

FINAL MINUTES
12TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:00 a.m.
BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor,
NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Marylou S. Ada
Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
Herman T. Guerrero
D. Tanya King
Francine R. Babauta

Member Absent:

Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero

There is a quorum.

PSS Staff Present:

Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. – Commissioner of Education
Lori Grizzard – Acting Director of Finance
Jackie Quitugua – Associate Commissioner for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer
Jack Diaz – Federal Program Coordinator
Kelley M. Butcher, Esq. – Legal Counsel
Ed Tenorio – Financial Consultant
Maria Peter – Acting Director, Head Start Program
Valerie K. Malwelbug – BOE Administrative Officer

General Public:

Moneth Deposa – Saipan Tribune

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted as amended to add Position Paper under Old Business, Board PD Funds under New Business and Plaque for Dr. John Salas under Miscellaneous Matters.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2009 RBOE, January 11, 2010 Regular & Inaugural, January 14, 2010 SBOE and March 12, 2010 SBOE were adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public was present to present any comments.

Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita shared the great news of the Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Band getting the Silver Award during the 2010 New York International Music Festival at Carnegie Hall;

Chair read a telephone message received concerning the news report of the parole of ex-felon David Diaz and the statement that a condition of his parole included visit to the schools to speak to students re drug abuse. The matter was referred to the Commissioner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair MaryLou S. Ada moved to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. for purposes of discussing legal updates, contract renewal of BOE staff and other issues. Member Herman T. Guerrero moved to rise out of executive session at 10:34 a.m., Vice Chair Ada seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Legal Counsel Kelley M. Butcher reported that the Board was given copies of Legal Counsel Office Matrix for review; updated on GBI case, BOE concerns given to COE; BOE personnel issue referred to Chair.

REPORTS

- a. **Chair** – Chair Blanco-Maratita submitted her report via email; She reported events she attended such as Title I Conference, Head Start Monitoring, PTSA Forum, Strategic Workforce Action Team (SWAT) and Legislative Hearings. She also reported on several conference calls with USDOE and parents.
- b. **Board Committees:**
 - i. **CIA** – Committee Chair Blanco-Maratita reported on topics discussed such as the Financial Literacy, CCLHS concerns and the committee's Goals and Priorities;
 - ii. **CIP** – Committee Chair Ada stated that the committee met a few times and discussed the ARRA Projects, other on-going CIP Projects and school repairs and renovations.
 - iii. **FPA** – Committee Chair Herman T. Guerrero stated that the committee also met a few times; Discussions were mainly on Financial Status Reports from Federal and Local accounts; Head Start Community Partnership Agreement and the kindergarten proposal.

- iv. **LIA** – Committee Chair Blanco-Maratita reported on request for comments to HB 17-45, SB 17-15 and the Education Enhancement Act of 2008.
- v. **School Reform** – There was no report.
- vi. **Ad Hoc** – There is no longer an Ad Hoc Committee.
- vii. **Special Education & Early Childhood** – There was no report
- c. **Student Representative** – Student Rep Francine R. Babauta shared participation in the Anti-Bullying Parade, made and passed out pamphlets on anti-bullying, as a high school student, she participated in presentations to elementary schools.
- d. **Commissioner of Education** – Under Commissioner Rita A. Sablan’s report, Tim Thornburgh reported on the Financial Status for both Federal and Local; Ed Tenorio did a power point on the FY 2010 PSS Funding level as well as the MOE with the USDOE; Maria T. Peter reported on the Head Start Program as Acting Director.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. **ACTION:** Member Herman T. Guerrero moved to approve the Amendment to Record Retention for job applications and eligibility lists [§§60-30.2-114 and 60-30.3-138 of the NMI Code] for publications in the Commonwealth Register; Member D. Tanya King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
- 2. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve the Accounting and Reporting: Travel and Reimbursement [§60-20-720 of the NMI Admin Code] as Final Regulations, noting the submission date for the publication is on the 15th of each month thus, it will be published in May 2010; Vice Chair Ada seconded, all four members voted yes, motion carried.
- 3. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to adopt the BOE Position Paper; Vice Chair Ada seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve Special Education Part B Grant Application for FY 2010; Vice Chair Ada seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
- 2. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve the Special Education Part C Grant Application for FY 2010; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
- 3. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Proposed State Fiscal and Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Amendments on expenditures to show \$1.3M for training and laptops and \$600K for CUC; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried

4. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Emergency Logistics Management Operations Manual (ELMO), basically PSS' Emergency Plan; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) was tabled.

5. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Proposed Use of SFSF Indirect Cost as approved by the FPA Committee on March 25, 2010; Member Guerrero seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
6. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve the SFSF Part II as recommended by the FPA Committee on April 19, 2010; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
7. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve the Revised 2010 Federal Transit Administration Grant Application; the funds is to buy five (5) Para-transit vans like the Call-A-Ride Vans, renovation of the Bus Facility in Lower Base, and drug and alcohol testing for the bus drivers; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried
8. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Head Start 2009-2010 Self-Assessment as recommended by the FPA Committee on February 3, 2010; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
9. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Head Start 2009-2010 Updated Community Assessment Report as recommended by the FPA Committee on March 25, 2010; Member Guerrero seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
10. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Head Start 2010 Community Partnership Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as recommended by the FPA Committee on March 25, 2010 and to include Commissioner, Board Chair and Head Start Director on the signature page; Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
11. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve the Head Start FY 2011 Basic Grant Application (with typo of 2010 changed to 2011); Vice Chair Ada seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
12. **ACTION:** Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the Head Start FY 2010 Supplemental Grant Application (COLA); Member King seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.
13. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved for the Endorsement of written statements to House Bill 17-45, HD 6 by Chair Blanco-Maratita at Public Hearings; Vice Chair Ada seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.

travels; And also, to amend to continue as long as positions are not filled yet; Vice Chair Ada seconded; all four members voted yes, motion carried.


MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Member King submitted a written trip report to members. She reported on her attendance at the NSBA Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Chair Blanco-Maratita recommended a Plaque of Appreciation be given to Dr. John C. Salas for conducting the Board PD. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 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 May 26, 2010 Special Board Meeting.