

FINAL MINUTES
11TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, August 28, 2008 3:00 p.m.
BOE Conference Room, 2nd Floor,
NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

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

There is a quorum.

PSS Staff Present:

Commissioner Sablan
Charley Kenty
Lori Grizzard
Hee Jae Lee
Tim Thornburgh
Karen Klaver, Esq.
Kelley Butcher, Esq.
Valerie K. Malwelbug

General Public:

Betty Miller, ACT President
Sam Joyner, ACT
Jaime Vergara, SVES
Angelo Villagomez, Community Organizer
PEW Environment Group

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Agenda was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angelo Villagomez, Community Organizer for PEW Environment Group passed magazine articles published locally and an economic study authored by UOG Northern Islands and a science report compiled by PEW Environment Group on the Northern Islands Mariana Trench. Contact information: Cell 285-6462, Office 234-6552 and email angelovillagomez@gmail.com.

Betty Miller and Sam Joyner voiced teachers and parents concerns with regards to power outages and the delay of school opening. Ms. Miller submitted a copy of the ACT letter to the Governor regarding the Teacher's Representative.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION: Vice Chair Herman T. Guerrero moved to approve the Nutrition Assistance Grant Prices Reimbursement for Vendors for SY '08-'09 with a \$.10 increase for Saipan and \$.15 for Tinian and Rota; Member D. Tanya King seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to approve the School Personnel Food Monitor Pay Differential Proposal where School Personnel will be paid additional \$10 per meal (breakfast and lunch); Member Marylou S. Ada seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to approve the Nutrition Assistance Grant Rebidding for SY '09-'10 stating that the reason for the rebidding is because of the protest and price increase, minimum wage, fuel, etc.; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to approve the SPED Pay Differential Proposal Revised 8-12-08 to be more competitive in recruitment efforts; cap in place hinders recruitment thus this proposal is needed; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

It was voted and agreed to table the discussion and approval of the Annual Leave Amendment to the next Board Meeting.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to open schools on September 8, 2008 without delay and to not approve the Governor's request to delay the opening of School Year '08-'09; Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to ratify comments on House Bill Nos. 16^d105, 16- 106 and 16-107; Member Deleon Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Member King moved for a motion to provide three (3) schools – Tinian High School, Marianas High School, and Kagman High School the opportunity to pilot the Portfolio Project; Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to approve the Teacher Grant Program to address the CNMI Teacher Shortage Area '09 to allow teacher loan forgiveness; Member Deleon Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

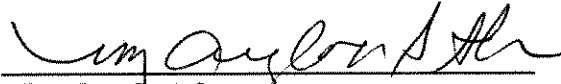
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Guerrero moved to go into executive session; Member Ada seconded, motion carried. Vice Chair Guerrero moved to rise from executive session, Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

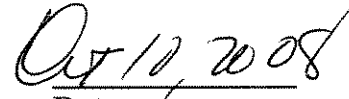
Legal Counsel Karen Klaver stated that the matters discussed in the executive session were the Guerrero Bros., v. PSS case, EEOC case, Javier case, Black case, Principals supervising Spouses, volunteer conductors for the buses in Rota, update COE with latest EEOC complaint, and the issue of PTI billing with FNS personnel.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

CERTIFIED BY:




Marylou S. Ada
BOE Secretary/Treasurer




Date

CONCURRED BY:



Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
BOE Chairperson



Date