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**School Board Official Minutes  
September 13, 2012 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Guam High School**

**School Board Members Present**

Ms. Amata Hutcherson, President  
Ms. Michele Dana, Secretary  
Mr. Allen Blend

**School Board Members Absent**

Ms. Kimberlee Lindee, Vice-President  
Mr. Michael Gadsden

**Non-voting Members Present**

Ms. Rebecca Duncan, Andersen School Liaison  
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy School Liaison

**Non-voting Members Absent**

Guests were welcomed and introductions were made. School Board member Michele Dana nominated Amata Hutcherson as President. Michele and Allen motioned to approve nomination. Amata Hutcherson nominated Kimberlee Lindee as Vice-President and Michele Dana as Secretary. Board members voted all in favor. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

All board meetings will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Orders (see last page "Standards of Conduct).

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:**

**McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS) Mr. Christensen**

- MEMS had 708 kindergartens through eighth grade students, some escorted by parents and younger siblings, walked through the doors of MEMS on their first day, August 27, 2012. Principal Don Christensen and Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Arrington gave welcome remarks and US Naval Base Commanding Officer CAPT. John Ward rang the school bell during the assembly ceremony opening the school year 2012-2013.
- Parents and siblings visited CDR William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 for the annual Elementary School Open House from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The event was an opportunity for teachers to present their educational programs, classroom policies, and procedures. After brief welcome remarks by the principal, Mr. Don Christensen, parents proceeded to the first of two sessions prepared by

their children's teachers. The visitors also had a chance to browse through the information provided by base organizations that included the Military One Source, Fleet and Family Support Center, Cub Scouts, and the McCool PTO. More photos of the open house are posted on the school's Facebook page.

- McCool received the "Green Ribbon" award. It is a free event. The program taught kids how to use nature to reduce, reuse and recycle materials.

#### **Guam High School (GHS) Mr Keim**

- Our Ring in the Year was a success, thanks to Principal Phil Keim and Captain Wood for their welcome remarks and rang the school bell during the assembly ceremony opening for the school year.
- **School Improvement plan**
- Our football games have had big turnouts and participation from parents and visiting schools are increasing. This weekend we challenge Okkodo High school 7:00p.m. at our field. Homecoming has changed from Friday to Saturday.

#### **Andersen Elementary School (AES) Ms Horne-Barnes**

- The first day of school was August 27<sup>th</sup>, Principal Willette Horne-Barnes and Superintendent Dr. Steven Bloom gave welcome remarks and rang the school bell during the assembly ceremony opening the school year 2012-2013.
- AES enrollment was 851.
- We had a successful open house, thank you to all the teachers and parents who came out and supported the school.
- Jacob Dowdell also was selected as Teacher of the Year and the school is very proud of his accomplishment.

#### **Andersen Middle School (AMS) Ms. Deborah Krull**

- Ringing in the Year was successful and exciting, as is every first day of school. Dr. Bloom, General Garland, and Mrs. Garland helped to ring in the new year.
- Many parents came to Back to School Night. The band played for 20 minutes before the event actually began, then general announcements were made. Afterwards, parents attended grade level informational sessions then went to classrooms to get more specific information from teachers.
- **First quarter sports have begun. During the meeting, AMS was playing against McCool in girls' volleyball. Next week they will be playing against each other in boys' soccer.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Bloom**

- Dr. Bloom welcomed and congratulated all board members for taking on an active role to improve and support the school. DoDEA will work with the school board and provide any needed support whenever possible. The board will receive invitations throughout the school year from schools to take part of meetings, improvement teams as well as disciplinary committees, etc.
- Our last football game against George Washington high school drew a huge crowd.
- Innovation on 21<sup>st</sup> century. We have three students from Guam High School AP Music Theory
- Guam High School will compete at Okinawa against Kubasaki High school for Far East football.

- One-to-One laptop: Each student will receive a laptop to enhance his or her education.
- Aspen Grade Book Pilot: Aspen will implement Parent Portal. The MyDATA Button Portal is an online tool that allows students, parents, and guardians to monitor student's progress and communicate more effectively and efficiently. It provides instant access to student grades, other information anytime, and anywhere. DoDEA wants to ensure privacy and security settings are in place the next couple of weeks.
- Total enrollment for DODEA schools is 2,681. We have 34 bus routes. We continue to have three buses 5 days a week for activities and sports.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- School Board agenda settings/meetings for Sy2012-2013 have been approved with one change. April's official meeting is now changed to April 4 vice April 11. All board members present motioned to approve calendar and signatures collected.
- School uniforms: Letterman jackets with minimum standards will be conducted at each school. Schools will form a student group to start research and start an approved letterman jacket.

### **OPEN FORUM**

- *Question:* Why do I get last minute changes on events that occur the day before? I get a lot of schedule changes last minute and it is hard to keep up with many changes. This needs to stop.

*Answer:* We apologize for the last minute changes. We will do our best to address changes between times. This is the start of the school year where there will be one to two changes to accommodate events and programs. We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused and we are taking measures to prevent this from happening again.

*Question:* Do student have to sign up for activity bus? I had to pick up my child who did not have a bus pass and the bus driver told her she could not get on the bus.

*Answer:* It is a requirement to know the names of students who are riding on the activity bus. Mr. Keim will ensure that bus drivers will not stop any student from getting on bus. Please let us know if this happens again.

*Question:* There are theft problems in schools, when and what are you doing in regards to thefts?

*Answer:* Mr. Christensen ensured parents that the schools always scramble and mix padlocks every year. We have about 600 lockers and we have had no problems with anyone stealing items from a student's locker.

*Question:* It takes too long for students to line up for lunch, how can we get students to eat their lunches quickly.

*Answer:* GHS Principal we do understand that the long lines contributed to students not knowing what to enter in the POS system. The food is great but there is a delay. School should type up a "Instructions" sheet to teach students how to "Log-on" and Assistant Superintendent recommended using CCTV. The lunch lines are much better than before.

*Answer:* MEMS Principal noted student's lunch is 40 minutes long. They can eat for 20 minutes and then 20 minutes to go outside and play.

*Question:* During seminar, can students read books using a phone?

*Answer:* No students cannot read books on a phone but the approved devices you can use is an iPad or similar.

*Question:* Student is concerned that there are some uniforms concerns that are going unnoticed and lack of continuity.

*Answer:* GHS Principal makes every effort every day to remind students about their dress code and what the minimum standards are. If girls are walking in with short skirts, he will approach them about it and give a warning. Likewise, with boys, if there are any dress code violations, he will approach him as well regardless.

*Question:* Mission statement reads to “Educate, Engage, and Empower Each student to succeed in a dynamic world”. Why don’t we have “Culinary Arts” in our program?

*Answer:* Culinary Arts is an expensive class that requires top utilities, tools and resources. Superintendent estimates it will cost about \$600K to have a culinary arts class. If we implement culinary arts at GHS, we are also looking at our future students to go to college to advance.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Agenda Setting: Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at District Superintendent’s Office.

Official Meeting: Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Andersen Middle School.

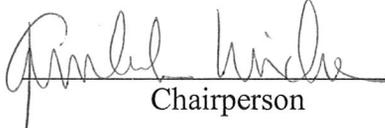
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned 7:05 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 18:00 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.

11 Oct 2012  
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Date Signed

  
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Chairperson