16TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
via Google Hangouts at meet.google.com/fhf-srra-knv
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed. Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret) MaryLou S. Ada, J.D. Andrew L. Orsini Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF Paul T. Miura

Member absent:

Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero

Six (6) members present, a quorum was established.

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D. – Commissioner of Education

Eric Magofna – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)

Lynette Villagomez – Associate Commissioner for Accountability, Research, and Evaluation

Kimo Rosario – Acting Director of Finance

Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer

Lucretia Borja - Human Resources Office (HRO) Director

Lathania Angui – Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel

Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer

Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant

Ferdinand Ngirmekur - IT

Others Present (online):

Alex Menor Anna Guerrero Annette Calvo Anthony Frank Arisa Sakai

Others Present (online):

Ben Jr.

Bobby Cruz

Brandon Nicholas

Dale Roberts

Darlene Aldan

Dencio Manglona

Denise King

Derwin Johnson

Dominic Pangelinan

Donna Flores

Elizabeth Aguon

Elizabeth Romolor

Emmanuel Erdiano

Evonne Cabrera

Frances Ulloa

Francisca Bondoc

Glenn Smith

Gregory Borja

Herman's Bakery

Ignacia Demapan

Ignacio Dela Cruz

Jackie A. Quitugua

Jacquelin Che

Jessica Taylor

Jesusa Calvo

Jocelyn Manibusan

Jojo Alepuyo

Jonas Barcinas

Karen Alla

Leile Yumul

Livia Pangelinan

Liz Romolor

Lori Lyn Lirio

Lynn Mendiola

Magdalena Mesngon

Maria Ornes

Marian Tudela

Marvin Tamangided

Mary Lynn Ogo

Micah Page

Michelle Rasa

Myrna babauta

Naomi Nishimura

Others Present (online):

Nick Gross

Nora Fujhira

Oswald Quitugua

Patricia Aguon

Paulette Sablan

Peter Arriola

Rizalina Liwag

Sabrina Calvo

Sally Limes

Shawn San Nicolas

Shirley Norita

Suaad San Nicholas

Ulysses T. Sabuco

Victoria Nicholas

Victorino Borja

Vince Dela Cruz

Yvonne Pangelinan

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew L. Orsini moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include Updates on Furlough under Unfinished Business No. 1, Vice Chair Herman M. Atalig seconded. All (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member Orsini wanted to accept the email from Frank Anthony for the record as public comments.

REPORTS

- 1. Chair Madam Chair Tenorio stated that her report was emailed to all members
- 2. CIP Committee Committee Chair Atalig reported on the committee meeting of July 10, 2020.
- 3. Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) Alfred B. Ada stated that Federal Programs Officer (FPO) Tim Thornburgh will report on the Federal Funds Status, Acting Director of Finance (ADOF) Kimo Rosario will report on Local Funds Status, and Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director Lathania Angui will give her monthly report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on Furlough – Human Resources Office (HRO) Director Lucretia Borja reported that they entered 717 personnel on the Department of Labor (DOL)—PUA. DOL is preparing a response so it is consistent across the Board. They don't know how soon DOL will get it out but HRO Director Borja was assured that they are working on it. She is not aware that there are applications put aside for PSS employees but they are updated every day.

Member Orsini asked if HRO is or will be helping employees in filling up their PUA and HRO said it is something the employees need to do on their own. Commissioner Ada added that due to confidential information, the employees have to go on their own.

2. Proposed Budget for FY2021 – It was clarified that this is not a proposed budget or a revised budget but a Spending Plan. The Board asked Commissioner Ada, FPO Thornburgh and ADOF Rosario along with Member Paul Miura to come together and prepare the Local and Federal spending plan to report at the next Board meeting.

ACTION NO. 001

Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the Organizational Chart. Madam Chair Tenorio seconded. Commissioner and Key Management presented a revised/amended Organizational Chart. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Audit Report for FY2019, Vice Chair Atalig seconded. Four (4) members voted yes (Ada, Atalig, Long, Tenorio), one (1) member voted to abstain because he has yet to review the report (Orsini), motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Revised Education Stabilization Funds, Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Solar Power Energy, Madam Chair Tenorio seconded. Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu suggested that it be put it into a Resolution. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION NO. 005

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the School Re-Zoning, Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

Associate Commissioner for Accountability, Research, and Assessment presented the PSS ACT Aspire Targets and Annual Growths.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Phillip Mendiola-Long moved to descend into executive session at 12:28 p.m. Vice Chair Atalig seconded. The public was advised that the Board will be back in open session at 1:15 p.m. Secretary/Treasurer Ada stepped out, four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to rise out of executive session at 1:17 p.m., Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.