18TH CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Board of Education Conference Room Building 1241, Capitol Hill, Saipan via Zoom (link below)

FINAL MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Herman M. Atalig, SGM (Ret)

Antonio L. Borja

Gregory P. Borja

Andrew L. Orsini

Maisie B. Tenorio

Dora B. Miura

Ronald E. Snyder (virtual)

Jane N. Mozunder

Eight (8) members were present, and a quorum was established.

PSS/BOE Staff Present:

Lawrence F. Camacho, Ed.D. - Commissioner of Education

Eric Magofna – Associate Commissioner for Administrative Services (ACAS)

Yvonne R. Pangelinan – Senior Director, Student & Support Services (SSS)

Jacque Che – Federal Programs Officer (FPO)

Arlene Lizama - Finance Director

Lucretia Deleon Guerrero-Human Resources Office (HRO) Director

Leila Yumul – Family Engagement & Community Involvement Coordinator

Randee-Jo Barcinas-Manglona – Communications Manager

Taj Salas – Communications Specialist

Robert L. Coldeen, III – SARC Coordinator, BOE

Tiberius Mocanu, Esq. – Legal Counsel, BOE

Michael Ernest, Esq. - Legal Counsel, PSS

Jocelyn M. Saures – Administrative Assistant, BOE

Valerie K. Malwelbug – Office Manager, BOE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Member Andrew L. Orsini moved to differ III. New Business No. 2. Comprehensive Accountability Framework to ISA and FPA Committees, Member Antonio Borja seconded. During the discussion, Commissioner Lawrence Camacho shared that it is only for informational purposes, so it will be brief. Member Antonio Borja stated that since it is an emergency meeting, we should not have anything else on the agenda. All five (5) members voted yes, the motion carried. Vice Chair Maisie Tenorio moved to adopt the amended agenda. Member Orsini seconded. All members voted yes; the agenda was adopted as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COE Camacho raised his hand for public comments to recognize and highlight student achievements. He introduced Marianas High School Principal Jonathan Aguon, where he introduced the students, coaches, and teachers to their achievements.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION NO. 001

Secretary/Treasurer Gregory Borja moved to approve the Resolution on the Authorized Bank Signatory for Bank of Guam (BoG) and Bank of Hawaii (BoH). Member Antonio Borja seconded the motion. During the discussion, Member Orsini mentioned three (3) signatories for BoG, and five (5) for BoH. He recommends that the Chairman sign off as concurrence for the Commissioner of Education's (COE) request for particular transactions. Secretary/Treasurer Borja moved for the motion, and Member Borja seconded Member Orsini's recommendation but to more significant amounts. Secretary Borja withdraws the motion.

Member Orsini moved to have the Chairman concur on memos of transactions of large sums of \$1M; Member Borja seconded. During the discussion, COE Camacho said that the payroll is \$1.24M. COE Camacho clarifies that it is concurrence on the Memo and not necessarily to sign checks the checks. Member Borja wants to make sure that it does not hinder PSS operations. Director of Finance Arlene Lizama mentioned the daily transfer (as a result of drawdown) from BoH and BoG. FPO drawdowns from First Hawaiian Bank (FHB). FHB transfers are done from BoH and BoG. All five (5) members voted yes, and the motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary/Treasurer Borja moved to descend into Executive Session at 3:35 p.m. to discuss No. 3 PSS Personnel Matters. Member Orsini seconded; all in favor; 3:35 p.m. to rise out at 4:20 p.m. Member Orsini moved to rise out of Executive Session at 4:49 p.m., Secretary/Treasurer Borja seconded.

Counsel Tiberius Mocanu gave a summary of the Executive Session. Matters discussed in the Executive Session were PSS Personnel matters and pending litigation, which were appropriate to discuss.

MISCELLANEOUS

Secretary/Treasurer Borja shared the ongoing track and field schedule. Tinian and Rota will be competing next week. It is also Autism Month, and a walk is at 5 p.m... tomorrow night at the American Memorial Park. Wear Blue in observance of Autism Month.

Counsel Mike Ernest shared that the Student Rep with the MHS Glee Club got two (2) Gold medals from Guam. They will sing to the Board at the April 22, 2024, Regular Board meeting.

Student Rep Jane Mozunder was recommending an online college program. Maybe it could be broadcast to High School Administrators. She sent it to the Chair and sent it to the appropriate emails.

ADJOURNMENT- Member Orsini moved to adjourn the meeting, and Member Antonio Borja seconded. All five (5) members voted yes; the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.¹

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| Andrew L. Orsini | Date |
| BOE Secretary/Treasurer | |
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| Gregory P. Borja | Date |
| ROF Chairnerson | |

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¹ This Minutes was adopted at the November 7, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.