

**12<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**Monday, September 27, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.**  
**BOE Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,**  
**NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Capitol Hill, Saipan**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Marylou S. Ada  
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero  
Herman T. Guerrero  
D. Tanya King

**Member absent:**

Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita - excused

**There is a quorum.**

**PSS Staff Present:**

Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. – Commissioner of Education  
Richard Waldo – Director of Finance  
Charley Kenty – Director, Human Resource Office  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer  
Peter Lea'u – Associate Commissioner for Administration  
Melissa DLR. Palacios – Interim Head Start Director  
Suzanne Lizama – Acting Special Education Coordinator  
Kelley M. Butcher, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
George Hasselback, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Valerie K. Malwelbug – BOE Administrative Officer

**No members of the Public were present.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Member Herman T. Guerrero moved to adopt the agenda, Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero seconded; all four members present, motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero moved to adopt the Minutes of the August 20, 2010 Special Board meeting, Member Guerrero seconded, motion carried. Member D. Tanya King moved to adopt the Minutes of the September 10, 2010 Special Board Meeting, Member Guerrero seconded, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There was no comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Member King moved to go into executive session for purposes of discussing legal updates, personnel matters and other issues. Member Deleon Guerrero seconded, all four members voted yes, motion carried.

Legal Counsel Kelley Butcher reported that the board was given legal updates on pending cases. The Board was apprised of the Robert’s Rules of Order and Personnel issues at MHS.

**REPORTS**

- a. **Chair** – Acting Chair MaryLou S. Ada reported on her meeting with Ms. Sharon Barber from PREL and participation at the meeting with Ms. Christine Jackson of the U.S. Department of Education.

Chair Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita joined the meeting via skype at 10:03 a.m.

- b. **Board Committees:**

- i. **Special Education, Early Intervention Committee (SEEIP)** – The Committee met on September 14, 2010 and just reviewed goals and objectives.

- c. **Commissioner of Education** – Commissioner Rita A. Sablan reported on the PSS Contingency Plan re: Government Shutdown, CCSSO Conference, McREL meeting and invited Board members for a photo-op on the five (5) new vans.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **ACTION:** Member Guerrero moved to approve the Amendments to the Proposed Saipan Southern High School Swimming Pool Project. Member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero seconded, all members voted yes, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.<sup>1</sup>


**CERTIFIED BY:**

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D. Tanya King  
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

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Date

**CONCURRED BY:**

  
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MaryLou S. Ada  
BOE Acting Chairperson

  
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Date

<sup>1</sup> The CNMI State Board of Education adopted this Minutes on December 7, 2010 Regular Board meeting.