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School Board Official Minutes
September 15, 2011 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Guam High School

School Board Members Present
Mr. Nicholas Pavlik
Ms. Amata Hutcherson
Ms. Kimberlee Lindee
Ms. Kathy Hayward

School Board Members Absent
Mr. Johnny Lizama (TDY)

Non-voting Members Present
Mr. Jeff Arrington, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy School Liaison
Ms. Rebecca Duncan, Andersen School Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mr. Pavlik. Guests were welcomed and introductions were made. Congratulations to the elected officers: Nicholas Pavlik, President; Kimberlee Lindee, Vice-President; and Kathy Hayward, Secretary.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:

McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS) Mr. Don Christensen

- The year is off to a good start. Enrollment is at 920 students. Added a section of Kindergarten and a morning session of Pre-Kindergarten
- Ms. Missy Gingrich, former MEMS Assistant Principal, has been promoted as Principal of Arnn Elementary School in Japan. In process of searching and interviewing candidates for the position. Hope to conclude interviews next week. It is uncertain when her replacement will arrive on station.
- PreK-2 counselor, Ms. Gail Reichenberger resigned at the beginning of the school year. Ms. Jennifer Kukes has been selected to replace her. Currently, Ms Veltri and Ms. San Nicolas are assuming her duties. Expect a candidate to be interviewed and selected over the weekend. It is uncertain when her replacement will arrive on station.
- Sports for the fall quarter are Boys Volleyball and Cross Country. NJHS is meeting and we are reorganizing the Student to Student (transition team) for this school year.

Guam High School (GHS) Mr. Keim reported

- Ms. Allison Fortes is acting Assistant Principal.
- Two new courses available. STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) A biotech class is being offered and a Pathway class in Health Sciences is being offered.

- Increase in the school population from 510 to 568
- Held a successful Open House and College Fair on September 9th. 25 Colleges for the College Fair
- Increased number of students in AP courses. Held AP Celebration for those students.
- On Friday, September 30, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. there will be the first Panther CAFÉ (Caring Adults for Education)in the cafeteria. The subject presented will be communication, and how effectively we can better communicate with all sponsors.
- Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 1600 to 1830 the GHS Administrative team and high school counselors will meet with parents at Anderson Middle School. This is another great opportunity to discuss important topics with the high school leadership team.
- Homecoming is either October 7th or 8th. It depends upon our final ranking for the playoffs.

Andersen Elementary School (AES) Ms. Horne-Barnes

- Had a great "Ringing the bell" start of the school year.
- Parent Forum on September 21, 8:00 a.m.
- Held a successful Open House on September 8th.

Andersen Middle School (AMS) Ms. Deborah Krull reported

- Great opening of school! 2 orientations, ringing in the new year, and our open house went very well.
- We have begun the process of looking at and possibly changing our vision statement for AMS.
- Parent Focus Group meetings begin on Sept 22 with Math on-line resources and Gradespeed. Gradespeed for parents just was activated this week, so we want to allow parents the opportunity to learn how to maximize the use of Gradespeed. The sessions will be held in the school's Information Center so that there will be computers available for use by the parents.
- Sports season has begun and our cross country teams are having their first meet tonight at Harvest Christian (all meets held there) vs. Santa Barbara.
- First home volleyball game is Sept 19 against Santa Barbara.
- Anti-bullying/character campaign has begun at AMS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Arrington

- Received notification of the availability of $1.8 million in funds for schools. Had to spend in 24 hrs. Projects chosen were installation of artificial turf at Andersen Middle School's soccer field, bleachers installed on concrete bases at AMS, painting the interior of AMS, and installing a new gym floor and new bleachers at AMS. Navy was not able to accept money after September 9th, but with the help of Andersen's CE, Guam High School might get artificial turf installed on the baseball field and football field, a new gym floor and new bleachers on the far side of the football field.
- On the school board website you can access the School Board's agenda and minutes of the meetings.
- Due to a clerical error in typing the football roster, the team had to forfeit 2 games.
- New Math curriculum relates math to everyday life.

- Ms Fitzgerald, DoDEA Director, is visiting Guam. She will have a Parent Forum at McCool Elementary/McCool Middle on Monday, September 19th at 4:00p.m. and one at Andersen Elementary on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
- All schools have increased enrollment. Will meet with base leadership to see if there is a reason for increase.
- High School will be getting a Facebook page.
- New attendance policy has been issued.
- New Database at GHS has caused communication issues. Some parents were not getting emails.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approved School Board Meeting calendar.
- School Board Training scheduled for September 23, 2011 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. (Postponed)
- New School Year Calendar 2011- 2012
- School Lunch Program – dropped rates for using online service to add money to child's lunch account. Instead of $5.00 per transaction, it is now $1.95 for up to $100.00 being added. Parents can still add money with cash or check in the schools. Schools paid for the premium package so that parents can check on-line to see what their children are eating.
- Continuation of After School Care at McCool Elementary/Middle School, please contact the Child Development Center Main Office on Big Navy at 564-1844/45 for any questions.
- Results of the Election of School Board positions – Mr Nicholas Pavlik was elected President. Ms. Kimberlee Lindee was elected Vice President and Ms. Kathy Hayward was elected Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

- Classroom Assignments were supposed to be online. Hopefully it will be fixed for next year.

OPEN FORUM

- Parent question raised: Why do we have uniforms?
- Parent question raised: For kids that come in during the school year, where do the parents get more information about the schools?
- Parent question raised: Will we be getting a Pathways class in culinary arts?
- Parent question raised: What is the usual class size for GHS?
- Parent question raised: Why can't our undershirts show under our polos?

NEXT MEETING

October 13th, 2011 at McCool Elementary/Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned 7:30 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 1 ½ 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.

Date Signed

Chairperson