

**16TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
via Google Hangouts at meet.google.com/xad-pqhw-zmj
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
Antonio L. Borja
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)
George Palican – 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
Ferdinand Ngirmekur – IT
Robert L. Coldeen, III – SARC Coordinator
Nikita P. Robert – Administrative Specialist, BOE
Jocelyn M. Saures – Administrative Assistant, BOE

Others Present (online):

Marvin Tamangided
Mary Lynn Ogo
Micah Page
Michelle Rasa
Mryna babauta
Naomi Nishimura
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

Vice Chair Herman M. Atalig moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include the Teacher of the Year (TOY) under III. Reports, 3. Commissioner of Education, Member Andrew L. Orsini seconded, all (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Orsini moved to table the Minutes and move on with the TOY Recognition, Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada introduced Human Resources Office Director Lucretia Borja to begin the Teacher of the Year (TOY) Recognition. All the TOY nominees were called up with their Principals alongside for support. Ms. Bonnie Cruz was awarded the State TOY. Ms. Cruz delivered her speech and was congratulated by all who were present. Members of the Board along with Commissioner Ada took a photo op with Ms. Cruz. During this time, Ms. Cruz's boyfriend surprised her with a marriage proposal and she accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Administrative Officer Valerie K. Malwelbug read the policy on Public comments stating the three (3) minutes limit.

Mindy Castro, James Feger, and Gina Aguilar shared their concerns to keep Ms. Christine Tudela as Acting Principal for Marianas High School. Written comments were also submitted.

REPORTS

The reports from the Chairperson, the CIP and ISA Committee as well as the SARC were emailed to all members.

Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) Ada stated that Federal Programs Officer (FPO) Tim Thornburgh will report on the Federal Funds Status, Acting Director of Finance (ADOF) George Palican will report on the Local Funds Status and Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director Lathania Angui will give her monthly report.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION NO. 001

Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Building C, Member Orsini seconded, all five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002

Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the Da'ok Academy Site, Member Orsini seconded, all five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003

Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the William S. Reyes Elementary School Building C and Auditorium, Member Orsini seconded, all five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004

Vice Chair Atalig moved to approve the CLO Report No. 2020-005, Member Orsini seconded, all five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to descend into executive session at 12:17 p.m. Member Orsini seconded. The public was advised that the members will rejoin in open session at 1:30 p.m.

The public was advised that the Board will not be going back to open session until 2:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Atalig moved to rise out of executive session at 1:55 p.m., Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

The meeting resumed in open session at 2:04 p.m. Legal Counsel Tiberius Mocanu gave a summary of the executive session. Things discussed in executive session were regarding personnel matters and legal updates which were appropriate to discuss in the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 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.