



Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools  
Guam District  
Office of the Superintendent  
U. S. Naval Hospital Bldg 100  
PSC 490 Box 7655  
FPO AP 96538-1600

**School Board Official Minutes  
December 9, 2008, 6:00 – 7:30pm  
Guam High School Library**

**School Board Members Present**

Richard E. Friend  
Kimberly Owens  
Jane Scanlon

**School Board Members Absent**

Timothy A. Puzan  
William T. Locklear

**Non-voting Members Present**

Dr. Gayle Vaughn-Wiles  
Dr. Susan E. Burdick  
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy

**Non-voting Members Absent**

Vacant, Air Force

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Richard Friend. Introductions of the School Board were made.

The School Board approved the minutes for the November 08 meeting by unanimous vote.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

**Ms. Linda Connelly, Principal, Guam High School (GHS)**

- Guam High took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Japanese Song Fest. We are very proud of their accomplishments.
- The sports season 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is ending and the 3 quarter is beginning.
- We recently had an excellent guest speaker from NASA.
- The GHS Holiday Concert will be held on December 17, at 6 PM in the Panther Den. Everyone is invited.

**Ms. Helen Bailey, Principal, Andersen Elementary School (AES)**

- The music programs for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are in progress.
- Recently we started CCTV on Channel 667 throughout the school. It has been a big success.

- We are looking for parents to serve on the School Improvement Leadership Team. Interested parents should contact the school.

**Mr. William Hall, Principal, Andersen Middle School (AMS)**

- Andersen Middle School has been highly involved with the AAFB Annual Christmas Drop. Our students have work closely with Sgt. Younts and his elves to make things a little better for all in the Pacific Islands.
- Holiday Concert at Andersen Middle School will be Thursday [11 December in the Dragon Theater. Last week our students performed at the Arc Light Theater during the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Both AES and AMS will have guests in our schools on Friday, 12 December [Staff Delegates (STAFFDEL) from CONUS] at 10'25 AM] observing Quality of Life improvements that may be done at AAFB
- 16 Dec Alaska Air Force Bras Quintet [Elmendorf AFB] will perform for AMS Students in the Dragon Theater. Everyone is welcome!

**Mr. Stan Chop, Principal, McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS)**

- The McCool School is focusing on School Improvement Plans.
- The recent Principals' Meeting focused on using best instructional practices. This is an important connection for student achievement.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Sue Burdick for Dr. Gayle Vaughn-Wiles**

- The enrollment remains stable. We continue to have a small number of students PCS'ing in and out of Guam, but the overall numbers remain stable.
- McCool's enrollment is the highest in relation to the total school capacity. The Navy increased accompanied tours from 2 years to 3 years. Many families are choosing accompanied tours, thus, boosting enrollment numbers.
- The new school buses are arriving on Guam at this time. In January, we will have all new air-conditioned buses equipped with a video camera.
- We will begin a new copier contract the first of January. Teachers will be trained before the copiers are released for use.
- All DoDEA Guam schools will have an NCA QAR visit for accreditation the first 2 weeks of February. We expect that the team will visit with the Command and interview parents and students.
- Winter break begins on December 20, and classes resume on January 5, 2009.
- At the next School Board meeting, we will present information on the NCA QAR Accreditation process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A discussion of the new DoDEA policy regarding the age requirements for Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. As of school year 2009-10, the new requirements will be in effect. The eligibility is as follows:
  - Pre-kindergarten, a student must be 4 years old by September 1.
  - Kindergarten, a student must be 5 years old by September 1.
  - First grade, a student must be 6 years old by September 1.

- No age requirements are listed for other grades.
- Students currently enrolled in pre-kindergarten who do not meet the September 1, birthday deadline are not eligible to attend Kindergarten.
- No waivers for the age requirement are authorized unless the family PCS's from off island where the child was enrolled in an accredited state-side or international school that is recognized by the Local Educational Agency (LEA). In this case, the child would have met the age requirement of that state.
- The School Board wanted to know how many children would be impacted by this new policy. The principals agreed to check and report back to the Board at the next meeting.
- It was noted that the parents of the children who will not meet the age requirement will receive a letter from the principal explaining the details of the policy.
- It was noted that teachers differentiate instruction, so that the 4 year old would not have a rerun of the same program. Differentiation would provide for an enriched curricular program for these students. This will sustain academic and social growth and development.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Rubio provided a comprehensive explanation of the DoDEA system-wide Assessment program. She also presented a time line for the testing. She described what parents could do to prepare children for the upcoming testing. She also noted that as the testing time approaches, principals will send out detailed information related to the testing procedures.
- Some of the tests that she reviewed with the School Board were: SAT, PSAT, TerraNova, DRA, SIR, and the NAEP.
- The Board asked if the SAT test would be given at DoDEA. Some of our Guam High Students were waitlisted to take the SAT test as many students signed up, but there were not enough seats. Seniors had priority, so juniors did not get in to the test center. It was noted that one of the DoDEA teachers is in charge of all SAT testing in Guam. He would love to be able to give the tests at the DoDEA high school as he could depend on our schools for power, water and air-conditioning. We will have to research this, because DoDEA is not a recognized testing center. If the test were authorized at the Guam High School, the local Guam students would have to access the US Naval Hospital Base for testing along with our DoDEA students. We will research this situation and report back at the next meeting.
- DoDEA has paid for SAT on-line preparation. This will be available to all DoDEA high school students. Students will be able to access the program with a login code and a password from any location that has Internet access. This is a great opportunity for students to raise their SAT scores.
- Using the Guam High CCTV, all students were able to take the ASVAB test at the same time. This is the first time that the testing administrator was aware that this type of testing happened. The ASVAB gives students a great deal of information related to a student's strengths and career pathways that would be a good match.

**OPEN FORUM:**

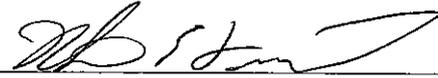
A parent asked if the McCool SIP meetings were well attended. Mr. Chop noted that some parents were given a letter of invitation from the teacher. We asked each of these parents to invite two more parents. We would like to have as many parents as possible attend our meetings. As a result of the invitations, about 15 parents attended the meeting. One parent signed up for the math committee.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 6:00 PM at Guam High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

13 JAN 09

Date Signed



Chairperson