

**12TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2010 8:30 a.m.
JROTC Conference Room
Rota High School, Rota MP**

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

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

All members present, there is a quorum.

PSS Staff Present:

Dr. Rita A. Sablan – Commissioner of Education
Jackie A. Quitugua – Associate Commissioner for Instructional Services
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer
Suzanne Lizama – Special Education Coordinator
Edward Tenorio – Financial Consultant
Melissa Palacios – Head Start Interim Director
Jonas Barcinas – Secondary School Principal Representative
Glenn Muna – Elementary School Principal Representative
Kelley Butcher – Legal Counsel
Sharlene Manglona – Principal, Rota High School
Maria S. Quitugua – Principal, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School
Vanessa Q. Hocog – Principal, Sinapalo Elementary School
Lathania Angui – Staff, Head Start Program
Eula Matsumoto – COE Administrative Officer
Valerie K. Malwelbug – BOE Administrative Officer

General Public:

Ulysses T. Sabuco – BISON
Dee Taimanao – Vice President, Statewide PTSA

Joycelynn Y. Atalig – Student, Rota High School
Evelyn Solang – Vice President, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. High School PTSA
Marla Barcinas – Rota PTSA
Donna Toves – Rota PTSA
Vivian A. Hocog – Rota PTSA
Dexter Apatang – Rota PTSA
Abel Hocog – Channel 5
Sandra Masga – President, Sinapalo Elementary School PTSA
Vivian Manglona – Board Member, Sinapalo Elementary School
Nina Atalig – Mayor’s Office - Rota
Prudencio A. Manglona – 13th Municipal Council
Hocog –Family

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita corrected the order of the agenda to have Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and then Swearing-in of the Student Representative, then Adoption of Minutes. There was no objection; the agenda was adopted with the order stated.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Chair Blanco-Maratita called everyone out to the southern side of the JROTC building where the Swearing-in of the Student Representative, Joycelynn Y. Atalig, took place. The students and faculty of the Rota High School were called out to witness the swearing in ceremony. Rota High School Principal, Sharlene Manglona, made brief remarks and called upon Chair Blanco-Maratita to begin the swearing in. After having read her oath, Ms. Joycelynn Y. Atalig delivered inspirational remarks to her peers. Rota Member and BOE Secretary/Treasurer, D. Tanya King, shared her brief remarks as well.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 27, 2010 Special Board Meeting was tabled for the next board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero moved to go into executive session to discuss Legal updates, personnel and other matters, Member MaryLou S. Ada seconded, motion carried. The board rose out of executive session at 10:00 a.m.

Legal Counsel Kelley Butcher reported on legal updates regarding Special Education, FERPA. The board was apprised of status of all cases, discussed criteria for award at principal level, Head Start Director, the Federal Programs position renaming and political issues and affiliations. The Student Representative was also briefed on confidentiality of executive session discussions.

REPORTS

CHAIR – Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita shared her attendance and participation in the visit of the Department of Interior Forum and Head Start Policy Council Change Over and joined PSS staff and management in the Proclamation signing of Education Day at the Governor’s Chamber in Capitol Hill.

CIP – Committee Chair MaryLou Ada reported that the committee met on October 19, 2010 and updates on the CIP Projects were given. She also joined the PSS CIP office in a meeting with Army Corps of Engineer and U.S. Congressman Gregorio “Kilili” Sablan.

FPA – Committee Chair Herman T. Guerrero reported on the meeting of October 19, 2010. Items proposed by the committee are included in today’s agenda for action.

COMMISSIONER - Dr. Rita A. Sablan introduced the PSS Staff and congratulated the new Student Representative. She invited the Board to join in the upcoming Parent Forum on December 6, 2010 for Rota, December 9, 2010 for Tinian and December 10, 2010 for Saipan. Invitations will be sent out to the board soon. She reported on State PD, the visit of Dr. Harris of the U.S. Department of Education. The Audit of the Americorps was completed on October 19, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION: Vice Chair MaryLou S. Ada moved to approve the Amendment to SFSF One Laptop Per Student, Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero seconded, all members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION: Member Herman T. Guerrero moved to approve the PSS Finance Director as Head Start Chief Financial Officer, Member D. Tanya King seconded, all members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION: Member Guerrero moved to approve the All School Network Repairs Funding Shortfall, Vice Chair Ada seconded, all members voted yes, motion carried.

The Head Start Program Director was tabled for further discussion.

ACTION: Vice Chair Ada moved to approve the PSS Congressional Agenda, Member Guerrero seconded, all members voted yes, motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

The NMI History Book was included for discussion purposes only. All members agreed to include it in the next board meeting.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Chair Blanco-Maratita proposed a Regular Board meeting for December 7, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. All members agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:

D. Tanya King
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita, Esq.
BOE Chairperson

12/14/10
Date

¹ The CNMI State Board of Education adopted this Minutes on December 7, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.