

**16TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
via Google Hangouts at meet.google.com/wmq-kbug-hev
Board of Education Conference Room
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 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
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero

All seven (7) 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)
Kimo Rosario – Acting Director of Finance
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer
Lucretia Borja - Human Resources Office (HRO) 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
Ashley Roberto

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

Secretary/Treasurer MaryLou S. Ada moved to adopt the agenda, Member Andrew L. Orsini seconded, all (5) voting members voted yes, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Orsini moved to adopt the Minutes of the June 4, 2020, Special meeting. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Administrative Officer Valerie K. Malwelbug read the policy on Public comments stating the three (3) minutes limit. There were no public comments.

REPORTS

1. Chair – Madam Chair Tenorio stated that her report was emailed to all members
2. FPA Committee – Committee Chair Ada shared that the committee met on June 16, 2020. The items presented to the committee are included in the agenda for approval.
3. ISA Committee – Committee Chair Orsini stated that his report was emailed to all.
4. 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.

A break was called at 10:55 a.m. and resumed at 11:06 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Organizational Chart – Vice Chair Atalig asked management to correct the Organizational Chart to move the School Principals to report to Commissioner of Education instead of the Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services.

ACTION NO. 001

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Salary Adjustment as submitted, Member Orsini seconded. This is so Commissioner Ada may continue to maintain eighty (80) hours for federal employees. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002

Member Orsini moved to approve the Resolution for Instructional Minutes, Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. This should cover the SY2019-2020. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the K-12 Calendar for School Year 2020-2021, Member Orsini seconded. This is to revise the start date to September 8, 2020 ending June 7, 2021. Four (4) members voted yes (Ada, Atalig, Orsini, Tenorio), one (1) member voted no (Long), motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Early Intervention Calendar for School Year 2020-2021, Member Orsini seconded. Four (4) members voted yes (Ada, Atalig, Orsini, Tenorio), one (1) member voted no (Long), motion carried.

ACTION NO. 005

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start for School Year 2020-2021, Member Orsini seconded. Four (4) members voted yes (Ada, Atalig, Orsini, Tenorio), one (1) member voted no (Long), motion carried.

Commissioner Ada and his leadership team gave updates on the Audit Report for 2019, Federal and Local Funds Status and the GHLI Options.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 006

Vice Chair Atalig moved for the Human Resources Office (HRO) to review Certification applications in the interim, Madam Chair Tenorio seconded. With Certification & Licensure Office currently closed, the proposal is to assign the workload to HRO and oversee current assessments and requirements for certification in the interim. Although it will be assigned to HRO, all reports as required will go to the Board. Three (3) members voted no (Ada, Orsini, Long), two (2) members voted yes (Atalig, Tenorio), motion did not carry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to descend into executive session at 1:00 p.m. Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.


Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to rise out of executive session at 1:46 p.m., Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

Open session resumed at 1:51 p.m. Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu gave a summary of the executive session. Things discussed in executive session were regarding legal strategy and litigation which were appropriate to discuss in the executive session.

The Board proposed for July 16, 2020, as the next Board meeting with the agenda of the Organizational Chart and Debt Write-Off.

ADJOURNMENT- Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to adjourn the meeting, Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.¹


CERTIFIED BY:



MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

11/18/2020
Date

CONCURRED BY:



Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.
BOE Chairperson

11/18/2020
Date

¹ This Minutes was adopted at the November 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.