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**School Board Official Minutes  
November 9, 2010, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**School Board Members Present**

Mr. Johnny Lizama  
Mr. Nicholas Pavlik  
Ms. Denise Ola  
Ms. Kelly Hallmark  
Mr. Johan Clay

**Non-voting Members Present**

Mr. Jeff Arrington, Acting Superintendent  
Ms. Barbara Askey, Navy Schools Liaison Officer  
Ms. Rebecca Duncan, Air Force Schools Liaison Officer

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Mr. Lizama.

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

**Mr. Phillip Keim, Principal, Guam High School (GHS)**

- November 19<sup>th</sup> is Parent Teacher conference change this year. The school is mailing out report cards and allowing scheduling for conferences with teachers.
- Boys won the IIAAG Football Championship. Other teams at Far East tournaments came home with 5 silver and 4 bronze.
- Got Character Program is being implemented.
- In line with the continuous school improvement plan, a data room is established and now department meetings will be held in the data room.

**Ms. Willette Horne-Barnes, Principal, Andersen Elementary School (AES)**

- Red Ribbon Week; A 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student won third place in the island-wide poster contest.
- Closed circuit television news station coming along well.
- Air-conditioning system will be overhauled.

**Ms. Deborah Krull, Principal, Andersen Middle School**

- 1 student placed first in the Red Ribbon Week island-wide poster contest.
- Veteran's ceremony tomorrow. Four student essays will be awarded Patriots pins and will be presented by Veterans.
- Parent Conferences 17-19 November.
- MFLC's are doing presentations with focus group on bullying for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am.

**Mr. Don Christensen, Principal, McCool Elementary Middle School (MEMS)**

- Ecology Club starting with assistance from I-recycle.
- FFS beginning deployment series with the school.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Dr. Bloom**

- Exceptional start to the school year. Community strategic plan is working. We are at 97% of our enrollment and 1 of 3 National Merit Finalists is a student at GHS.
- Next week Far East Jazz Festival at Hyatt hotel in Tumon, Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Many students are travelling this month to Far East competitions.
- Community support for Red Ribbon Week was exceptional. We are very appreciative to see the community support for our schools.
- Participated in Town Hall and Quality of Life and Area Advisory council meetings.
- Ms Diana Ohman will be here next week as will Dr. Lutrey the superintendent for instruction.
- PDI report, 100 DOE colleagues, 250 DDESS teachers attended. Pacific Area and District Office flew in for training. They provided 4 different trainings on curriculum and instruction.
- Fundraiser raised about \$2,000.00 for scholarship for a GHS student.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Food Services: The DSO will be making a recommendation shortly regarding the food services contract and will have a new contract in place by Dec. 31. Research continues on having opportunity online to make payments and monitor student accounts.
- Uniform Policy: Mr. Lizama addressed the School Uniform Policy question and clarified that the goal is to have each school be able to allow their parents, students, PTO and staff give feedback on what they would like to have changed. We will hear from each group when we meet at their school. In the spring, the School Board will consolidate the information and make a presentation. Please get the word out to the PTO, students, parents and staff. December will be a report from McCool, January from Guam High, and February from Andersen schools. We would like the principals to get the word out. Guam Education Association Union Representative is willing to gather comments from teachers, on compliance, recommendations, and let faculty know that their input is welcome.
- Letter to parents identifying School Board Function/PSA: Dr. Rubio presented a director's cut of PSA on new School Board. It will be posted on the command channel once approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dr. Bailey: report on school bus discipline. 32 buses run daily from Aug 31-Nov 1. Only 22 misconduct incidents reported and addressed. Drivers have authority to write incident reports and submit to school. Contract 3.4 – 3 item 3, contract outlines driver responsibilities for student misbehavior. Each driver has an on board walkie-talkie to contact dispatch plus a camera monitoring daily activity which is copied to a thumb drive and turned in to transportation.

- Jeff Arrington: Report on bus that has issues with discipline. It is being dealt with. Issue is predominantly a different child each time. It has become a community issue, school follows up constantly, CDC is working alongside, and many are working on it.
- Bully Prevention Plan: The current competency based program has an anti-bullying component. All teachers have turned in activities that are done. It is an ongoing process individually, and with classrooms and counselors. Transportation has presented what they do in terms of anti-bullying. There is a zero tolerance policy. Education portion is beginning to have an impact because it is now 'okay to tell'. HS is preparing to have a cyber bullying section on their television station. Teasing is the greater issue. A request was made for the HS kids to put something together for the Command Station. Each school shared what they are doing in terms of anti-bullying programs.
- Parent question: Is there a way to track bullying? How is it reported recorded and dealt with? Is there cyber bullying going on. Response: Yes, cyberbullying does occur, we can step in when it enters the school. If any situation seems to create danger then school will step forward and address it.
- Area Advisory Council meeting. Korea transformation is something we need to look at as they are a few steps ahead of us in transition. Other areas are considering dress code standards. Report from DoDDs main office. Best Practices were discussed.
- Letter to Parents: We will be sending out a letter to parents to explain the role of the school board.
- Need to get parents on board and responding to the customer satisfaction survey. It started Nov 1 and runs through 15 Dec.

**OPEN FORUM:**

- Mary Beth Arnot is willing to get teacher feedback on uniform issues.

**Next Meeting**

- December 14, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Guam High School

**Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:08p.m.

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Date Signed

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Chairperson