

FINAL MINUTES
12TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2010 9:30 a.m.
BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor,
NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Marylou S. Ada
Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero
Herman T. Guerrero
D. Tanya King

Member Absent:

Francine R. Babauta

Quorum met.

PSS Staff Present:

Dr. Rita A. Sablan – Commissioner of Education, Public School System
Kelley M. Butcher – Legal Counsel, Public School System
Charley Kenty – Director, Human Resource Office
Jack V. Diaz – Coordinator, Federal Programs Office
Lori Grizzard – Acting Director, Finance and Budget
Suzanne Lizama – Coordinator, Special Education Program
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer, State Board of Education

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita asked if no one objects to add under New Business as Item e. the ratification of LIA Committee comments on House Bill 16-23 and also to move New Business Item c. Standing Committee Membership Appointments to Chair's Report. Member Herman T. Guerrero moved to adopt the amended agenda, Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero seconded, all members voted yes, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for December 22, 2009 Regular Board and January 11, 2010 Regular & Inaugural Meetings were tabled for the next Regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public present.

Chair Blanco-Maratita read an email submitted by Mr. Dave Bucher on non-renewal without cause issue for Board Review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Deleon Guerrero moved to go into executive session at 9:59 for legal updates, personnel matters and others, Vice Chair MaryLou S. Ada seconded.

Legal Counsel Kelley M. Butcher updated the Board on litigation updates, personnel and other matters.

OLD BUSINESS

The Amendment to Record Retention for job applications and eligibility lists [§§60-30.3-114 and 60-30.3-138 of the NMI Admin. Code, ref: 1306] was recommended that it go back to the committee for further review by the management.

The NMI History & CCLHS Content Knowledge Test was also recommended to be taken back to the committee for further data and clarification.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***ACTION:*** Member Herman T. Guerrero moved to approve the Special Education Part B and C State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report for 2008-2009, Vice Chair Ada seconded; all five members voted yes, motion carried.
2. ***ACTION:*** Member Guerrero moved to ratify the comments to Senate Bill 16-23, Vice Chair Ada seconded; all five members voted yes, motion carried.

The BOE Position Paper was recommended to be done by the LIA Committee.


The schedule of the Special Education Hearing Officer Training was set for February 16-18, 2010 with February 19, 2010 for Principals and Board members.

Chair Blanco-Maratita shared that she has confirmed the availability of Dr. John C. Salas from the University of Guam to conduct the Board Retreat. The tentative dates are for February 11-12, 2010 (Thursday-Friday) in Rota. Chair will work with BOE Staff Valerie K. Malwelbug in finalizing the Retreat schedule.

Member Guerrero moved to adjourn, Vice Chair Ada seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



D. Tanya King
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

5-26-2010
Date

CONCURRED BY:



Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
BOE Chairperson

5/26/2010
Date

¹ The CNMI State Board of Education adopted this Minutes on April 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.