a. Report on Legislature's Committee on Education Oversight Hearing on Campus Safety
4. **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**
   - ACTION a. Above-Step Recruitment for Jennifer Hoff for the Position of Occupational Therapist
5. **Fiscal Management**
   - INFO a. Update on FY20 Budget
   - INFO/ACTION b. CCSSO Annual Policy Forum November 10-13, 2019
   - INFO/ACTION c. Meeting with US DOE November 14-15, 2019

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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2 from Guam graduate from border security academy

A University of Guam alumna has graduated from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Field Operations Academy and is now back on Guam to serve.

Kimberly Dela Cruz, who earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2016, followed by her master of public administration degree in 2018 from the University of Guam, graduated from the academy as a CBP officer on Aug. 22 alongside 46 other classmates, UOG announced Monday.

She recently accepted a job as a CBP officer at the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, UOG stated.

Two from Guam graduated from the same training. Roy Eay Jr. also graduated with the group but no other information about him was immediately available.

Dela Cruz graduated from an 89-day training for Customs and Border Protection officers.

Dela Cruz wants to help prevent dangerous people and materials from entering the United States, the UOG press release stated.

"The 9/11 attacks were very horrific incidents to the lives of the American people," Dela Cruz said in the UOG press release. "As a single mother of three, I do not want my children to experience another terrifying event. I want to take part in securing and protecting our borders."

Dela Cruz said her education at UOG and its School of Business & Public Administration helped her significantly during the rigorous program and in preparing for the career that now lies ahead of her.

"I vividly remember the lectures from professor ron aguon's criminal law class, Dr. Ron McNinch's intergovernmental relations class, and Dr. John Rivera's public policy class, to name a few," she said. "I was professor Aguon's teaching assistant, and I was able to pick his brain, not just academically, but as a whole person."

She said she feels fortunate to be stationed back on Guam and to fulfill her desire to help protect the nation and her home community.

(Daily Post Staff)

GTA kicks off Magic of Giving campaign



GIVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS: *GTA has launched its Magic of Giving by Donating campaign by gathering donations to Harvest House in support of foster children. From Oct. 7 through 11, the local telecom company celebrated Customer Service Week, which is a week to motivate the company's teams, reward frontline representatives and raise awareness of the importance of customer service. On top of the celebration, the employees at GTA made an effort to highlight and give back to the community. Photo courtesy GTA*

Dengue presentation to be held in Merizo

No new dengue cases have come up, and Guam's total this year remains at nine confirmed cases of locally acquired dengue infection and six confirmed cases of imported dengue infection, the Department of Public Health and Social Services announced Monday.

A presentation to inform the public on dengue prevention is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at Merizo Elementary School.

DPHSS, its partner agencies and the Guam community continue efforts to mitigate the spread of the dengue virus on Guam.

DPHSS continues to receive reports of "suspect cases" as a result of the department's increased community outreach and timely reporting by Guam health care providers.

The dengue virus is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito and cannot spread directly from person to person. Anyone who lives in or travels to an area where dengue virus is found can get it from mosquito bites.

Experts from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Dengue Branch arrived on Guam last week to assist in the dengue response. Medical entomologist Ryan R. Hemme and biologist Gilberto E. Felix will provide expert advice and assess the health department's mosquito surveillance and abatement strategy. Their work will help the Division of Environmental Health's Mosquito Surveillance Team address the surveillance and control of mosquitoes as they respond to dengue cases, DPHSS stated. The CDC team will be on island for approximately three weeks.

(Daily Post Staff)

GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RENEWAL OF SOLID WASTE STORAGE & PROCESSING PERMIT

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) wishes to notify the general public and other interested parties of Guam EPA's intent to issue a Solid Waste Permit to the following company:

JMC Equipment Rental Storage

Storage and Processing (Construction & Demolition Debris: Concrete, Asphalt, wood waste & residual metals)

Lot 5228-3-1/R4-R2/4-1NEW-1/4-1NEW-R1/3-1-R1, Alegata St. Dededo

The Permits and their conditions are proposed and open for public comment, pursuant to Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated Chapter 51 §51104. A copy of the proposed permit and permit applications for the applicant listed above, and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the agency's administration building located at 17-3404 Mariner Avenue, Tiyan Barrigada A public hearing will be held in the event a reasonable request is made.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD:
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Written comments are welcomed and must be received by the agency via hand delivery, or mail and should be addressed to: Solid Waste Management Program, c/o Guam EPA: 17-3304 Mariner Avenue Tiyan Barrigada, Guam 96913-1617. Written comments must be received, or postmarked no later that 5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2019.

Facsimile submittals will not be accepted.

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permit or deny application for the permit will be decided after all comments have been considered. Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter. For more information, please contact Glenn San Nicolas at 671.300.4751 or glenn.sannicolas@epa.guam.gov

/s/ WALTER S. LEON GUERRERO, Administrator

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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. 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.
Borja, Karlyn RCG
Burch, John T.
Chargualaf, Ray P., Jr.
Lujan, James C. (via video-conference)
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

Non-Voting Members:
Eligio, Devin (SSHS) and Gamboa, Jermaine (SHS) – IBOGS Representatives
Nadal, Nicole A. – GFT Representative

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

Absent:
Matanane, Rudy M. – MCOG Representative

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

Mr. Mendiola noted that he would be moving agenda items around at the request of committee chairs so that they could address actionable items. Mr. Mendiola also recognized the present of the senior Vice President of the University of Guam, Dr. Anita Enriquez.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the August 20, 2019, regular monthly meeting minutes. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he would like to recognize someone who has been with the GDOE for nine-plus years who has made a major impact on the Department.

Mr. Fernandez thanked Deputy Superintendent, Taling Taitano, for her over nine years of service for the Department. He offered her a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Board and the leadership team. He also wanted to recognize her publically for her contributions and her leadership at the Guam Department of Education. He stated that they know that she is moving on to another responsibility at another agency but we do know that her contributions here really laid the groundwork for continued improvement and the success of the Department.

Ms. Gutierrez shared her sentiments and thanked Ms. Taling for her contributions to the Department.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE - Mr. Mendiola noted that they received correspondence from the Superintendent to Public Health regarding playground equipment and the new guidelines.

Mr. Mendiola also noted that they received a letter from NASBE but they would address it under the executive committee item on the agenda.

Mr. Mendiola stated that they would now address the resolutions under New Business.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez to address New Business. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1) **Declaration of Financial Status Designation for the months of December 2018, January, February, March, April and May 2019** – Tabled and moved to the finance portion of the agenda.

2) **GEB Resolution 2019-12 District Textbook Adoption of K-12 Mathematics, Science and Social Studies** – Ms. Benavente acknowledged the lead, Ms. Sylvia Calvo and the textbook adoption committee members which consisted of 54 Math teachers, 59 Science teachers, and 68 Social Studies teachers. Ms. Benavente read Resolution 2019-12 into the record.

   Ms. Gutierrez stated that with the charter schools now being in the budget law she is sure that they will also request for textbooks. She asked if GDOE's amount would lessen now that the charter schools are also able to request for textbooks.

   Ms. Benavente responded, yes.

   Mr. Mendiola asked if the law requires that we provide support to all schools on Guam.

   Ms. Benavente responded, yes.

   Mr. Mendiola asked if anyone has looked into what that would look like potentially, which school would be shorted.

Deputy Superintendent Joe Sanchez responded that what happens is the normal process per our standard operating procedure is that they put a call out to all the potentially participating schools. They gather the pupil numbers for those schools who are interested in participating and based on the total amount they distribute the allocation based on the per-pupil cost. He stated that if charter schools were going to be included they would simply take the number of students at the charter school and it would be divided amongst all the other schools. He stated that it depends on whether or not some private schools want to participate or not. Surprisingly a lot of them choose not to participate so anytime a school chooses not to participate that becomes more money for the Department.

Mr. Mendiola asked the Superintendent to provide a data report to the Board indicating if there was indeed a shortfall or what the numbers look like and what was requested for the public, private and charter schools.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to adopt GEB Resolution 2019-12 District Textbook Adoption of K-12 Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

3) **GEB Resolution 2019-13 Adoption of Supplemental Instructional Materials for K-12 Curriculum**

Ms. Benavente read Resolution 2019-13 into the record.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to adopt GEB Resolution 2019-13 Adoption of Supplemental Instructional Materials for K-12 Curriculum. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

4) **GEB Resolution 2019-14 Endorsement of Guampedia and Supplemental Educational Resources**

Ms. Benavente acknowledged Guampedia President, Dr. Anita Enriquez, Ms. Shannon Murphy and Ms. Rita Nauta from Guampedia. Ms. Benavente read Resolution 2019-14 into the record.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he is very grateful that Guam is now producing its locally produced supplemental material. He commented that he thinks that it is a great thing. He congratulated everyone that is involved in these projects and efforts.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to adopt GEB Resolution 2019-14 Endorsement of Guampedia and Supplemental Educational Resources. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

5) **GEB Resolution 2019-15 Board Policy 340: Chamorro Studies/Guam History and the Introduction of Board Policy 382: Guam History**

Ms. Benavente read Resolution 2019-15 into the record.

Ms. Gutierrez questioned how the curriculum is being addressed in the schools. She noted that a student expressed their concerns via Twitter stating that they are confused as to how the curriculum is being presented in their classroom.

Sinora Rufina Mendiola responded that the content standards were adopted since 2011. She commented that it is a teacher issue and noted that she visited that particular school at the beginning of the year. She stated that she spoke with the principal and they are aware. That particular teacher does not want to use the content standards but 99% of the teachers do not have a problem.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to adopt GEB Resolution 2019-15 Board Policy 340: Chamorro Studies/Guam History and the Introduction of Board Policy 382: Guam History. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

6) **GEB Resolution 2019-16 District's School Library Program Guidelines**

Ms. Benavente acknowledged the School Library Committee Members and read Resolution 2019-16 into the record.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to adopt GEB Resolution 2019-16 District's School Library Program Guidelines. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola clarified that they are going to address the HR matters and then move on to the Superintendent's Report and continue through the agenda.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee**

Above-Step Recruitment of Debbie C.M. Ngata for the position of Auditor IV (GDOE) – Ms. Gutierrez stated that a work session was held for the above-step recruitment for Ms. Ngata. She stated that the request from the Superintendent was to approve the above-step recruitment at Step 6, paygrade O. HR's recommendation after their review was to approve the above-step recruitment at Step 4, paygrade O. Ms. Gutierrez noted that after she thoroughly reviewed all the documentation she found that the position does not meet special qualifications because there were three other candidates and the top candidate who declined scored higher. Ms. Gutierrez explained that the applicant under Ms. Ngata was just .25 points under and she did not feel that it qualified her with having exceptional qualifications. She stated that the last salary of Ms. Ngata was $55,000 plus a bonus but no bonus amount was indicated. She explained that after a year Ms. Ngata would receive an increment bringing her up to Step 6. After her review, Ms. Gutierrez recommended to the Board the above-step recruitment at Step 5, paygrade O, $57,900.

Mr. Fernandez thanked Ms. Gutierrez for taking the lead in addressing this matter. He stated that we have been trying to do our best to address our high risk issues and part of that strategy is building a very strong auditor staff. He stated that he thinks that the analysis that Ms. Gutierrez has done is very fair and thanked Ms. Gutierrez again.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to approve the Above-step Recruitment of Auditor IV at Step 5, paygrade O at $57,900 per annum for Ms. Debbie C. M. Ngata. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion, motion passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. The superintendent provided highlights from his report.

Health Insurance Transition. The Government of Guam has selected Aetna International to be the provider of health insurance to government employees for the coming year. The Department of Administration will be providing guidance to agencies and employees regarding the open enrollment period as well as the cost of premiums to be paid by the employee. GDOE will work to make this transition as smooth as possible and will release information once it is provided by DOA.

Dengue Fever Update. DPHSS and GDOE continue to work together to address the first local case of dengue fever and to begin spraying operations at Ordot Chalan Pago ES and Agueda Johnston Middle School. DPHSS will spray the common areas, classrooms, cafeteria, and other areas to prevent mosquitoes from causing further spread of the disease. OCPES and AIJMS were both closed on Monday, September 16, 2019, to allow for the completion of the spraying as well as the dissemination of critical information to stakeholders.

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.

VIII. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

GFT Report – None.

IBOGS Report – Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board that the IBOGS report is now composed of information from each of the high schools. Devin Eligio and Jermaine Gamboa presented the IBOGS report.

MCOG Report – Tabled.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) **Safe & Healthy School Committee** – Mr. Burch provided an update from the committee. He discussed some of the recent riots that occurred at the schools and informed the Board that the next work session would be on Friday. He noted that the committee has asked the Superintendent to come up with some temporary measures that may help prevent the riots in the schools.

   Mr. Chargualaf also noted that the reason why they have scheduled a work session on Friday is that they want to get the administrators involved so that they may get more information from those who are at the schools.

   Ms. Gutierrez asked for the work session time to be reconsidered so that the IBOGS and other students may also be present at the work session.

   Mr. Mendiola expressed his concerns and emphasized the importance of safety in the schools.

   Mr. Fernandez stated that what they are trying to do right now is stabilize the situations at the schools and ensure that the investigations are done and thorough. He stated that he has a very low tolerance for violence in our schools. We have demonstrated our support for students to try to find ways to provide more interventions for the students at the same time we have to draw a line very clearly as to where these actions fall and what place it has in our schools. He noted that he told the administrators to make sure that if they feel that the most severe punishment, which is expulsion, is warranted that they go through that process and he would fully support them in that effort to make sure that their schools are safe. He stated that there is an appeals process that is available to the parents and guardians of students. At the very least, we need to draw the line and make sure that we do our best to keep those schools safe. He stated that we are challenged with alcohol, there is an indication that alcohol is a contributing factor in both of the incidences. He commented it is something that we are going to have to work and struggle with as a board to figure out the ways to prevent consumption of alcohol on campus and the more difficult part, consumption of alcohol off campus that then comes on the school campus. We need to figure out and be creative as to how we are going to tackle that issue.

   Dr. McNinch recommended that we stop referring to these kinds of incidences as "riots". He commented that he doesn't feel that it fits the definition of riots. He also asked if they could get the data on these events. Right now, the law says that kids need to go to school until they are 18. He stated that maybe we school consider asking the Legislature to revert the age to 16 because it seems that this is an older demographic of students.

   Mr. Mendiola stated that he agrees with Dr. McNinch that they need to get the data and show the community who are the perpetrators behind a lot of these incidences occurring at our school and how do we curtail that.

2) **Executive Committee**

Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board of the letter that she and Chairman Mendiola received from the president of NASBE. She stated that this year they are having something new, a closed-door boardmanship meeting for the chair and vice chairs. She noted that during the July meeting they voted on approving the travel for members to attend the NASBE Conference but she wanted to have the voting reaffirmed. She stated that since the Chair is not able to attend the conference she will be going to the conference and to attend the boardsmanship meeting.

Mr. Mendiola also noted that the Board nominated Dr. Ron McNinch to be the Western Region Representative. If he gets that position, the Board of Education will be at the national level in terms of education lobbying for additional funding and support for the Department of Education. He stated that in the previous board meeting he was very cognizant about our budget. Now that we have a budget that is in place and after receiving the letter from the president of NASBE regarding a closed-door meeting he believes it would be wise for us to participate in the meeting. He also stated that we should support Dr. Ron McNinch in his nomination. He stated that we have the funding to pay for NASBE dues and professional development is included in the dues.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to reaffirm the approval of the travel for members to attend the NASBE Conference subject to the availability of funding. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board of another letter that she and the Chairman received. She stated that they received an invitation for the board to consider bringing their student board member to the conference. If approved, the student would be Mika Labadnoy from Okkodo High School. Mika is a senior and the vice chair of the IBOGS. Ms. Gutierrez then asked the Superintendent to provide guidance on how the student can travel using mileage.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to approve the travel for a student to attend the NASBE conference. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

3) **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

Head Start Report – Ms. Schroeder presented the Head Start Report. She informed the Board that they received notification that they were given an extension on their liquidation period until December 20, 2019. She informed the Board of the upcoming events for the Head Start Program.

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 8-0. The motion passed.

Follow-up on Resolution 2019-10 Re: Instructional Time – Tabled.

4) **Fiscal Management**

Update on FY20 Budget – Mr. Mendiola stated that the committee had a work session last week Friday and there will be a continuation. He stated that they asked the Superintendent to provide them with details regarding the spending priorities for the DOE. Some items discussed were the consideration for the Board with respect to supporting the Simon Sanchez High School A&E design. There was an additional request from the Board to get the Superintendent's authorization to work within the budget to get the ball rolling. He stated that he would like to call for the continuation of the work session to discuss the spending priorities. He suggested that the work session be scheduled together with the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee meeting. He also stated that he would like to call for a special meeting to be held on September 27th.

Declaration of Financial Status Designation for the months of December 2018, January, February, March, April and May 2019

Ms. Gutierrez asked for an update on the status of their request to the AG's office.

Mr. Fernandez stated that we have requested for an update and followed up multiple times but have not received a response.

Ms. Gutierrez asked the Superintendent to call the AG.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, for the approval of Resolution 2019-11 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 2018, January, February, March, April and May 2019. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to move into executive session. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0. The motion passed.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 7:32 pm.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to move out of executive session at 8:03 pm. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 8-0 for the motion. The motion passed.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Date: October 14, 2019

CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
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9th GUAM EDUCATION BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, September 27, 2019
6 pm
Gallery, Bldg. B, Tiyan

MINUTES

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
Ron L. McNinch, PhD

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Devin Eligio
IBOGS Representative

Nicole A. Nadal (OMS)
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. 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.
Borja, Karlyn (via video conference)
Burch, John T.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

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

Legal Counsel:
Stake, James

Absent:
Chargualaf, Ray P., Jr.
Lujan, James C.
IBOGS Representatives
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 noted that he would announce Mr. Lujan's presence if he calls in during the meeting.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) **FY20 Spending Plan** – Mr. Mendiola noted that two work sessions were held to go over the FY20 Spending plan. At the last work session, Senator Telena Nelson attended as an observer. He stated that they went through the process of reviewing some of the issues that they addressed with the Superintendent, in terms

of safety, curriculum, the 14 points and some other specific areas. What they wanted to highlight were the safety issues and some of the shortfalls for the Department of Education. There were some commitments that the Board is going to be looking for in terms of legislation that can be introduced. He stated that the other issue that they wanted to focus on was Simon Sanchez High School. We want to make sure that Simon Sanchez gets the attention it deserves. GDOE currently has $2.9 million dollar in authorization but cash is needed to back this, and an additional $1.1 million is needed to fully fund phase tw of the Simon Sanchez project. Mr. Mendiola then proposed the spending plan to the Board via Resolution 2019-17 and read the resolution into the record.

After completing the reading of each page, Mr. Mendiola asked if there were any questions.

After the reading of page three, Ms. Benavente questioned item 10 under the list of mandates. She asked if that item needed to be amended to show that the 1.5 million was inclusive of books provided to private and charter schools. Mr. Fernandez clarified that it is reflecting the law and the effort was to reflect the budget in these categories. He stated that what she's referring to may also be reflected by an asterisk that indicates that the amount is also for private and charter schools. He stated that Ms. Benavente is right to mention that it is not just for public schools.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to amend item 10 on the mandate to include private and charter schools. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Ms. Borja, via text through Mr. Burch, referring to the text on page three lines 17 and 18 questioned whether the instructional days needed to be converted to hours.

Mr. Fernandez responded that there hasn't been a change to the mandate to convert the days to hours but there has been an amendment to insert the phrase "or its equivalent" to the law.

Dr. McNinch asked whether they could insert that text now.

Mr. Fernandez stated that if there was an amendment it would read 180 instructional days or its equivalent.

Dr. McNinch motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to amend line 18 to include "or its equivalent". The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if they should add after lines 4 through 8 on page 4, that the GEB supports Bill 211-35. Ms. Gutierrez read aloud Bill 211-35 for the board members.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to insert the language stating that the GEB supports Bill 211-35 after line 8.

Mr. Fernandez clarified the motion stating that what they could do is under line 8 and before the support for Bill 196-35 insert a similar clause that says "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the GEB supports and urges the passage of Bill 211-35 appropriating an additional $3,700,000 for the construction and renovation of Simon Sanchez High School".

Mr. Mendiola agreed.

Ms. Gutierrez also agreed to use the language recommended by the Superintendent.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to insert the language after line 8: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the GEB supports and urges the passage of Bill 211-35 appropriating an additional $3,700,000 for the construction and renovation of Simon Sanchez High School". The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez brought up some of her concerns regarding positions out at the schools and the central office. She questioned the purpose of some of the custodial positions at the schools and the custodial contract.

Mr. Fernandez clarified her concerns and provided explanations.

Mr. Mendiola stated that the legislation says that the GEB is going to start looking at a supplemental budget. We already know that the department is severely short so we are going to have to come back with our supplemental budget request. In line with what Senator Telena Nelson said, if that bill gets passed with the $3.7 million, then the $1.1 million will be freed up to and go back to operations.

Some concerns were brought up about the schools that have opted to clean their schools themselves.

Mr. Fernandez provided clarification on the process and how it works with the custodial contract.

Mr. Fernandez recommended adding "and facilities" after "GDOE operations" on page 4 line 11. He stated that he wants to make sure that when they go to the hearing there may be an opportunity to lock a portion of the funding that we would generate, for facilities. He noted that that was their discussion with the Vice Speaker.

Mr. Burch motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to amend line 11 on page 4 to include "and facilities" after "GDOE operations". The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola stated that he appreciates the time and energy that his colleagues put in to the budget and the spending priorities. He stated that the Board is going to have to take some serious look at it all. Unfortunately, this is a severe cut. He stated that anticipating that we may have another revenue shortfall he just wants to put it out there to the community that the Board may have to consider either consolidating schools or perhaps shutting down school facilities to meet the significant shortfall that we are seeing here with the GDOE. He stated that with working with the committee chair of education, she mentioned that she would do everything within her power to work with us to get additional resources. He stated that he would like to a pen a letter with the resolution, to the senators, asking them for their support.

Dr. McNinch commented that he appreciates all the hard work that went into the preparation of the budget and the spending priorities.

Mr. Mendiola agreed with Dr. McNinch and thanked Ms. Taling and her team. He also expressed his gratitude to Ms. Taling for all the work she has done for the Department and wished her well.

Ms. Gutierrez asked the Superintendent if he had the master schedule. Mr. Fernandez responded that he did not but that FSAIS is working on it. Mr. Mendiola requested that the master schedule be provided.

Mr. Burch motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente to adopt GEB Resolution 2019-17 Relative to Adopting the Spending Priorities and Cost Cutting Measures for the Guam Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2020. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

1) **School Safety** – Mr. Mendiola stated that at the last meeting he included School Safety on the agenda in case something came up that needed to be addressed. Mr. Burch and the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee have been doing their due diligence with the issues that have been coming up.

   Mr. Burch stated that since the last work session he has been going out to meet with the school administrators at Tiyan and JFK because of the fights that have been happening. He stated that since then, other issues have come up. They began discussions about facilities and were able to do a site visit at

Oceanview Middle School and quickly got rerouted to issues of school safety and health. He read aloud a summary of the recommendations that the committee put together to include remedies and recommendations made by administrators. He went on to provide an update on the Dengue Fever issue. He informed the Board that both Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School and Agueda Johnston Middle School have reopened after being closed down to allow for the clearing of the area surrounding the campus to prevent the further spread of mosquitos and the dengue virus.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mendiola noted that Mr. Fernandez informed them that Mr. Frank Cooper-Nurse would be the Interim Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Administrative Services.

Ms. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Burch to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 6-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Date: October 16, 2019

CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:
(V) Approved as submitted
( ) Approved subject to corrections
( ) Other: _____

MARK B. MENDIOLA
GEB Chairman

Date: 10/22/19

JONU. P. FERNANDEZ
Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: 10/22/19