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From: Christie Lyn San Nicolas <clsannicolas@gdoe.net>
Date: Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 7:46 AM
Subject: GEB May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting - Reporting Requirements
To: Governor's Office - Michael Weakley <michael.weakley@guam.gov>, Speaker Barnes <speaker@guamlegislature.org>
Cc: Jon Fernandez (Superintendent) <jonfernandez@gdoe.net>, Maria Roberto <mdroberto@gdoe.net>

Hafa Adai,

Please see the attached documents for the Guam Education Board's Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2020.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Respectfully,

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June 8, 2020

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker
Thirty-fifth Guam Legislature
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero and Speaker Barnes:

Håfa Adai! Pursuant to Public Law 31-233, Section 38, *Reporting Requirements for Boards and Commissions*, attached are copies of the Guam Education Board's meeting agenda, approved minutes and other documents as discussed at the May 26, 2020 regular board meeting. The meeting was held via Zoom Conferencing.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1627.

Senseramente,


JON J. P. FERNANDEZ
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Attachments

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9th Guam Education Board REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
6 PM

Zoom Conferencing

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
- ACTION 1. Minutes of April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
- III. Public Participation (BP 125.6) Time Limit 3 minutes
- IV. Communications
- INFO 1. Correspondence
- INFO 2. Superintendent's Report and Communication
- V. Ex-Officio Member Reports
- INFO 1. GFT
- INFO 2. Mayor's Council of Guam
- INFO 3. IBOGS Report
- VI. Unfinished Business/ Committee Reports
- 1. Executive Committee
- INFO a. NASBE Updates
 - i. NASBE Western Region Area Directors
 - ii. Western Region Area State Board Chairs
 - iii. Governmental Affairs Committee (Guam)
- b. Board Subcommittees
- INFO 2. Instructional & Academic Support Committee
- INFO/ACTION a. Head Start Report
 - i. Head Start Supplemental Grant – 2020 Summer Program
 - ii. Head Start Supplemental Grant – 2020 COLA and Quality Improvement
- INFO/ACTION 3. Safe & Healthy Schools Committee
- 4. Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee
- INFO 5. Fiscal Management
 - a. Update on FY20 Budget

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Session

The Board of Education reserves the right to go into executive session during any part of the meeting. Based on the Open Govt. Law specific matters can only be discussed. (Personnel Matters, Collective Bargaining Agreement, Contracts, and Litigation).

IX. Adjournment

VOTING MEMBERS: Maria A. Gutierrez, Chairwoman, Mark B. Mendiola, Vice-Chair, Felicitas B. Angel, Lourdes M. Benavente, Karlyn RCG Borja, John T. Burch, James C. Lujan, Ronald L. McNinch, PhD

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Mika Labadnoy (OHS) - IBOGS Representative, Doris Terlaje - GFT Representative, Mayor, Melissa B. Savares, MCOG Representative

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Jon J. P. Fernandez, GDOE Superintendent



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MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Maria A. Gutierrez, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were present for the meeting using video conference via Zoom Conferencing:

Voting Members:

Gutierrez, Maria A. – Chairwoman
Mendiola, Mark B. – Vice-Chair
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Borja, Karlyn RCG
Burch, John T.
Lujan, James C.
McNinch, Dr. Ron L.

Non-Voting Members:

Labadnoy, Mika (OHS) – IBOGS Representative
Terlaje, Doris A. – GFT Representative
Savares, Melissa B. – MCOG Representative

Legal Counsel:

Stake, James

Superintendent Jon Fernandez provided some administrative information to the Guam Education Board (“Board”). He announced that those wishing to publicly participate could log onto the Zoom meeting and inform the Board so their request was addressed during the public participation portion of the meeting. He noted that the meeting was being live-streamed and recorded.

Prior to roll call the Superintendent informed the other members that Ms. Fely Angel was filling the term of a prior member and is seeking the reappointment to the Board. He noted that her term expired on April 14th but she is present as an observer. The Superintendent announced that seven (7) members of the Board were present, constituting a quorum. All members were present via Zoom (video) conferencing.

Board Chairwoman Maria Gutierrez noted that due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation the meeting was being held through Zoom conferencing and was also live-streaming on the GDOE Facebook page.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch, to approve the February 18, 2020, regular monthly meeting minutes, subject to corrections. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch, to approve the April 8, 2020, special monthly meeting minutes, subject to corrections. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

Mr. Fernandez stated that in the public notice, the general public was notified that they may use Facebook live to monitor and watch the meeting. All those who are interested in providing public testimony could submit testimony in writing or participate in the Zoom meeting. He noted that he and Christie San Nicolas would monitor those requesting public testimony. No one had signed on for public testimony during the beginning of the meeting. He asked the Board Chair if there was a time frame in which she would allow for written testimony to be submitted subsequent to the meeting.

Ms. Gutierrez requested the Board's approval to give ten (10) days for individuals to submit public written testimony via email.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch, to allow individuals to submit their written testimony for public participation within ten (10) days after the meeting. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE - Ms. Gutierrez stated that the Board received a letter from Vice Speaker Telena Nelson regarding service learning and instructional minutes. She noted that the resolution was also attached to the letter. Ms. Gutierrez indicated that she believed the bills relative to service learning and instructional minutes were passed by the Legislature and awaiting the Governor's signature.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. The superintendent provided highlights from his report.

GDOE Classes Cancelled through the end of School Year 2019-2020. On Monday, April 6, 2020, the Superintendent announced the cancelation of classes for the remainder of the school year. The Governor's closure of government facilities is currently through May 5, 2020. The GEB met on April 8, 2020, to pass a resolution approving the recommendations of the GDOE management team regarding grading, credits, promotions, and graduation. In addition, the GEB asked the Legislature to pass legislation to waive the service learning and instructional hour requirement for students.

Employees Mobilized for COVID-19 Response. School nurses, school resource officers, student attendance officers, and social workers have now been mobilized by the Governor as part of the COVID-19 efforts. They have been working at ports of entry and quarantine sites. In addition, over 100 school staff and administrators are manning the 12 school meals distribution sites. School nurses are also being requested to support hospital operations as needed. In addition to personnel, GDOE is providing up to three special education buses to support the operations of the Guam Regional Transit Authority. Also, teachers are using 3D printers to print protective gear for front-line responders.

GDOE Grab and Go school meals program will be extended through the summer. Currently, GDOE is providing 12,000 breakfasts and 12,000 lunches per day at 12 school sites. In discussion with the Governor, GDOE will move forward to provide school meals for the remainder of the summer. The summer school meals program will cost GDOE an additional \$1 million, which GDOE will request be reimbursed by the Governor.

Distribution of emergency commodities. GDOE continues to distribute emergency commodities, working with nonprofit organizations as well as GHURA to provide food to needy families. Distribution will continue over the summer as well.

All full-time and part-time employees were paid for the past pay period. The Superintendent anticipated that all GDOE employees, both classified and unclassified (limited-term), would continue to be paid until the end of the school year (at which point limited-term employees would no longer be paid, as usual). Executive Order 2020-08 sets forth differential pay requirements, effective April 5, 2020, which GDOE is working to implement and pay, subject to later reimbursement by the administration.

Distance learning website has been launched. A website with resources for parents was launched in early April, and last week, teachers began connecting with students to offer weekly lessons and activities. Schools have been holding “grab and learn” drive-through distribution of hard copy lessons for students who do not have access to the Internet or electronic devices. Also, PBS Guam and GDOE launched a televised partnership to have weekly lessons brought to homes through public television. Finally, the Guam PDN and Guam Daily Post worked with GDOE to distribute activities through print publications.

USDOE Virtual Monitoring is Delayed until June. Due to government closure and travel restrictions, I requested a 60-day extension in order to better coordinate GDOE and USDOE efforts to ensure the monitoring can happen under normal operations.

Simon Sanchez Design Services RFP. GDOE will proceed to complete the procurement of a vendor to provide the architectural and engineering services for a new Simon Sanchez High School.

Bill 332-35 (Nelson). This bill would exempt graduating seniors from the service learning requirements this school year. GDOE has requested this support in order to ensure that seniors are not penalized due to prolonged school closure. GDOE will also request exemption from minimum instructional hours requirement this year. PASSED AND GOING TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE.

Bill 339-35 (Nelson). This bill exempts students from the required 900 instructional hours in a school year. PASSED AND GOING TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE.

Bill 326-35 (Nelson/Shelton). This bill would designate certain GDOE responders to be eligible for hazard pay. GDOE is in favor of ensuring adequate compensation for those employees who are on the front line of the COVID 19 response, including nurses and school resource officers/student attendance officers. Also, GDOE would like to see those employees who worked the school meals program compensated accordingly. The Governor’s pay proposal will be released shortly and should be reviewed as well. PASSED AND GOING TO GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE.

Mr. Burch asked whether there were plans for the Department opening any services if the Governor moves towards an incremental opening of the Government. He asked that if the GDOE kept the schools closed and continued with distance learning, would there be a plan for the reopening of schools next school year?

Mr. Fernandez responded that GDOE would want the Board’s involvement and input. He stated that he does not foresee the reopening of the schools after May 5th. May 22nd was the end of the school year so there would not be much time left to recover lost school days. He believed the Governor said reopening of the government would be very incremental. He said a full return of almost 30,000 students at once is not something that he would advise. He said he is comfortable that the decision will stand to close the schools. The Governor put together an economic team and he has reached out through the Lieutenant Governor to let them know that the school system’s status is very key to some of the reopening discussions. He explained that many parents, guardians and grandparents are at home taking care of their kids, needing daycare and so forth, and this needs to be taken into consideration when

looking at the recovery of the broader community. The decisions about reopening the school system need also to be discussed as part of the recovery effort. The GDOE's priority is health and safety first. He indicated that he would have legal review, but he believes the Governor has the authority to shut down and mobilize resources in response to an emergency. When it comes to recovery, the Board and the Superintendent have to also review their authority and manage that as well. He was not suggesting any divide, only the need for the Board to attend to its responsibilities under its authority. He expressed the need to maintain an open line of communication with the Governor's team, so that GDOE is factored in appropriately when it is time for incremental recovery. He wanted to look ahead to the start of the school year to ensure that schools return to some level of normalcy and are assured of the health and safety of students and employees. He noted this is the time of year when GDOE begins discussions on summer work and preparation for the new school year, but this year GDOE will have to plan for the two different scenarios. One scenario is GDOE opening as normal and the other is the inability to open as normal. He met with the deputy superintendents and discussed the need to plan for both scenarios, especially in the event that schools do not open physically. He noted GDOE would take what it learned from distance learning to ensure that our school year can begin under different circumstances. He noted that planning had begun and he would keep the Board updated.

Mr. Burch shared his concerns about the different waves of the virus and stated that a system needs to be in place that would allow the tracking of any possible virus infections amongst students or employees. He noted this would take a lot of planning. If GDOE continued with distance learning, it would need true distance learning and not just enhancement or enrichment programs.

Mr. Fernandez thanked Mr. Burch for his comments and stated that the leadership team would take note of all his concerns and take them into account as they begin planning. He pointed out the critical issue of personal protective equipment (PPE), noting there is a shortage in many areas. He stated that if GDOE returns to normal, he would want to require certain levels of PPE available to employees, from hand sanitizers to masks. He would not want to open if employees did not have the necessary protection.

Mr. Lujan provided input and recommendations based on what California is doing to address COVID-19. He commended the Superintendent and the Department for being progressive.

Mr. Fernandez commented that GDOE is monitoring everything and taking into consideration some of the physical challenges with social distancing and how that might impact schedules. He doesn't believe that distance learning is going to substitute for in class instruction, but if needed temporarily, the concern is the availability of a platform that would track needed data. He noted that one challenge is also access within the community. He indicated he would keep the Board updated on those challenges.

Mr. Mendiola shared his concerns regarding graduations and recruitment activities that usually happen around this time of the school year.

Mr. Fernandez responded that GDOE is confirming graduation lists and decisions regarding diploma distribution and other details that have not been finalized yet. He is working with administrators and giving them the opportunity to have discussions with their students to provide input.

Mayor Savares commented that the mayors have been receiving calls regarding mayor's verifications because in the GDOE announcements, some schools are saying that parents can start registering their kids for kindergarten. She asked for clarification so that they could start preparing the verifications. She also commended the distance learning efforts and asked if it could continue through the summer. She thanked the GDOE teams and the food service providers for feeding thousands of children, to include the younger aged children and non- public school students.

Mr. Fernandez responded that this was a great idea. He said he would discuss extending not just the food services but also support for teaching and learning over the summer. He noted that one of the concerns that we have is the

early closure only adds to the summer slide when you have students who have to come back to the school year and review a lot of things they might have lost or forgotten over the summer. He indicated he would have discussions regarding this suggestion.

Mr. Burch asked whether the seniors who need summer school would be accommodated.

Mr. Fernandez responded that the GDOE management team was working to determine that.

Mr. Sanchez added that GDOE is working to redesign the summer school program at all levels. He provided some details about the discussions taking place regarding summer school.

Mr. Burch motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to accept the Superintendent's Report. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

V. EX-OFFICIO MEMBER REPORTS

GFT Report - Ms. Terlaje stated that she had some questions but they were already answered in earlier discussions.

IBOGS Report - None.

MCOG Report - Mayor Savares asked if the school site visits would happen if GDOE reopened after May 5th.

Mr. Fernandez responded that it will depend on the Governor's orders and trying to encourage safety and staying home. He indicated he would inform the Board and the mayors when those visits are planned so they can be present also.

Mayor Savares also asked for an update on the status of the schools that were supposed to go through accreditation.

Mr. Fernandez responded that GDOE is working with WASC. One idea was to move the visits to the fall. There may be a couple of schools that will undergo virtual monitoring versus a physical visit, so GDOE was looking at the opportunity to pilot that. WASC was looking at ways to conduct the accreditation visits, and he expected more discussions in this area closer to the fall.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Executive Committee

Superintendent's Evaluation - Dr. McNinch recommended that the Superintendent's Evaluation be postponed due to the current pandemic situation and possibly address it in June depending on the situation.

Dr. McNinch motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the postponement of the Superintendent's Evaluation until the June 2020 meeting.

Mr. Mendiola commented that he does not know the exact time line and did not have the Superintendent's contract in front of him, but felt that they should have the concurrence from the Superintendent.

Mr. Fernandez responded that he appreciates the comment and agreed that these decisions are supposed to be made jointly. He stated that he is okay with pushing back the evaluation until June. He suggested that he and Dr. McNinch convene prior to that, and if GDOE is still in a situation where the evaluation needs to be done virtually, they could think through that process so it does not get pushed back beyond June. He explained that there is some scrutiny about which agencies have completed their evaluations and he wanted to make sure that they do not push it off much further.

Mr. Mendiola agreed and commented that he thinks Dr. McNinch should work out the details and report back at the next board meeting.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he is willing to concur with the suggestion.

Mr. Mendiola suggested an amendment to the motion.

Dr. McNinch requested to withdraw his original motion and offered an amended motion.

Dr. McNinch motioned, seconded by Mr. Mendiola to approve to postpone discussion of the practice of the Superintendent's Evaluation until the June 2020 meeting and in the interim Dr. McNinch will discuss the matter with the Superintendent with what the best course of action will be. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

2) Instructional & Academic Support Committee

- a. Head Start Report/Supplemental Grant - 2020 Summer Program/Supplemental Grant - 2020 COLA Program**
- She informed the Board that Head Start has received guidance on the Supplemental Grant Application due on May 15th. There were changes to the manner in which approvals needed to be made to accommodate the COVID-19 situation. The Office of Head Start stated formal minutes of the Board or Policy Council meetings were not needed, and instead a statement indicating that all members approved the application was needed. She stated that Head Start is currently working on the grant application for different funding as specified in the report. She requested to work with Ms. Lou Benavente on the details before presenting to the Board for approval.

Ms. Gutierrez told Mr. Fernandez that the two Head Start grants would be forwarded to the appropriate committee.

- b. Resolution 2020 - 04 - Proposed Instructional Resource - Nihi Program**

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Mendiola to approve Resolution 2020-04 - Relative to the Endorsement of Nihi! and its Supplemental Educational Resources. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Ms. Eloise Sanchez stated that the Nihi Program has been facilitated by Ms. Carroll Flores over the last many years, and Ms. Flores has many resources relevant to elementary and secondary schools. Nihi would like to request to be endorsed as an educational resource.

Mr. Sanchez commented that over the last three to four years, GDOE has been making a concerted effort to increase the use of local resources in classrooms. Many teachers have been trying to infuse local writing, materials and locally produced instructional resources into their classrooms. He explained that they wanted to make sure that this is formalized, materials are reviewed, and officially adopted by the Board. GDOE is trying to bring in local resources, writers and producers of educational materials to start using them in the classrooms. The work being done with distance learning also aligns with this effort. GDOE is working to build the capacity of teachers, administrators and instructional staff to create and utilize local lessons.

- c. Resolution 2020-05 - K-12 Educational Technology Standards**

Ms. Benavente motioned, seconded by Mr. Lujan to approve Resolution 2020-05 - Relative to the Adoption of K-12 Educational Technology Standards. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Fernandez expressed thanks to Mr. Neil Rochelle, Ms. Eloise Sanchez and all the teachers who were involved in this process. The issue, especially during this time of COVID, is looking at distance learning and how to integrate distance learning more heavily than has been done before. These circumstances have forced GDOE to think about the world of technology in education, what students need to learn about the world and the workforce, and how teachers are going to communicate these skills to them. He stated that he is happy to see that it has come to this point for the Board's review and approval. These standards set forth how technology ought to be integrated into the education system to ensure that students have the skills needed to succeed in whatever they choose to do after their graduation. He thanked and congratulated the staff for their work on this.

Mr. Sanchez informed the Board that this has followed the same process utilized for all GDOE standards. A team of teachers were involved in the process, reviewed the standards, and worked through their scope and sequence. He also thanked Mr. Rochelle, Ms. Eloise Sanchez and all the teachers who participated. They unpacked the standards, interpreted how the standards work, and designed how these standards would be implemented through a set of documents and resources for teachers to use. He explained that it has gone through a very rigorous and systematic process to ensure that there are teams of teachers at every school who are familiar with the standards and the resources.

Mr. Neil Rochelle thanked Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Eloise for their support through this project. He stated that it has been a lot of work over the past year and half to get this finished. It is most appropriate now to be looking at these 21st century skills. He commented that these are worldwide skills that students need to be able to be global collaborators and computational thinkers. He said there is a dedicated team of teachers and the implementation of the standards is ongoing. He indicated they have had several webinars, one for each of the standards.

Ms. Gutierrez stated that she wanted to go back to the Head Start Report and asked for a motion to accept the report.

Mr. Lujan motioned, seconded by Mr. Burch to accept the Head Start Report. The Board voted by voice with a vote of 7-0 for the motion, motion passed.

- 3) **Organizational Efficiency & Development Committee** - Ms. Gutierrez stated that she is waiting for information on the differential pay, the positions that will be covered and which categories. She noted that she is aware of the teachers who have been working around the clock on the protective shields with the assistance of Dr. Naholowaa. She indicated the Superintendent should take a look at them because they put in a lot of work. She indicated the need to take care of employees who fall into the categories of 25, 15, and 10 percent, to include the employees at the school meal sites, nurses, SROs, social workers and others who are not going into the office but are doing a lot of work in other ways.

Mr. Fernandez wanted to provide clarification. He stated that GDOE has the executive order and a new law that it will need to watch closely. If the new law is signed, in addition to the executive order, GDOE will need to work with HR, Payroll, Dr. Zeny with the Business Office, and others to follow those directives and ensure that we are interpreting them correctly in applying the differential pay. He assured the Board that GDOE employees continued to be paid until the end of the school year as normal, and the GDOE would then need to address differential pay on top of that. He would inform the Board of differential pay determinations based on the executive order. He indicated the GDOE legal office would be involved.

4) **Fiscal Management**

Update on FY20 Budget - Mr. Mendiola stated that the Superintendent already provided a snapshot of the budget and added that GDOE continues to receive the 100% allotments needed to make payroll payments and obligations. He noted that there are concerns about when the lag is going to catch up with money not coming in. The

Superintendent and his team are being very frugal and watching what is going on with the GDOE's cash flow. To date, there had not been any shortages from the Department of Administration. He indicated GDOE needed to be cognizant about differential pay and the timesheets. Until there was clear guidance on what that formula is going to look like, everybody should maintain accountability for the work performed and justification attached to it. At the end of the day, GDOE may be able to seek some reimbursement from federal partners and it will require a lot of detailed documentation. He asked the Superintendent to keep Simon Sanchez on the radar. There was obligated funding that the Governor committed to and he wanted to make sure that was still in play.

Mr. Fernandez added that GDOE is monitoring local government revenues and what that will mean with federal relief funds. This is an uncertain period but we want to continue to be accountable and frugal with our spending, while making sure that we are providing the services that we need to provide. He indicated that it might not be easy in the upcoming months, but thanked the Board for helping to navigate the situation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - NONE.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gutierrez reminded the elected Board members that their financial disclosures are due tomorrow to the Guam Election Commission (GEC). She noted that the appointed members have the Conflict of Interest form that Christie sent out that should be submitted. She informed them that if they are requesting for an extension, they need to email the GEC.

Ms. Gutierrez also stated that come May 5th, she would like the Board to meet and discuss the Governor's anticipated executive order and whether GDOE will be a part of the gradual opening of the government. She stated that she would like for the Board to be kept informed.

Mr. Burch noted that the Superintendent will advise the Governor on what his recommendations are. He stated that he thinks all agency heads are being asked to do so. He commented that what they heard from the Superintendent earlier is that there are some very critical decisions to be made and he thinks the Superintendent has a very good handle of what is going on. From his understanding, it is going to be a decision for the superintendent to determine come May 5th. He indicated that being that this is operational, he prefers that it is up to the Superintendent.

Ms. Gutierrez asked that he just let them know so that the Board can inform stakeholders, especially seniors, what the decision will be.

Ms. Gutierrez noted the need to schedule a work session is for Head Start.

Mr. Burch asked, pending the Governor's order on May 5th, whether they should plan for another meeting knowing that they may be faced with some possible decision making.

Mr. Fernandez stated that he is open to the discussion whether it be through a work session or a meeting. The superintendent stated that he is happy to accommodate the Board and would recommend a meeting on May 8th, if the announcement is made on the 5th, to allow a few days to make sure the GDOE understands the order and can advise accordingly.


Ms. Gutierrez told the Superintendent to plan for a meeting on May 8th.

He acknowledged.

Mr. Lujan moved, seconded by Mr. Burch to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7-0. The motion passed.

Ms. Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:




CHRISTIE L. SAN NICOLAS
Administrative Officer

Date: May 16, 2020

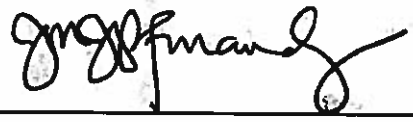
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

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- Other: _____



MARIA A. GUTIERREZ
GEB Chairwoman

Date: May 26, 2020



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