

**16TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.
via google hangouts meet.google.com/mcm-wjrz-eos**

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 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

Members Absent:

Dionne Monique S. Torres

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

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Charley Kenty – Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)
Yvonne R. Pangelinan – Associate Commissioner for Student & Support Services (SSS)
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
Jesse Tenorio – Infrastructure Technology (IT)
Ferdinand Ngirmekur - IT
George Palican – Internal Auditor, COE
Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel
Valerie K. Malwelbug – Administrative Officer

Others Present (online):

Clarrisa Ann Cruz Masga
Julie Curry
Winnifred Cabrera
Jeremiah Rother
Michelle Taisacan

Others Present (online):

Micah Page
Anthony Frank
Victorino Borja
Rachel Reyes
Darlene Aldan
Jacqueline Che
Shirley Cepeda
Mark Feliciano
Leila Staffler
Glenn Smith
Robert L. Coldeen III
Donna Flores
Robin Palacios
Rizalina Liwag
Ben Seman
Annette Pladevega
Sherwin Mendiola
Cherlyn Osung
Ruth
Guillermo

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Phillip Mendiola-Long moved to adopt the agenda as amended to include under Unfinished Business 1. Status of Furloughed employees and GHLI payments, Member Herman M. Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Member Andrew L. Orsini thanked Ms. Valerie Malwelbug for completing the Minutes which was from January 14, 2020 which was the election of officers to date. He suggested that Ms. Valerie get assistance to work on the minutes since it took this long for her to submit. And he wants to correct the January 14, 2020 minutes stating that he was the one who nominated Janice A. Tenorio for Chair and not Member Atalig. Member Atalig agreed with Member Orsini and with the request to table all the Minutes until the next Board meeting, he did not object.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeremiah Rother read a statement to the Board during public comment and Madam Chair Tenorio asked for him to submit his written comments via email to Ms. Valerie for the record and attached herewith.

Secretary/Treasurer MaryLou S. Ada joined the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Alfred B. Ada introduced Federal Programs Officer Tim Thornburgh to present the status report on federal funds and Interim Director of Finance Kimo Rosario to report on the local funds. The members agreed to table the funds status report, Furlough Status, and GHLI for further discussion at the FPA Committee meeting that committee Chair Ada scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Still under Commissioner's Report, Head Start/Early Head Start Program Acting Director Jolene Sablan was up to report. With technical issues during her presentation, and with grants due this week and requiring Board approval, Secretary/Treasurer Ada requested to take up those items for action and then go back to the Commissioner's Report. There was no objection.

ACTION NO. 001 Member Orsini moved to approve the Head Start/Early Head Start Program items A to O as listed, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 002 Member Orsini moved to approve the Early Intervention Program Grant Application, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 003 Member Long moved to approve the Special Education Part B Grant Application, Member Orsini seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 004 Member Orsini moved to ratify the Letter to MPLT re PSS Request for Bridge Loan, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 005 Member Orsini moved to ratify the Letter to Governor re MPLT Bridge Loan, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 006 Member Orsini moved to ratify the Letter to House Speaker re MPLT Bridge Loan, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.

ACTION NO. 007 Member Orsini moved to ratify the Letter to Senate President re MPLT Bridge Loan, Member Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes, motion carried.


Going back to Commissioner's Report, Interim Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services Charley Kenty updated the Board on the Hopwood Middle School renovation.

Dr. Bobby Cruz presented on the enrichment Learning/Educational Package as well as the Distance Education. Associate Commissioner for Accountability Research and Evaluation Lynette Villagomez shared that the AP exams are currently being administered. Most of the students who have enrolled are taking the exams. Survey was conducted with assistance from Annette Pladevega and Lorraine Catienza through the schools.

Promotional certificates and graduation diplomas will be printed this afternoon and secured through an RFP with Marianas Variety News & Views. They should be ready by next week for the signatures of the Commissioner and Board Chair.

ADJOURNMENT- Secretary/Treasurer Ada moved to adjourn, Vice Chair Atalig seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.¹

CERTIFIED BY:



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

05/29/2020
Date

CONCURRED BY:



Janice A. Tenorio, M.Ed.
BOE Chairperson

05/29/2020
Date

¹ This Minutes was adopted at the May 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting.