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**School Board Official Minutes
December 13, 2012
Guam High School**

Scheduled 6:00-7:30 p.m./Actual Time: 6:00 – 7:11 p.m.

School Board Members Present

Ms. Kimberlee Lindee, Vice-President
Ms. Michelle Dana, Secretary
Mr. Michael Gadsden
Mr. Allen Blend

School Board Members Absent

Ms. Amata Hutcherson, President

Non-voting Members Present

Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy School Liaison
Ms. Rebecca Duncan, Air Force Liaison
Mr. Jeff Arrington, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Steven Bloom, Superintendent

Guests were welcomed. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. November minutes were reviewed. Mr. Blend moved to approve the minutes for the November meeting, the motion was seconded by Mr. Gadsden. The motion carried. All board meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Orders (see last page "Standards of Conduct").

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

Andersen Middle School (AMS), Ms. Krull

- The band concert held on the 12th was great.
- The 13th was the last basketball game of the season and cross-country is finishing up. Boys' soccer and girls' basketball are beginning.
- PSAT scores are in, 40 of the 270 students took the test.
- The following week was a cookie caper with single military.

Andersen Elementary School (AES), ~~Ms. Horne-Barnes~~ and Mr. Flores, Assistant Principal

- Nov 30th was a CSI staff development day where they looked at indicators to see what improvements need to be made to ensure they are a quality school.
- As we celebrate the holidays and cultural diversity, musical performances of each grade level will be held this week and next.
- On the 14th, the Alaska Brass Band performed for students.
- Two staff members are retiring; Jane Chop with 37 years at DoDEA and Jim Gross with 31 years.

Guam High School (GHS), Mr. ^{Herb}Keim:

- Sports: Boys' basketball, tennis, rugby are beginning their first practices. Wrestling checked GW in their last tourney of the season.
- Letterman Jackets: A flyer was distributed that shows what the jackets must look like when ordered. They are ordered from independent vendors by the students. The school will further investigate the possibility of a sweater, but it will most likely have the same requirements as the jackets.
- Laptop Computers: Teachers are receiving training on the 21st Century Laptop Initiative on December 21st; this is a half-day.
- December 15th is a Junior class gift-wrapping fundraiser at the NEX, and the Booster Club is doing one on the 22nd.
- December 20th is our Christmas concert.

McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS), Mr. ^{Dr. Scott}Christensen

- The 13th was the Band Concert.
- Tree planting with Gretchen Grimm from Navy Public Works was exciting. Students and volunteers planted native trees at the school.
- Second quarter sports are wrapping up, third quarter starts on January 7th.
- Having a Winter Wonderland again this year where volunteers help students choose gifts for family members and friends. There is a bake sale there as well. The PTO has food handler trainers available so they can do bake sales. It takes 1 ½ hours to take the training, but they need to have it so they can hold bake sales.
- Drama performances are ongoing.
- Every Thursday, the Gifted Education students do peer editing and writing of novels. They are partnered with Yokota West Elementary in Japan and will be doing peer-editing exchanges with the school.

Superintendent's Report, Mr. ^{Bloom}Arrington

- The District understands that there are concerns about students having computers, but the school is teaching digital citizenship and there are safety programs and screening programs in place on the laptops. There are also principles of access for the school and the students, and the computer is simply a tool for the digital age.
- Introduction of Helen Bailey, for a budget discussion. The FY 2013 budget has not been passed, therefore we are in a "Continuing Resolution" status. Once the Continuing Resolution is lifted, we expect to operate on the same budget.
- Virtual School: Course list was presented to the Board. The classes are taught from around the world from other DoDEA schools. They are mostly asynchronous. The newest hub is Kadena AFB. Students communicate with teachers through appointments and email or messaging. AP music Theory is taught real time from Kadena. The purpose is to help transition students coming from other schools and to broaden educational opportunities for students. Virtual classes utilized differ from year to year.
- Bomb Threat: The District is cooperating with Captain Ward and his staff. It was exceptionally difficult to communicate when there is a threat to the installation. After the initial realization of the problems with getting buses onto the base, a lane was opened for the buses. It was the worst at the Main Navy Base gate because of traffic backup. The

Ombudsmen expressed concerns over not being able to get status information on specific buses, but the District has to be careful with what information is given out in these situations. They are examining ways to report on status and get out information during incidents; possibly through Panther Point. No decision has been made yet. They are exploring notification and alert systems.

- The Board was invited to the Teacher in-service on the 20th at 11:40a.m.

NAVY LIAISON OFFICER REPORT:

DoDEA Pacific Area Advisory Council: A briefing was given at the meeting. Concerns are addressed that are not resolved at the school or district level. Teachers' contracts were discussed and whether they should be required to have and maintain interactivity with parents. These fall under contractual parameters. Dual high school and college credit was discussed also, as well as accreditation information being available. With the increase in graduation requirements middle-schoolers need to know that they can accomplish some of the math requirements in middle school.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Video teleconferencing will be attempted for the February meeting with principals reporting from their school site and encouraging parental attendance at the site. It is anticipated that this will increase parental participation.
- Ms. Dana made a motion to change the February meeting from the 14th to the 7th to avoid conflicts with Valentine's Day. Ms. Lindee second the motion and carried unanimously.
- 21st Century Learning presentation: Jessica Guisinger and Shannon Ada from the Executive Student Council presented on the laptop initiative. They have been doing a mini roll out where a small group received laptops, and all will get them after the New Year. An example of the laptops was presented. It is a Lenovo Thinkpad with a webcam and microphone. It has word processing software so students can type notes. They are examining how to allow students to video call-in when absent. The laptops will help to fulfill Guam High's mission and will move the school from 18th century learning style to the 21st century. They will encourage critical thinking, source evaluation and will promote a more democratic classroom where students can develop new ways to present what they have learned. They will be able to articulate their knowledge on a personal level and share it with the world. Students will become college ready. Per the Guam High Vision Statement, the laptops will of course help the students become Technological, responsible as they care for the laptops, innovative as they utilize them, and global as they share their learning with the world.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NEX and school uniform availability: The Board was visited by a few NEX management personnel to include Ellen Tenorio (Soft lines) Stephen Morales (General Manager), and Marlene Pascua (District Service). Mr. Morales addressed questions about the availability of school uniforms at the NEX. He stated that he spoke with corporate, and that Ms. Pascua works with the vendor to ensure supply of uniforms. The size of the store and a lessening of demand have caused the NEX to scale back on their supply of uniforms. They also must move merchandise to emphasize incoming merchandise. Per

sizing and quality, the vendor has the entire youth size range of 2-14 available. Sometimes AAFES has a better selection, and sometimes the NEX cannot meet the need through the local vendor alone. They will speak to their corporate partners on the quality issue, but such merchandise will be more expensive.

Two years ago, the NEX carried much more in the way of uniforms but they did not sell and the NEX ended up making a large donation of uniforms to the schools. It was more practical to use a local vendor as the vendor has its own warehouse. If a family cannot find the sizes they need at the NEX, they can go to "Personal Services" at the store and order what is needed. The NEX then acquires what is needed from the vendor and can get it to the family within a few days.

The NEX orders amounts of merchandise for "Back to school" in January and February based on numbers from the previous year. They will evaluate getting uniforms from the vendor versus corporate partners. They will probably include uniforms in their tent sale this year, to include the higher quality merchandise. Ms. Pascua and Ms. Tenorio are the ongoing points-of-contact for uniform issues at the NEX. The NEX employees were asked about style considerations, and it was stated that the junior and young men buyers take style into consideration while staying within the uniform parameters.

- None, after the NEX representatives addressed uniform issues.

OPEN FORUM:

- None

NEXT MEETING:

Agenda Setting: Monday, February 4th at 3:00 p.m. at District Superintendent's Office.
Official meeting: Thursday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m. at McCool Elementary/Middle School

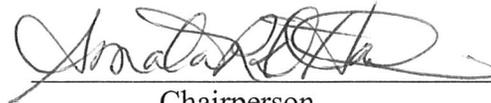
ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT:

- Agenda items must be submitted in writing no later than the last Friday of the month to the District Office for consideration.
- Meeting will start promptly at 6:00p.m. and end no later than 1½ hour after the start.
- The prepared agenda will be followed with the possibility of changing the order of presentation to accommodate presenters.
- The Board has the right to limit public discussion time.
- Issues will be addressed in a courteous, professional manner.
- Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

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Date Signed



Chairperson