

FINAL MINUTES
11TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
Regular Board Meeting
Saturday, January 19, 2008 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 9:00 a.m.

Members present:

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

There is a quorum.

PSS Staff Present:

Commissioner Dr. David Borja
Jackie Quitugua
Suzanne Lizama
Keiko Yamagata
Lori Grizzard
Charley Kenty
Tim Thornburgh

General Public:

Maribel Watson
Mr. O'Harnett, MHS Teacher
Ms. Karen Borja, MHS Principal
Jim Arenoski, President,
Saipan Chamber of Commerce

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Agenda was adopted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – No minutes to adopt.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION: Vice Chair Herman T. Guerrero moved for the approval of the hiring of the Head Start Director, Member Marylou S. Ada seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved for the Approval of the Amendment of the Certification of the Classification of the Head Start Educational Instructor to be effective August 1, 2007 as amended, Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Member Deleon Guerrero moved for the adoption of the Compensation Plan for Highly Qualified Counselors pursuant to requirements laid out in the proposal; Member D. Tanya King seconded, motion carried.

On the matter of the Amendment to BOE By-laws, Vice Chair Guerrero mentioned there is a need to pull out Early Childhood, Headstart and Special Education. Because there are so many requirements and so much report, there should be another standing committee formed to give more attention to these programs. It was agreed to table this for discussion under Old Business in the next Board Meeting.

ACTION: Member Deleon Guerrero moved to accept the new terms to the Lease Renewal with the NMI Retirement Fund with the understanding that PSS is going to explore the possibility of renegotiating the use and price pay within the next year including the portion where the BOE office is located, Vice Chair Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

ACTION: Vice Chair Guerrero moved to hire an Administrative Assistant and Legal Counsel, Member Ada seconded, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Guerrero moved to go into executive session, Chair Blanco-Maratita seconded.


Legal Counsel Karen Klaver reported on discussions during the Executive session starting with certified question at the Supreme Court on the Teachers Representative Election, updates on litigation on the cases of Lisa Black, Rita Sablan, Jonas Barcinas, Century Insurance, and two EEOC complaints, and update regarding allegations made against PSS Personnel, no final decisions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



Marylou S. Ada
BOE Secretary/Treasurer




Date

CONCURRED BY:



for Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita
BOE Chairperson



Date

¹ The CNMI State Board of Education adopted this Minutes on September 6, 2008 Special Board Meeting.