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Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Terlaje:

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at (671)300-1627.

Senseramente,

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I. Notation of Attendance/Roll Call
II. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2022
III. Old Business [None]
IV. New Business
A. Application No. 2021-13, the Applicant, M.C. Paulino Family, LLC represented by Ignacio F. Santos; is requesting a Zone Change from "A" (Rural) to "M-1" (Light Industrial) zone, for the proposed construction of an equipment yard with an office building and warehouse facility, on Lot 2491-R1, in the Municipality of Mangilao.
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I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mark B. Mendiola, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

Voting Members:
Mendiola, Mark B. – Chairman
Okada, Dr. Mary A.Y. – Vice-Chair
Ada, Peter Alecxis D.
Angel, Felicitas B.
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Borja, Karlyn RCG
Crisostomo, Robert A.
Gutierrez, Maria A.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

Non-Voting Members:
Escano, Ella Faye & Masangque, Noelani – IBOGS Representative – via Zoom video conference
Fedenko, Timothy

Legal Counsel:
Nasis, Jesse

Absent:
Savares, Melissa B. (excused)

The Acting Superintendent announced that nine (9) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Angel, to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, regular monthly meeting. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 9-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

V. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

IBOGS Report – Ms. Escano and Ms. Masangque shared details from their meeting on September 12, 2022. They provided updates regarding Resolution No. 348-36 (COR) in which they conducted surveys and written testimony was provided at the public hearing on Tuesday, September 6th. They discussed the IBOGS' second mental health training and annual student leadership conference that would both be open to middle and high school students and noted that further details would be forthcoming. Additionally, they held open discussions on service-learning credit hours and the school uniform policy.

Ms. Gutierrez informed her colleagues of the two attachments provided on the resolution – the IBOGS testimony and the student survey results.

Mr. Mendiola stated that once the board receives the resolution, he would forward it to the chair of instruction to look further into the recommendations from the resolution.

Mr. Crisostomo asked if the resolution would end up as a policy at some time and stated that he would be holding a work session on policy development and policy review.

Mr. Mendiola responded that what triggered this policy review is the resolution coming from the Legislature.

Ms. Gutierrez commended Ms. Escano for conducting the student surveys.

GFT Report – Mr. Fedenko reported concerns regarding staff and teacher shortage, not receiving an update or communication on the ongoing counselors' issue, air-conditioning issues at the school sites, and bereavement denial for common-laws. He brought up that the counselors received a note that there would not be professional development until the issue is resolved, noting it being crucial, especially during the beginning of the school year after a two-year pandemic that may be stressful for many students. He then asked that the air-conditioning schedule be shown for a better understanding of when the units would be fixed.

Mr. Mendiola responded that the issues would be put before the Superintendent to address, including the counselor issue that was put before the Board.

Mr. Santos responded that he could assure that they are addressing the counselor issue and provided an update.

Dr. Okada asked if the negotiations planned for October is still on schedule and moving forward.

Mr. Fedenko responded that they have not met with our negotiation team, and they are ready to negotiate in October.

Mr. Mendiola noted that the process will start in October.

MCOG Report – Mr. Mendiola informed his colleagues that Mayor Savares could not make it to the meeting today but provided a report for their review. He informed the Superintendent of the issues that she raised in her report regarding grass-cutting and the corner koban at John F. Kennedy High School. He then shared that she thanked the board, Mr. Crisostomo, and Ms. Gutierrez, for the 2022 NASBE Friend of Education nomination in which she will be recognized at the upcoming annual NASBE conference.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Executive Committee

Superintendent Search Update – Dr. Okada shared that the job announcement closed on Monday, September 19th and she is pending a response from Ms. Leilani Keone regarding the number of applications received.

NASBE Annual Conference 2022 – Ms. Gutierrez shared that Mayor Savares won the 2022 Friends of Education Award. She noted that this is the second time that the Guam Education Board was nominated for the award and won. She then shared that the webinars that they join involve listening to other state boards that also face teacher, bus driver, and staff shortages and are also trying to find ways of how they could address the issue. She shared that every year, the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) holds an annual conference, and this is the first time after the pandemic that it would be held in person in Phoenix, Arizona from October 26th to October 29th. She stated that she understands that there are some board members that must go because they are in the committees. She noted that Dr. Ron McNinch is in the board of directors, and he would be ending his term in October. There would be a nomination on the floor for the western region position. She continued to share that she is the voting delegate for Guam and a part of the at large nomination committee, and Ms. Lou Benavente is on the governmental affairs committee. She shared that Ms. Karlyn Borja is a new colleague that is interested in going and should go because there is a session that has to do with parent engagement along with the chairman expressing his interest in attending as well. She then suggested that since Mayor Savares is the Friend of Education Award recipient that her airfare and travel accommodations be paid because NASBE is only offering to cover a portion of her airfare and as importantly, she is part of the board. She expressed that they have learned a lot from these conferences and every time they make a nomination, at least one person would come out a winner. She closed by asking her colleagues to please consider approving the travel of the board members who are going and noted a deadline they have to meet for registration.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned to approve the travel of the board members interested in attending the 2022 NASBE Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ from October 26-October 29.

Mr. Crisostomo asked if there would be two motions for the two separate issues.

Mr. Mendiola clarified the motions.

Mr. Crisostomo asked if there would be a third motion for a student to also attend.

Ms. Gutierrez responded that there is a session on elevating student voice in policy development and discussion and noted that there would be student representatives in attendance. She then asked if the board would consider having one student join in on this trip if there is enough money and noted that she has a student that would volunteer to assist with IBOGS.

Ms. Gutierrez amended her motion, seconded by Ms. Angel, that the following board members be approved to attend the 2022 NASBE Annual Conference (Dr. Ronald McNinch as board of directors for the Western Region, Ms. Maria

Gutierrez as the voting delegate and a member of the NASBE At Large Nomination committee, Ms. Lourdes Benavente as a member of the Governmental Affairs, Ms. Karlyn Borja as a parent representative, Mr. Mark Mendiola as the Chairman, and if a student can be considered). The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Crisostomo questioned the funding for the travel since it includes two additional people who also sit on the board. He then commented that they should be included in the funding, and it is always advantageous to take a student on these trips as well as Mayor Savares deserving to go to be recognized for her award.

Ms. Gutierrez noted the Department of Administration student mileage bank for students to travel.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Mr. Ada, to support and cover the travel costs for Mayor Melissa Savares to attend the 2022 NASBE Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ as the NASBE 2022 Friend of Education Awardee. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

Dr. McNinch clarified the difference between two distinct organizations – NASBE and NSBA (National School Boards Association).

Dr. McNinch motioned, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to nominate Ms. Maria Gutierrez for the open Western Director position. Ms. Gutierrez accepted the nomination. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

2) **Instructional & Academic Support Committee**

September 2022 Head Start Report – Ms. Benavente requested for Ms. Schroeder to address the Board to share updates from the Head Start monthly meeting that took place on September 14th. Ms. Benavente shared some of the highlights, including that the Head Start team were able to speak with Program Specialist Laura Candelero. She went on to state that Ms. Candelero will approve the carry-over of the amount $304 thousand. She further shared that she spoke with Ms. Schroeder to use the funds to purchase furniture for our Head Start classrooms. Ms. Benavente also shared that the Guam Head Start program received an Informational Memorandum (IM) which sets guidelines to how Ms. Schroeder would be able to spend the funds, which also includes means and incentives to stabilize the Head Start workforce. Ms. Benavente elaborated on the ways Ms. Schroeder can use the funds for employees and noted that Ms. Schroeder would look into ways she could use the funds for the Head Start employees.

Mr. Mendiola asked if the hiring of employees could come from the $304 thousand.

Ms. Benavente responded no and explained that funding for Head Start employees could come from ARA funds, CARES funds, or the carry over.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged.

Ms. Benavente continued her highlights and proudly stated that Region 9 is doing very well in health and safety. Guam is doing well and beyond compared to the other regions. She then asked Ms. Schroeder to continue the highlights.

Ms. Schroeder shared how well Guam is going with enrollment compared to the other grantees in the nation, even though we only have 514 students enrolled in the programs. She shared two new points of interest that occurred after she wrote her September report. The first item she shared was that the Office of Head Start is looking to lift the mask mandate for Head Start students and staff and the announcement is forthcoming. Until then, Head Start staff and students will continue to wear masks. The second item

referred to an update from the September minutes. She shared that in her report Guam Head Start applied for the Community of Practice: Leading with Equity cohort. She happily shared that Guam Head Start was accepted earlier this morning and will be part of a year-long project to discuss how to ensure there is equity in the Head Start program.

Mr. Mendiola asked Ms. Schroeder if she had a plan for the carry-over funds.

Ms. Schroeder responded yes and stated that she has an itemized plan.

Mr. Mendiola then asked if Head Start would be able to get that plan processed before the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Schroeder confirmed that it would all be processed. She also shared that she shared the plan with her team so they understand and know where the funds will be going. She stated that she would submit a clean copy of the itemized spending plan to the Board tomorrow as well as suggestions to the reprogramming of Head Start's cost savings which roughly comes out to $100 thousand when she adds the COLA fringe benefits coverage to both federal and local employees under health, medical and life insurance.

Mr. Mendiola acknowledged her updated report. He then asked for clarification of the students enrolled in the program and max capacity.

Ms. Schroeder confirmed that the program has 514 enrolled with a maximum capacity of 534 students and that the program can accommodate 20 more students.

Mr. Crisostomo referred to a previous question he asked earlier in the meeting. He inquired about the possibility of expanding the Head Start program and raising the cap of the enrollment numbers.

Ms. Schroeder responded to his inquiry stating that the maximum number for the Head Start program follows federal guidelines and that she always raises the enrollment number for the program whenever the opportunity arises.

Ms. Benavente stated that there are plans to expand the Pre-K program, although presently, we do not have the budget for the expansion. She clarified the difference between the funding for Pre-K and funding for Head Start. She assured Mr. Crisostomo that she agrees with a statement he made that we need to provide more opportunities for students to start their education at a younger age.

Mr. Mendiola concurred with Ms. Benavente's statement that the expansion of the Pre-K program has always been part of the budget. He stated that we now clarified that the expansion of either program is connected to funding.

Ms. Schroeder went on to finish her report and added a recommendation for the expansion of the Pre-K program. She stated that we should collaborate and speak with preschool development grant personnel because we are looking at an expansion of the program with that funding. She further shared that they are looking at the option of a blended classroom. One item is having a blended class that has both a Pre-K teacher and a Special Education teacher. This is one way to bolster enrollment numbers.

Mr. Mendiola asked her to put that plan into a document to be reviewed by the Board so that they could consider the options to provide support for the idea.

Mr. Ada asked Ms. Schroeder if she currently has any Special Education teachers employed in her program.

Ms. Schroeder responded that she has two teachers who have their master's degree in special education. She also elaborated that students in the program in need of special accommodations receive them by GDOE through the pre-school program. She also noted that there are 32 students receiving services and an additional 20 have been referred for further evaluation. She went on saying that although her two teachers are not certified for special education, her students receive regularly and monthly consultation for every child.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ms. Schroeder for her report and stated that the Board will continue to follow up on that conversation.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Ms. Angel, to approve the September 2022 Head Start Report. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

Piloted Course (Introduction to Computer Coding PA678 P) – Ms. Benavente reminded the board that the proposal packet is available in the online folder. The proposal for the Introduction to Computer Coding course was presented by Angelo Cruz, an educator at AsTumbo Middle School (AMS). She noted the work session the committee held last week. It is an elective course, she explained, and since Japanese language is not offered at AMS, principal Hannah Gutierrez asked Mr. Cruz if he would like to pilot the course. Mr. Cruz has an exemplary presentation for his pilot course and feels this course gives our students the opportunity for success in the 21st century. She further went on that this is an elective course offered to only 7th and 8th graders as 6th graders must take Physical Education and CHamoru.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if this course would only be offered at AMS or would all middle schools offer this course. She shared her concern that this is an ongoing issue that one school would pilot the program and no other school would off the course.

Ms. Benavente responded and clarified that this is a pilot and would only be offered at AMS. One this course is approved and added to the course catalog, other schools may then offer the course and look for teachers who are willing to teach it.

Ms. Gutierrez then asked if an assessment would be conducted one year after the pilot course is complete.

Ms. Benavente confirmed that there would be an assessment after one year.

Ms. Gutierrez shared her concern about the assessments that need to be completed after the pilot course is completed.

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Ms. Angel, to accept the Piloted Course Introduction to Computer Coding (PA678 P). The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

3) Safe & Healthy Schools Committee

Facilities Master Plan – Ms. Gutierrez urged her colleagues to approve the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). She noted that it is already accessible online. She then noted that she completed reading the entire FMP and her concern is in regards to the construction of a central middle school. She reminded the board of a resolution passed years ago to confirm that Chief Brodie Memorial School would be converted to a middle school. Ms. Gutierrez recommended that the board approves the FMP so Acting Superintendent Santos could plan ahead to address issues with our GDOE facilities.

Mr. Crisostomo shared his concern about funding to support the FMP. He briefly referred to the State Strategic Plan (SSP) and how that would tie in with the FMP. He addressed his question to Ms. Gutierrez. Mr. Crisostomo stated he wanted assurance in the funding for the FMP.

Ms. Gutierrez replied saying that the FMP needs to approve the plan so that we could address the priority schools identified by the FMP.

Mr. Mendiola added that the FMP allows a systematic approach to address the preventive maintenance and upkeep of our schools. He briefly elaborated on the prioritization of paying our GDOE personnel. He also noted the funding for capital improvement projects. He then reassured Mr. Crisostomo that there is some funding set aside to address maintenance of the GDOE facilities.

Dr. Okada stressed the importance of approving the FMP so that we have a clear pathway to address the most critical needs of the school campuses. She stated that the FMP lays out the framework to request for funding.

Mr. Crisostomo continued to share his concerns.

Dr. Okada responded to his concerns.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Dr. Okada, to approve the GDOE Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8-0 and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

Uniform Policy – Ms. Gutierrez stated that she would like to hand this topic to Acting Superintendent Santos as he continues to work with school leaders to address the policy. Should there be any need to change the policy, she will then have Mr. Crisostomo address the changes in the policy.

Re-Naming of Schools – Ms. Gutierrez referred to last month's regular board meeting. She stated there is no problem in changing school names if the law is changing the names to the correct CHamoru spelling. She shared the issue is when people would like to name the school after a prominent local person. She then shared the issue about the renaming of Talofofo Elementary School and stated she wants to set up a public hearing so the people of Talofofo can share their input in renaming the elementary school.

Mr. Mendiola asked Mr. Santos to address the event. He also brought up the need to update the policy on renaming schools.

4) **Policy Review & Strategic Planning Committee**

Guam One Stop Data Village (GOSDV)/Dashboard – Mr. Crisostomo referred to the 1:00p.m. presentation that took place earlier today. He hoped that no one from the Board or the heads of the tri-board were offended that this presentation was referred to as a board work session. He went on to elaborate on the presentation and how this program which is funded by a $3.2 million grant will not need the approval of the board. Mr. Crisostomo noted that this program, which will serve as longitudinal study of GDOE students after graduation from our school system, is the brainchild of GDOE's Dr. Zenaida Natividad. This program is a collaborative effort between GDOE, Guam Community College (GCC), and the University of Guam (UOG). He further spoke about how this program can help observe how well GDOE is doing in producing students who are responsible, respectful, and ready for life. Mr. Crisostomo emphasizes that the GOSDV program goes hand in glove with GDOE's SSP. He was happy to announce that GDOE will now have credible and clean data to present to the new Guam Education Board. This will help create and shape future policy decisions. He then congratulated Dr. Natividad and her team for getting this program underway. Mr. Crisostomo also shared that Dr. Natividad is working on additional

grants to include partnerships with the Department of Labor as well as the Department of Revenue & Taxation.

On another note, Mr. Crisostomo is requesting work sessions as well as with the Island Board of Governing Students (IBOGS) to discuss the review and updates to all board policy series.

Mr. Mendiola agreed with Mr. Crisostomo and requested that he submit a request in writing the need to have board members and IBOGS involved in the update of the board policy series.

Ms. Gutierrez noted that IBOGS has already reviewed the series 400 board policies and that she would be calling for a work session. She shared that she is proud of how hard the students worked on updating this series.

Dr. Okada shared a comment in regards to maximizing board member attendance. She recommended that the use of an evaluation tool is created so that everyone can provide their input and have the proper documentation to discuss changes and updates. She also recommended that the work sessions be organized by the policy series.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and asked Mr. Crisostomo to get the planning for the work sessions underway.

5) Fiscal Management Committee

GDOE Financial Report – Mr. Mendiola noted that the Accounts Payable Aging Report breaks up what is being used from the local appropriations versus what is being used on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. He noted that we are nearing the end of the fiscal year, which is where we start to see a little bit of catching up but stated that the department needs to be made whole towards the end of the fiscal year. He commented that he thinks we are tracking with the allotments coming in and noted that the Unaudited Statement of Appropriation Expenditures and Encumbrances Report gives a line item across the board in terms of funding coming into the department to pay down some of its debt and some of the stuff will continue to carry through.

Dr. Okada commented on the Unaudited Statement of Appropriation Expenditures and Encumbrances Report that some of the line items contained in the Budget Act have not been spent and asked that an update be provided at the next meeting. She noted it is nearing the end of the fiscal year, so we should be showing some expenditures in some of these areas.

US Department of Education Specific Conditions Report – Mr. Mendiola shared that they have been meeting online with the U.S. Department of Education and this committee has been staying on top of it.

Visit to U.S. Department of Education Regarding High-Risk Status – Mr. Mendiola shared that there is an opportunity for them to visit USDOE regarding the high-risk status. He noted that USDOE was looking at October for the possibility of easing a bit more off the oversight from our fiduciary agent. He further noted that the vice chair, Dr. Okada, himself, and Superintendent Santos would like visit with Ms. Christine Jackson and Mr. Chris Soto at USDOE in the next week to bring forth some of the progress that the department has made and to let them know that we are continuing to monitor and push the issue forward. He noted that we provided our response to their REP report to us and there are some things that they need to consider in terms of easing the restrictions of the third-party oversight at the department. The goal is to remove ourselves from that fiduciary agent or ease the oversight that they have over the department and the more we get involved and the more we continue to push the issue, he thinks we would be able to reduce the $2.2 million that we are paying annually for them to provide the services. He stated that he thinks we are going to be able to reduce the amount significantly with the progress that we have made in the last couple of months since the visit from USDOE.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Borja, to approve Chairman Mark Mendiola, Vice Chair Dr. Mary Okada, and Acting Superintendent Francis Santos to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with U.S. Department of Education regarding the High-Risk Status. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

Dr. Okada noted that there would be no cost on her to the organization because she would be there already.

Mr. Crisostomo asked to clarify the travel and stated this is the reason they brought the Superintendent on board. He asked if Acting Deputy Superintendent Frank Cooper-Nurse is also going to USDOE and brought up a concern regarding third party fiduciary and the letter from Ms. Christine Jackson.

Mr. Santos and Mr. Mendiola provided responses to Mr. Crisostomo's concerns.

Mr. Crisostomo asked if our lawyers would be joining them.

Dr. Okada responded that Washington, D.C. lawyers would be there.

Declaration of Financial Status Designation – June & July 2022 – Mr. Mendiola stated that the report is in their packets along with a resolution. He noted that it is basically a code watch and usually corrects itself, also noting that this is for June and July, and it is now September.

Dr. Okada motioned, seconded by Mr. Crisostomo, to approve Resolution 2022-10 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 & July of Fiscal Year 2022. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0, motion passed.

6) **Superintendent's Report** –

SCHOOL CLOSURES
- F.B. Leon Guerrero
- Oceanview Middle
- AsTumbo Middle

Mr. Santos confirmed information that the Guam Daily Post published regarding school closures. They are now in discussion with two schools that have to be closed – F.B. Leon Guerrero Middle School (FBLGMS) and Oceanview Middle School (OMS). He shared that our engineer completed an assessment and provided a report on September 15th noting that there are significant structural issues that need to be addressed at FBLGMS. Discussions with Mr. Santos, Deputy Superintendent Erika Cruz and school administrator Ms. Mafnas have been held regarding the plans to either move the students to another location or try to keep and repair the school by sections. There are no formal plans, and they are trying to get the proper assessment from Mr. Aquino; however, they do know that there is a need to repair the school, which leads to money that would need to be taken from ARP to do so.

Mr. Ada noted that the FBLGMS cafeteria is shared with Simon Sanchez High School (SSHS). He asked if an assessment has been done on the cafeteria that would affect SSHS.

Mr. Santos responded no and stated that the damages are strictly in the school structure. He then explained the status of OMS, which was prompted by Senator Telena Nelson's visit to the school. As a result, the senator FOIA'd the department for documents related to the school itself and wrote directly to the Department of Public Health (DPH) asking them to do a site assessment. DPH cited the school for

numerous violations and infractions. The decision was made in coordination with DPH if we could close the classrooms down. We agreed to that and one of the first moves made in coordination with the school leadership was moving students to a safer environment within the school. With respect to a long-term plan, Ms. Cruz and her team are proposing to move OMS students over to Southern High School in Wing 5000. The respective teams are putting the plan together on how the move will take place and it would probably happen during Christmas break so that there is no disruption to the school.

Mr. Crisostomo asked about the urgency.

Mr. Santos explained that the urgency was the classroom wing that the students were in. The urgency was cited, noted, and dealt with.

Mr. Crisostomo then questioned the urgency of FBLGMS if it can wait until Christmas break.

Mr. Santos responded that it is urgent in the sense that we need to act on it, but they are trying to find the best path forward for the students without disruption.

Mr. Crisostomo stated that he understands but does not understand the urgency if it can wait until Christmas. He then asked if the parent community would be met with about the plans for movement.

Mr. Santos responded absolutely, right now they are planning for all those things to happen. He then expressed that the safety of the kids has always been paramount to this Board.

Mr. Crisostomo questioned the part where they plan to move students.

Mr. Santos responded that is for OMS. With respect to FBLGMS, he needs the expertise of the leadership of Ms. Cruz and her team. As soon as possible, FBLGMS would maybe be transplanted to a different location.

Mr. Crisostomo asked if the campus next door would go into a double session and that FBLGMS's campus must be vacated.

Mr. Santos responded that that is one of the proposals and they are checking with the structural engineer if it could be done by sections.

Mr. Crisostomo followed by clarifying that it is as soon as possible for FBLGMS.

Mr. Santos responded yes and apologized if he is not speaking clearly. He stated the safety concern has always been paramount and that is why they brought the structural engineer out immediately to assess the school but the logistics issue that they have to face in order to do the move properly is going to take a little bit of time. He then provided an update regarding AsTumbo Middle School (AMS). He shared that a water fountain that was installed had a line break and as a result, the school had to be shut down and it caused damage to half of the school. Right now, they are putting together the assessment on the estimated damage and they are going to meet with the vendors involved because there will be a claim filed against them.

Mr. Mendiola asked if that is a leased school.

Mr. Santos responded yes, and they are involved.

Mr. Fedenko asked what he means by a water fountain.

Mr. Santos clarified that it is a water filling station. The line burst and by the time they arrived at the school, the water was inches deep into the school. He then thanked principal Hannah Gutierrez and her team for getting the school back in one day.

Mr. Fedenko asked to clarify that the OMS issue was not a structural issue but a mold issue.

Mr. Santos responded correct.

FY 2023 BUDGET APPROVAL

Mr. Santos shared that the 2023 budget has been approved and they are going to recommend that a work session be conducted to present the budget back to the Board.

Mr. Mendiola clarified that it is the spending plan.

SIMON SANCHEZ
- GEDA
- Final Submission – Architectural and Engineering Design

Mr. Santos reported that GEDA has submitted their comments back to the department with respect to the IFB that we prepared. It is being reviewed by our legal team and once we complete that, we will have a meeting with GEDA to fine tune the proposal. He explained that GEDA is involved in assisting us with the financing part of this project.

Mr. Mendiola added that once there is 100% of the A&E Design, we basically have 45 days to act on the financing piece.

Mr. Santos added that on the final submission, the A&E Design is 99.9% done. He shared that the application for the permits were submitted to him so that they could start the process at Department of Public Works. Legal is now reviewing if that will trigger 45 days. He then noted that their meeting with GEDA is set for some time this week so that they can start the procurement process.

Mr. Crisostomo asked how much it has increased from its original amount.

Mr. Mendiola that it has increased from $129 million to $160 million.

Mr. Santos added that they are still factoring 15% just in case.

Mr. Crisostomo noted the $30 million increase.

Mr. Santos responded that that is why failure is not an option and stated that they will get the school built.

Mr. Toves reported that they are about halfway done with Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School (MAUES).

Submission of Reconsideration Evaluation Plan (REP) Letter

Mr. Santos noted that this was discussed earlier in the meeting.

UPDATES Air Conditioning

Mr. Santos asked Mr. Phil Toves to provide updates on this and grass cutting.

Mr. Toves shared that they are about halfway done with Maria A. Ulloa Elementary School which is the first school they piloted since they have 76 units that are out. They have everyone in the same place so that they are uniform in their approach and the process of inspection and quality control. As of this week, they have broken out into two teams for central because they only have 7 technicians at this point, and they are trying to get other employees on board. He further noted that there are two teams for Northern and one team for Southern. He shared that he had asked the contractor to prioritize anyone with medical issues to pull one guy out of there to address those rooms. A major issue island-wide is not being able to find the coil cleaners, resulting in the contractors trying to get personal help from off island to find some and send it here with a six-week estimation of arrival. At this point, there is no actual PM happening, and they are just doing repairs as they go. His concern is that without the PM, the units are working extra hard, and it is going to compromise its longevity.

Mr. Mendiola asked how many air conditioners in total are they looking at.

Mr. Toves responded about 300. The teams are moving from schools that have the greatest to the schools with the least.

Mr. Fedenko asked if there is a list of those schools from greatest to least.

Mr. Toves and Mr. Santos responded yes, and they will provide that list.

Mr. Fedenko asked to clarify that the units are being repaired but cannot be cleaned without the coil cleaners.

Mr. Toves responded that they cannot be cleaned right now but they are being repaired.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if the list of units that are not working in the classroom is coming from the principal.

Mr. Toves responded yes.

Ms. Gutierrez asked if FBLGMS is being taken care of.

Mr. Toves responded that they are next on the list after MAUES.

Ms. Gutierrez brought up a concern regarding Wettengel Elementary School's cafeteria.

Mr. Toves explained their systematic approach.

Ms. Gutierrez asked on behalf of a principal about the schools with no ventilation.

Mr. Toves and Mr. Mendiola responded that alternative measures are in place to meet cooling needs of the particular schools.

Mr. Ada asked what the average number of air conditioners that have been completed in a day.

Mr. Toves responded about 15 a day as a whole team.

UPDATES Grass Cutting

Mr. Toves shared that they put out a small purchase for 6 months. He noted that they had a site visit yesterday and today and 10 companies were invited but most did not show because it was not mandatory, and the companies had scouted the schools on their own. He then stated that they expect to see some sort of quote on Friday.

Mr. Mendiola commented that he is taking it that the current contract is out.

Mr. Santos responded that the current contractor submitted a termination notice. He noted that they had asked for an adjustment, but the current contract cannot be adjusted so the decision was made to just ride out the contract if they wanted to stay. The contractor then sent a termination notice, and that is why the small procurement was issued, to at least begin the grass cutting as soon as possible.

Mr. Mendiola asked how long the onboarding is going to take and if there would be a gap in service.

Mr. Toves shared that there has not been and will not be any services for September, but all efforts are being made to make it happen for October.

UPDATES CIP Projects

Mr. Santos reported that they met again today, and they are trying to finalize an actual CIP project. As stated, each day is a challenging day for them. He noted that they are going to address FBLGMS and OMS and provided further information regarding the air conditioning repairs and replacements and electrical assessments.

Mr. Fedenko asked where the engineers come from that completed the structural assessments.

Mr. Santos responded that it is a contracted engineer, Mr. Aquino. He then stated that we wish and should have an in-house engineer, which is something they are discussing.

Mr. Fedenko asked if he would be handling the electrical engineering.

Mr. Santos stated that we are working with Guam Power Authority (GPA) on the electrical assessments, getting their expertise.

Ms. Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Ms. Angel, to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Mendiola shared that as part of their review of the organization, there is going to be some changes needed as far as high-risk status. He noted that he is going to put the organizational structure for the Department of Education on the chair of policy's agenda for discussion.

Dr. Okada further explained that the board has no policy regarding the organization of GDOE. They will propose as a high-level organizational structure that can be approved by the board and identify which portions require the board approval and which is operational so that we do not have to. If the Superintendent wants to move around at a certain level, he could do that, but they will create the board approved organizational structure as a policy submission.

Mr. Mendiola then informed his colleagues of a proposed Board Retreat on Saturday, October 8th to discuss some of the policy issues, data, and the evaluation tool metrics.

Mr. Crisostomo added that the retreat is going to help the board as they are closing the year out. He asked that the committee chairs bring up their issues and noted his would be the policies.

VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

IX. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Gutierrez informed her colleagues of Mayor Savares' father's funeral and informed them of a Legislative resolution that is forthcoming.

Ms. Borja announced that the Office of Special Education Programs will be visiting Guam from October 3rd to October 7th and the meeting would also include other pacific entities. She informed them that the schedule has been emailed and an update will be provided as it gets closer. She asked that they join them and noted that this would help guide the department on our next direction for Special Education.

Mr. Mendiola thanked Ms. Borja and stated that they look forward to her confirmation votes for her appointment.

Mr. Crisostomo motioned, seconded by Dr. McNinch, to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 9-0. The motion passed.

Mr. Mendiola adjourned the meeting at 7:57p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

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