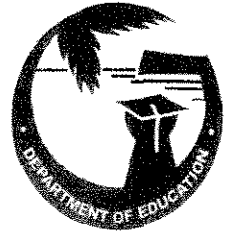




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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
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Thirty-third Guam Legislature
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Dear Governor Calvo and Speaker Won Pat:

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at 300-1547.

Senseramente,

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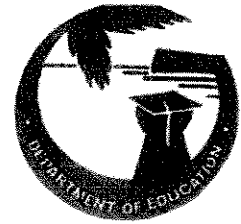
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**Guam Education Board
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Monday, October 12, 2015

6 PM

C.L. Taitano Elementary School, Cafeteria

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The advertisement was paid by GDOE local funds.

Navy announces Guam contracts

The federal government announced Friday, Oct. 2, that it recently awarded a number of contracts on Guam mostly to certified small businesses. Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas is the contracting unit for all of the contracts, except as noted.

Green Clover Services, of Yigo, was awarded \$11.14 million for corrosion control and prevention for aerospace ground equipment and munitions trailers at Andersen Air Force Base. The five-year contract includes a one-year base period and four one-year option periods. The contract is set aside for a small business.

Kwikspace Guam Inc. of Piti was awarded a \$2.40 million contract for the lease of temporary corrosion control structures for the 36th Maintenance Squadron at Andersen. The contract is also five-year contract with a one-year base period and four option years. The contract was not a set aside.

Pacific Data Systems of Tamuning was awarded a \$588,000 contract to provide and install a closed circuit TV system at the north gate of Andersen. The contract was set aside for a small business.

Westmurch Consulting LLC of Santa Rita was awarded a \$39,850 contract to propagate and plant native forest trees at Orote Point on Naval Base Guam. The work is to be performed within a year of the contract award. The contract was set aside for a historically underutilized business zone small business.

Whole Marine of Tamuning was awarded a \$72,867 contract to purchase and install at pre-deter-

mined sites 20 shallow water mooring systems in Apra Harbor at Naval Base Guam. The performance period for the contract is 12 months from the date of the award. The contract was set aside for a small business.

Docomo Pacific Inc. was awarded \$152,910 to provide wireless communication services including a WiFi mobile hotspot to Military Sealift Command Ship Support Unit Guam for fiscal year 2016. The contract was set aside for a small business. MSC SSU Guam is the contracting unit.

Value Added Systems Inc. was awarded \$12,327 to supply a joint sealant machine for the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base. The contract was set aside for a small business.

Capitol Supply was awarded \$7,825 to supply 25 full twin mattresses measuring 38 inches by 80 inches by 8 inches to the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron at Andersen Air Force Base. The contract was set aside for a small business. The mattresses are to have a five-year warranty.

Sievert Electric Service and Sales Co. of Forest Park, Illinois was awarded \$396,650 to procure and install six jib cranes with capacity of three tons in four repair and service shops at Naval Base Guam. The contract was set aside for a small business. B&H International LLC of Bakersfield, California was awarded \$18,792 for the procurement of portable sonic gauging tape. The contract was set aside for a small business. MSC SSU Guam is the contracting unit.

(Post News Staff)

UOG gets cancer research grant

By John O'Connor
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The University of Guam has received a grant award of \$4.3 million to support its partnership with the University of Hawaii Cancer Center, according to a release from UOG.

The partnership addresses cancer health disparities among Pacific Islanders in Hawaii, Guam and neighboring U.S. associated Pacific islands. The University of Hawaii was awarded a grant of \$5.5 million, bringing the combined award to nearly \$10 million for cancer research at the two schools.

The partnership is one of six Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity, a program funded by the National Cancer Institute. The program was developed to build research capacity at institutions serving underrepresented students and underserved populations.

It is also meant to explore contributing factors to cancer in these

underserved populations. The UOG/UHCC partnership is the only partnership that serves Pacific Islanders, the release stated, specifically Micronesians.

Robert Underwood, president of UOG; John Peterson, assistant vice president; and Rachael Leon Guerrero, interim associate director of the UOG Western Pacific Tropical Research Center will serve as principal investigators for the grant, the release stated.

"This was a very competitive grant process," Leon Guerrero said in the release. "We were competing with big schools like UCLA, UC San Diego, University of North Carolina and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. To receive this funding along with some of the best cancer research centers in the United States is truly an honor."

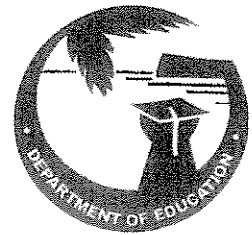
Research projects funded by this grant include a cervical cancer prevention project designed to increase human papilloma virus, or HPV, vaccinations among Micronesian girls in Guam and Hawaii.



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MINUTES

Chairman Ada mentioned that there was a reception to Honor the Principals on National Principals Month.

Chairman Ada made a correction on the advertisement for this meeting. Under unfinished business, it read: Superintendent's Contract, it should have read: Superintendent's Letter.

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Peter Alexis D. Ada, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Jon J. P. Fernandez, Superintendent and Executive Secretary, took the roll call. The following members were **present** for the meeting:

Voting Members:

Ada, Peter Alexis D. - Chairman
San Nicolas, Lourdes B. - Vice Chairperson
Benavente, Lourdes M.
Chargualaf, Kenneth P.
Concepcion, Charlene D. (Tele-conference)
Cruz, Dr. Jose Q.
Gutierrez, Maria A.
Tainatongo, Rosie R.

Non-Voting Members:

Matanane, Rudy M. - Yigo Mayor and MCOG education liaison
Perez, Audrey (SSHS) - GFT Representative
Camacho, Ethan (THS) - IBOGS Representative

Absent:

Torres, Ryan F. - Member

The GDOE legal counsel, Mr. Jesse N. Nasis was present for the meeting.

The Superintendent announced that there is a quorum. *(By law, five voting members constitute a quorum. Eight (8) voting members were present for this meeting.)*

Mrs. Gutierrez requested for Executive Session to discuss personal issues, seconded by Ms. Benavente. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.

III. Public Participation- None

IV. Approval of Minutes

1) Minutes of September 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Mrs. Gutierrez pointed out for the record under absence; Lourdes Benavente was present via tele-conference.

Mr. Chargualaf mentioned that on page 2, line 56-59, he would like to formally request again, that a legal opinion be rendered on specific authority of the Chairman regarding published agenda item. Superintendent Fernandez explained that Chairman Ada on behalf of the board in following up on Mr. Chargualaf's request posed a question in writing to the legal counsel but the question was more general and not on point to what Mr. Chargualaf's was requesting. The legal opinion had to do with the facilitation of meeting by the Chairman.

Mr. Chargualaf responded that on September 28, he emailed his question in writing and would be happy to sit down with Superintendent Fernandez and Legal Counsel to clarify the issue that was raised. Superintendent Fernandez responded that he asked Legal Counsel to develop a format.

Chairman Ada mentioned that when he asked the question, he was specific to Mr. Chargualaf's question. The response came back from legal counsel and he called them back to let them know that their response did not answer the question. Chairman Ada was told by Legal Counsel that they will give the Board a general response and if they weren't satisfied with the general response within that context then we can write again and be more specific. The Chair took that upon advisement but he was still not satisfied.

Dr. Cruz mentioned that's a policy proclamation. It should have been shared with the board and the response should be publicly proclaimed. He also mentioned that legal counsel could stand there on behalf of the board so if there was really a motion there then proclaim it. Legal counsel needs to let the board hear the opinion instead of whispering to the Superintendent cause we can either agree or disagree right on the spot.

Superintendent Fernandez clarified to ensure that the issue of responding to legal counsel could be ensured that it is quantified so that we are clear on the expectations. He mentioned that when the board legal counsel comes on board he knows that they will give the same advice as he gives to his counsel, which is not to provide legal opinions on the fly and to be able to go back and research

and be thoughtful so that when they present their opinion, it's informed. The questions that were posed in the email that legal counsel responded to are:

1. Is the Superintendent's monthly report to be reviewed and questioned by the board members, should there be any difference to be clarified?
2. In order to avoid long meetings, can the board hold a work session of the report and if there are any that needs to be incorporated can the board legally make such action?

Those are the questions posed in the email that the legal counsel responded to. Mr. Chargualaf's questions are more specific about the modification of agenda. As long as those questions are in writing that we can pose, it will form the basis of a new legal opinion.

Mr. Chargualaf mentioned that he emailed his questions and that it was precise, concise, and very pointed. The Superintendent responded that because it was in the context of Mr. Chargualaf's notes he suggested that a formal mechanism be developed and simply put it in so it's clear that your requesting a legal opinion from Legal counsel so they know that when they receive emails they know how to interpret what is a request for legal opinion. He suggested that it be standardized to email for any legal opinion.

Dr. Cruz moved, seconded by Mrs. Tainatongo subject to corrections, to approve the Minutes of September 24, 2015, Regular Board Meeting. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8 – 0.

V. Receipt of Communication and Reports

1) Superintendent's Report and Communication

In addition to his written report to the Board, the Superintendent provided the highlights of his report of October 2015. Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that details regarding the facilities work that is ongoing was provided at the work session.

SSHS- GDOE continues to work with Department of Public Health as well as other Government agencies to address all issues found at Simon Sanchez High School. GDOE has addressed most of the issues and will be working with Department of Public Health every day to validate that progress. So far, all indications are that the school is able to remain open. Facilities and maintenance crew were up at the school site working with the school administrators and staff, and the custodial vendors as well. Once that is complete and we're able to stabilize that situation, we'll be working with the Governor's office and other agencies to look at the other schools as the board had asked. Superintendent Fernandez suggested that the board look at the public health pilot project which looked at 6 of the GDOE schools and start from there and looking at the assessments that were done and determining what work needs to get done to get all of those schools in compliance. The six pilot schools are, George Washington High School, Simon Sanchez High School, M.U.Lujan Elementary School, C.L.Taitano Elementary School, Agueda J. Middle School, and Price Elementary School.

100 million RFP – Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that Facilities funds that will be provided to the Department to help address deferred maintenance. The legislation identified Simon Sanchez High School as first priority. The due date for proposals to come in under the RFP is November 6, 2015. The RFP not only includes the renovation of Simon Sanchez High School, but also funding to develop a capital improvement plan based on all the reports that have been done on the condition of the schools. The remainder of the funding that remains after Simon Sanchez High School will be deployed to the remaining schools in GDOE.

5 Million- Superintendent Fernandez mentioned that Department of Interior's contribution of an estimated 1 million a year for the next 5 years will go towards the repairs needed to address critical health and safety needs as identified in the Army Corp. report on the deferred maintenance. Department of Interior and Army Corps of Engineers will be hiring a local team to help manage the project and together in collaborative effort, GDOE will be setting forth those investments so that we can address those issues.

Tiyan Gym- Superintendent Fernandez announced that the Gym is expected to be completed by the first week of November 2015.

Tiyan Central Facilities- are currently underway with the expected due date of September 2016. GDOE is working with the Governor's office to determine how we are going to handle the warehouse issues under the agreement.

Pre-K- Superintendent Fernandez announced that first day of Pre-K classes is on Thursday, October 15, 2015. The funding for the improvements to the schools to support the Pre-K classrooms was approved in September 2014. Renovations of class space and construction of new classrooms are expected to be complete by late November into December 2015. GDOE has identified existing classrooms for the program while construction is ongoing.

USDOE- Beginning November 3rd through 9th, GDOE will be meeting with USDOE representatives to determine the progress that GDOE has made to address their high-risk status. USDOE's last visit was in June 2014. Christine Jackson and Mark Robinson, both from USDOE's Risk Management Services division, will be on island to initiate discussions about GDOE's high-risk grantee status and validate the progress of the plan to transition out of it. The two are expected to meet with the Guam Education Board members as well as Superintendent Fernandez and his management team. They will also be visiting various GDOE divisions and schools.

Chairman Ada asked IBOGS member, Ethan Camacho to introduce the IBOGS members present.

IBOGS member, Ethan Camacho introduced the IBOGS members present. Ermin Samelo, Chairman from SHS and Austin Grant, Vice Chair from GWHS.

2) Head Start Program Director's Report

Chairman Ada also mentioned that he officially asked Dr. Cruz if he would accept Mrs. Tainatongo to participate in the committee for Head Start. Dr. Cruz wholeheartedly welcomed her.

Mrs. Schroeder reported that the Head Start parents were very appreciative of the board members that were able to join them on the 50th Anniversary Celebration held at the Dededo Sports Complex on October 2, 2015.

Mrs. Schroeder requested from the board to approve to change the 2 position titles on the staffing pattern for the current year. Replace the SPC with the Assistant Director position and replace the LPN with a Community Development Program Aide II. She further mentioned that the policy council met on Friday and they approved the request to change the positions mentioned. The change is only on the titles and not job descriptions and the pay grade will not change. Mrs. Schroeder mentioned that the two positions are the same under the Hay Study Wage scale. Chairman Ada asked Mrs. Schroeder to work collaboratively with Dr. Cruz and Mrs. Tainatongo so they can report it to the members of the board.

Mrs. Schroeder mentioned that the request is with Federal Programs and they will not move forward until Region IX says it can be done. She further mentioned that Region IX is requesting that we have the approval of the board and policy council to move forward.

Mrs. Gutierrez asked if it's a federal or local position. Mrs. Schroeder responded that it's both a federal position.

Mrs. Gutierrez asked what's the role of HR because all position titles should be channeled through them to review the position. Mrs. Schroeder responded that she spoke with HR, they submitted the paperwork, but in the protocol it has to go through Federal Programs for final approval and they're holding it right now.

Mrs. Gutierrez responded that that should come from the Superintendent to the board. Superintendent Fernandez responded that the Head Start report, which is signed by the Superintendent, is here before the board now with the request to modify those titles. So his understanding is that the board has referred the request to the committee to approve and make recommendations to the board and once the board approves the request then we'll be able to go back to Head Start and Federal Programs can sign off.

Mrs. Gutierrez responded for clarification anything that has to do with positions in Head Start does not go to the personnel committee on the board? Superintendent Fernandez responded that his interpretation is that it's subject to the board's decision and the chairman's referral. As long as the board approves as a whole, then we're able to move forward.

Chairman Ada mentioned that personnel committee will work closely with the Head Start committee within the Guam Education Board. They are Dr. Cruz, Mrs. Tainatongo, Ms. San Nicolas, and Mrs. Gutierrez.

Mrs. Gutierrez suggested to the Chairman to review the policy on committees that the board established and has not been rescinded. She further mentioned that a committee is being established without following the board policy.

VI. Unfinished Business

1) Board Policy 125.3

Ms. San Nicolas mentioned that several board members are concerned about the timeliness on receiving of the board packet. She further mentioned that the operations committee needs to get a proposal in place as to what the timeline should look like in time to read, understand, and to ask questions.

Chairman Ada mentioned that originally the board policy calls for 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting. He also mentioned that a suggestion was brought forth to the board requesting for 1 week prior to the meeting to allow the board members ample time to read and digest the contents of the board packet.

Dr. Cruz responded that he noticed that the policy read, "shall distribute all information on action items", versus information or planning items. The policy needs further focus.

Mr. Chargualaf reported that his committee has been working very hard in looking at all 100 series on the board policy and as well as a part of the 200 series. All the provisions in policies will be reflected into the procedures manual. The committee has been in communication with a few of the State boards of Education and they have provided the committee with their procedures. The goal for them because it will require the board repeal or completely amend provisions of policies and it will reflect on the by-laws of the board and that would be the document that would govern the conduct of the board henceforth. By January 2016, all the other committees will provide them their findings, recommendations will be reflected in the procedures manual. The entire month of February will be spent looking at deleting, amending, and approving on collapsing all the policies into the procedures manual and by March of 2016, all the documents completed will be ready for action by the Board.

2) NASBE Conference

Vice Chair San Nicolas mentioned that before she gives her motion she asked Mrs. Gutierrez to give an overview of what the participants from the board will be doing prior to the start of the pre-conference on October 21, 2015.

Mrs. Gutierrez reported that the Guam team will be leaving on the 18th of October. She mentioned that she searched and found that it's cheaper to leave the Sunday, the 18th rather than the 19th or 20th of October. It's roughly \$200 more. She further mentioned that she emailed Ms. Mary Lord, NASBE President, and asked to arrange for the Guam team to tour a school in Baltimore and she was very happy to assist with the request. Furthermore, she

mentioned that she received a message from Congresswomen Bordallo's Office asking if the Guam team would like a courtesy visit with Congresswoman Bordallo and a White House tour. On October 19th, NASBE will arrange a visit for 2 Baltimore schools (Middle and High) and On October 20th, the Guam team will go to Washington DC, for the courtesy visit with Congresswoman Bordallo and of the tour of the White House. Three staff from GDOE will do a presentation on the "Next Science Generation Standards", "College and Career Readiness", and "School Leadership." On October 20, 2015, is the first day of the annual conference.

Mrs. Gutierrez requested that the hotel for October 18th and 19th be paid by PDA funds. She mentioned that herself and board member; Lourdes Benavente will be sharing a room to reduce the cost. In the past, the board has not received per diem (ground transportation) it comes out of pocket. NASBE provides breakfast and lunch, but dinner is at the your own expense. She's asking for the board to consider that they be given that accommodation for the 18th and 19th be paid.

Vice Chair San Nicolas moved to approve funding for hotel accommodation for Board members, Mrs. Gutierrez; Ms. Benavente, and Mrs. Tainatongo for October 18th and 19th, from the Guam Education Board Professional Development Account (PDA).

Vice Chair San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Chargualaf, to approve funding for hotel accommodations for three board members on October 18th and 19th No objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 8- 0.

Vice Chair San Nicolas made a second motion relative to the conference. Since the board members do not get per diem when they travel, she moved that meals not covered by NASBE and ground transportation be approved for reimbursement upon return of the travelers with receipts to be submitted.

Chairman Ada mentioned that upon return you must submit your boarding pass and travel report within 10 days upon your arrival.

Dr. Cruz talked about the importance of accountability.

Mr. Chargualaf mentioned that one of the Board members is unable to attend the NASBE conference in Baltimore, Maryland. We take that to offset the meals, lodging, and transportation of the Board members attending the conference.

Chairman Ada responded that it's allowable, subject to the availability of funds.

Mayor Matanane asked why the Board members aren't given a per-diem. He mentioned that it's the Law and there's no need to request.

Vice Chair San Nicolas moved, seconded by Mr. Chargualaf, to approve funding for meals and ground transportation that are not covered by NASBE. Subject to the

availability of funds. No objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7– 1.

VII. New Business

1) Superintendent's letter

Chairman Ada mentioned that the Superintendent's letter will be addressed in Executive Session.

2) Above Step request for Keokia Mendiola

Mrs. Gutierrez reported that they had a work session on Friday, September 25, 2015. She mentioned the position is based on recruitment difficulties not exceptional qualification requirement. Mrs. Gutierrez asked Ms. Mendiola if this is her first job with DOE? Ms. Mendiola answered yes.

Mrs. Gutierrez made a motion to approve the above step recruitment request that was submitted by the Superintendent for the Speech and Language Pathologist at Pay Grade N / Step 2, \$46,720 per annum, plus 35%. Subject to availability of funds.

Dr. Cruz noticed in the documents provided that a lack of any supervisory position attesting to valid experience of the specialty. He asked Ms. Mendiola, Who funded the Masters? Chairman Ada asked Dr. Cruz for a moment as he asked Legal counsel if that question can be asked of the Ms. Mendiola.

Dr. Cruz asked again, who funded her master's? Ms. Mendiola answered; I funded my entire master's program and my undergrad.

Dr. Cruz responded that, that's laudable and very good. His concern is the people that do internship, the intern supervisor's would gladly give feedback and he doesn't see any.

Chairman Ada asked Legal counsel if that question can be asked of the Ms. Mendiola.

Mrs. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Benavente, to approve Above Step request for Keokia L. Mendiola. The Board voted 7-1 in favor of the motion (Accept: Chairman Ada, Vice Chair San Nicolas, L. Benavente, C. Concepcion, K. Chargualaf, M. Gutierrez, and R. Tainatongo; Opposed: Dr. Cruz)

3) Resolution in Honor of National Principals Month

The GEB members and Superintendent recognized National Principals Month.

4) GEB Response to EFSC Financial Status Designation for June 2015

Chairman Ada mentioned to board members that he sent them all a letter for their review to support directing funding from refinance bonds that would

result to GDOE for facilities and maintenance repairs. Further, he mentioned that so far, he received comments and both of them are in favor. Otherwise, he has not heard from Dr. Cruz, Mrs. Tainatongo, Ms. Benavente, Mr. Chargualaf, Mrs. Gutierrez, and Mrs. Concepcion.

Deputy Superintendent Taling Taitano reported that a memo was issued in the packet from the Superintendent regarding the Declaration of Financial Status Code C Watch for June 2015. She mentioned that there is Code C Watch for categories 230-Contractual, 233-Rent, 361-Power, and 362- Water. She mentioned that Code C Watch will be resolved by release of the reserve and shifting of the funds from Personnel into those categories. Further, she mentioned that there's a resolution attached to approve the Code C watch.

Chairman Ada mentioned that Guam Water Works is considering increasing the rates. He asked if GDOE is prepared for the increase as far as financial. Mrs. Taitano responded that when the budget is prepared for the fiscal year, one of things they do is reach out both GPA and GWA to determine if the rate increases in the plan in the near future. Those rate increases are worked in the budget.

Chairman Ada asked what's the percentage standard that GDOE goes by. Mrs. Taitano responded that GDOE works closely with GPA & GWA to discuss their specific rate increases. She mentioned that GWA increases were planned because it is tied to CIP funding.

Mr. Chargualaf requested to add "from various personnel" right after "projected shortfalls" on the resolution on page 1 on the last paragraph.

Mr. Chargualaf asked if the Department received the full reserves. Mrs. Taitano responded that the reserves for the general fund have been fully released. There are still some reserves for the TEFF. We also have supplemental appropriation that we're also working to get released. She mentioned that the team is working on is working with DOA to get all the cash behind the reserves that have been released.

Mr. Chargualaf clarified with Mrs. Taitano that the funds for personnel is 8.1 million. He mentioned that it would have major implications in terms for recruitment for personnel. Mrs. Taitano responded that this is related to FY 15 which is already closed. The preliminary financial statements for FY 15 are part of the Board packet and we've stayed within the personnel budget.

Mr. Chargualaf moved, seconded by Mrs. Tainatongo, to approve resolution 2015-10 No objection. The Board voted by voice and approved the motion with a vote of 7 – 1.

5) Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee -None
- b) Instructional and Academic Support Committee -None
- c) Safe and Healthy Schools Committee

Mrs. Gutierrez reported that BP 318- School Attendance Areas that covers Out of District. A task was given to three IBOGS

members regards to BP 318 (Ermin Samelo, Ethan Camacho, and Russell San Nicolas) they will submit their input by October 23, 2015.

- d) Organizational Efficiency and Development Committee -None
- e) Accreditation Subcommittee -None
- f) Budget & Finance Subcommittee -None
- 6) IBOGS Report-None
- 7) GFT Report- Ms. Perez reported that GFT and GDOE met three times so far and negotiations are going smoothly. Ms. Perez proposed to make a motion on two items.
 - 1. To review Board Policy 318- School Attendance Areas. She suggested that a mechanism be in place where school administrators have to follow.
 - 2. Maintenance at Simon Sanchez High School. She suggested that maintenance be placed in the school site by district. Chairman Ada responded that we tried that by region but is unsure of why it stopped. Superintendent Fernandez responded that the issue was staffing and budget, but that it is something that GDOE will look at the committee level.
- 8) Mayor's Council Report
 Mayor Matanane mentioned that schools are calling the mayor's office in regards to grass cutting even when the grass was just cut a week after. He suggested that there be a procedure when the vendors cut the grass at the school to have a report on how the vendors are doing when they cut the grass at the school.

Chairman Ada announced that they will recess and head into executive session at 7:29 pm.

VIII. Executive Session -

The Board session is back to order at 8:43 pm

IX. Announcements and Adjournment -

Mrs. Gutierrez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:



LEILANI M. B. CRUZ
Administrative Officer

Date: 12/2/15

MINUTES OF October 12, 2015 REGULAR MEETING:

- Approved as submitted
- Approved subject to corrections
- Other: _____


PETER ALEXIS D. ADA
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GEB Chairman

Date: _____

Executive Secretary/GDOE Superintendent

Date: _____