

**16TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
State Board of Education Conference Room,
Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)
Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF
Andrew L. Orsini
Paul T. Miura

Members absent:

MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.
Dionne Monique S. Torres

Four (4) members present, a quorum was established.

BOE/PSS Staff Present:

Alfred B. Ada, Ed. D. – Commissioner of Education
Yvonne Pangelinan - Associate Commissioner for Student Support Services (SSS)
Marian Tudela – Acting Associate Commissioner for Accountability, Research and Evaluation (ARE)
Charley Kenty – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services
Lucretia Borja - Human Resources Office Director
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Officer
Kimo Rosario – Interim Finance Director
Lathania Angui – Early Head Start/Head Start Program Director
Suzanne Lizama – Special Education Program Director
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – BOE Legal Counsel
Shawn San Nicolas – Manager, Office of Pupil Transportation
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer, Board of Education

Members of the Public

Lyn Lirio – Marianas Variety News
Gary Sword – KKMP Radio Station

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew L. Orsini moved to adopt the agenda, Member Phillip Mendiola-Long seconded. All four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Sword of KKMP Radio – Came in support on giving the teachers their \$1.2M. for teachers, psychologists, advisors, moms and dads to kids that go to schools. While the teachers themselves have their own families, yet they neglect their family time to help tutor our kids. With the teachers being told what to do by the Principals and the Board, they are doing slave labor. Just to show appreciation to all our teachers for all their hard work after going through Yutu teaching under canopies and tents. It is no different from being a hazardous worker. To some of the students, the teachers are all they have.

Suzanne Lizama – what folks might not know, students with disabilities are with teacher aides. It is the teachers aides that go in and out of the classrooms for the students. It is the teacher aides, every day. Teachers, every day, ask for teacher aides. Teachers aides are not included in the retention incentive.

Member Orsini wanted to clarify that he never said he is not in support of all certified personnel who qualify for this grant. The Commissioner of Education has the responsibility to ensure that things operate in a rightful manner. Whereas, he and his colleagues have a fiduciary duty and responsibility that everything is done in a proper manner. We will find a solution in finding funds to give everyone an incentive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action No. 01 Member Long moved to accept the recommendation of Tim Thornburgh with change of equalizing the bonus between teachers and principals, 1 &2, for the incentive. Tim and the COE will continue to work under the definition of other educators to include as many more other educators as defined by educators and various principals and what not in order to get the process of what other educators mean; get it over to the U.S. Department of Education for their approval for an additional incentive to be issued for that category. Equalizing would mean \$2,000.00 each with \$1,000.00 now and \$1,000.00 at the end of the school year. Member Orsini seconded, all four (4) members voted yes, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Vice Chair Atalig moved to adjourn, Member Orsini seconded. All four (4) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.
BOE Secretary/Treasurer

01.14.2020

Date

CONCURRED BY:



Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.
BOE Chairperson

01.31.2020

Date

¹ This Minutes was adopted at the January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.