

**16<sup>TH</sup> CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 4:30 a.m.  
Marianas High School Cafeteria  
Susupe, Saipan, MP**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

The meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**

Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)  
MaryLou S. Ada, J.D.  
Andrew L. Orsini  
Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA, RF  
Paul T. Miura  
Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D.  
Dionne Monique S. Torres

Five (5) voting members present, a quorum was established.

**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**

Alfred B. Ada – Commissioner of Education  
Charley Kenty – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)  
Yvonne R. Pangelinan – Associate Commissioner for Student & Support Services (SSS)  
Lynette Villagomez – Associate Commissioner for Accountability, Research and Evaluation (ARE)  
Asap Ogomoro – Office of Curriculum & Instruction  
Kimo Rosario – Interim Director of Finance (IDoF)  
Tim Thornburgh – Federal Programs Office (FPO) Director  
Edward Tenorio – PSS Financial Consultant  
Lucretia Borja – Human Resources Office (HRO) Director  
Donna Flores – Special Education Program  
Lathania Angui – Head Start/Early Head Start Program  
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel  
Robert L. Coldeen, III – Student Attendance Review Committee (SARC) Coordinator, BOE  
Nikita P. Robert – Administrative Assistant, BOE  
Jocelyn M. Saures – Administrative Coordinator, BOE

Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer, BOE  
Jesse Tenorio – Infrastructure Technology (IT)  
**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**  
Ferdinand Ngirmekur - IT  
Shaw San Nicolas – Office of Pupil Transportation  
Dale Roberts – Child Nutrition Program Director  
Phyllis Ain – William S. Reyes Elementary School  
Domi Tebuteb – Special Education Program (SpEd)  
Emory Fitial – School-aide, Marianas High School (MHS)  
Patricia Mendoza – Dandan Middle School (DMS)  
Kyle Podziewski – Saipan Southern High School (SSHS)  
Edwina Dela Rosa – William S. Reyes Elementary School (WSR)  
Paulette Sablan – Administrator, San Vicente Elementary School (SVES)  
Derwin Johnson – Administrator, Garapan Elementary School (GES)  
Karen Manuel – Hopwood Middle School (HMS)  
Christina Tudela – Early Head Start (EHS)  
Leila Staffler – Kagman High School (KHS)  
Alisa Pangelinan – Oleai Elementary School (OES)  
Martha Kintol – Chacha OceanView Middle School (COVMS)  
Mel Mendez – Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (GTC)  
Ignacia Demapan – Kagman Elementary School (KES)  
Dan Cohen – Teacher  
Jeremiah Rother – Teacher, MHS  
Jacklyn Jucutan – HMS  
James Jucutan – HMS  
Alphonso Yangerilit – MHS  
Jillian Pladevega – HMS  
Maria Mundoco – WSR  
Jenny Dayrit – WSR  
Balbina Solberg – SpEd – WSR  
Roque Pulido – SpEd – WSR  
Juana Atalig – SpEd – WSR  
Jhanylin Cruz – MHS  
Carl Equiba – MHS  
Joanna Manguerra – MHS  
Maria Lopez – MHS  
Abby Crisostimo – MHS  
Joan Bahillo – HMS  
Mariel Espiritu – MHS  
Dorina Salavaria – DMS  
Kelly Demapan – MHS  
Holoy Liban – MHS  
Amy Soliman – MHS  
Junie Pangelinan – WSR

Patricia Sablan – MHS  
Margieray Santos – MHS  
**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**  
Donovan Pangelinan – HMS  
Jemma Manibo – DMS  
Donna Flores – SpEd  
Leandra Dela Cruz – MHS  
Chelsea Yangirate – WSR  
Lori Torres – WSR  
Suzie Torres – WSR  
Michelle Taisacan - MHS  
Jhonson Li –MHS  
Angela Pinaula – PSS  
Deana Villagomez – PSS  
John Darag – PSS  
Harold Easton – MHS  
Kate Bae – MHS  
Jeanine Quilantany – MHS  
Rexelle Penaroyou – MHS  
Jajaloe Imperial – MHS  
Janar Jayna – MHS  
Vivien Liu – MHS  
Tawn Irinaka – MHS  
Nora Fujihira – SpEd  
Kennedy Vila – MHS  
Ma. Helena Agbanlog – MHS  
Jody Coloma – MHS  
Joshua Mendez – SSS  
Patricia Baldonadi – SSS  
Sloye Kawagduo –  
Ayessa Tereyama – PSS  
Damiana Arkoh – PSS  
Grace Lee – MHS  
Ashley Robert – PSS  
Rose Teregeyo – PSS  
Michaelle Muna – PSS, MHS  
Maria Ornes – KHS  
Lyzandra Barcinas – GES  
Amanda Hughes – OSEP  
Laura Kyonka –SSS  
Vicky Aldan – SVES  
Jake Reyes – OES  
Rizalina Liwag – HMS  
Jonathan Liwag – SSS

Nilo Calimag – MHS  
John Justo – MHS  
**PSS/BOE Staff Present:**  
Yvette Tenorio – Teacher  
Alvin Borja – Teacher  
M Doculan – MHS  
Christine Tudela – MHS  
Veronica Mendez-Arriola – SSHS  
Melanie Rdiall – MHS  
Mindy Castro – MHS  
Janet Sablan – HMS  
Maria Camacho – SVES  
Sheena Saures – TMS  
Julie Camacho – TMS  
Preston Basa – MHS  
Catherine Borja-Flores – DMS  
Ben Rayphand – DMS  
Phyllis Ain – Literacy Coach  
Rosarlyn Ajoste – SSHS  
Catherine Torcula – PSS  
Ruby Hocog – HMS  
Peter Arriola – KHS  
Audrey King – Da’ok Academy  
Fiena Rathburn – MHS  
Nerine Villagomez – PSS  
Marjorie Kintol – HMS  
Ben Seman – HMS

**Members of the Public:**

Coleen Villagomez – Parent  
Tenta T. – Parent  
Ed Villagomez - Legislature  
Tina Sablan – Legislature  
Steve Woodruff – Parent  
Jesus C. Borja – Community  
Marg Anone – Community  
Renz Fauni – Student, MHS  
Jzi Santomin – Student, MHS  
Mayrienne Subang – Student, MHS  
Derik Jr. Reyes – Student, MHS  
Juliet Inocencio – Student, MHS  
Macy Mazonones – Student, MHS  
MaryJane Domingo – Student, MHS  
Victoria Dela Cruz – Student, MHS

Justice Ngewakl – Student, MHS  
Lizzie Manabat – Student, MHS  
**Members of the Public:**  
Gengyon Liu – Student, MHS  
Jacob Montes-Sabino – Student, MHS  
Jiggey Pawayagan – Student, MHS  
Denzel Gatbonton – Student, MHS  
Keziah Reyes – Student, MHS  
Amber Tudela  
Jacinta Aguon  
Aeyanna Maratita  
Richard Raley  
Ulysses T. Sabuco – Taro Leaf

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Secretary/Treasurer MaryLou S. Ada moved to adopt the agenda, Member Herman M. Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairwoman Janice A. Tenorio allowed the members of the public to speak with three-minutes limitation. So many students, parents, teachers, and concerned members of the community spoke out regarding the decisions being made by the Board, regarding the injunction, and about the proposed austerity measures such as pay cuts and suspension of the schools. Others presented and shared concerns on the 190-day Contract for Teachers.

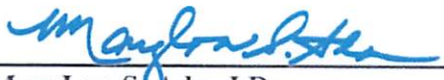
### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada reported on the reason for signing the injunction. PSS Leadership Team presented the Contingency Operating Budget for FY2020. Teacher Representative Paul T. Miura opened the discussion and shared his concerns on the 190-Day Contract for Teachers.

***ACTION NO. 001*** Member Phillip Mendiola-Long moved to approve the Injunction. Secretary/Treasurer Ada seconded. This is to direct the Commissioner of Education to file an injunction and lawsuit against the CNMI Government in regards to the inaccurate allotments being made to the PSS for Fiscal Year 2020 in violation of the CNMI Constitution. Three (3) members voted yes (Ada, Long, and Orsini), two (2) members voted no (Atalig and Tenorio), motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT- Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to adjourn, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.<sup>1</sup>

CERTIFIED BY:

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

05/29/2020  
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Date

CONCURRED BY:

  
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Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.  
BOE Chairperson

05/29/2020  
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Date

<sup>1</sup> This Minutes was adopted at the May 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting.