

WILLIAM M. DAVIES, JR. CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
50 Jenckes Hill Road, Lincoln, RI 02865

**Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Monday March 13, 2006

*(Minutes were approved at the April 10, 2006 Board meeting)*

**I. Routine**

A. **Call Meeting to Order**

At 5:11 pm, Mr. Ferdinandi, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

B. **Roll Call of the Board**

Davies' Executive Assistant called the roll of the Board.

**Members Present:** Richard Beaupre; James Bone; V. Michael Ferdinandi, *Chairperson*;  
Larry Gemma; John Gregory; Deborah Lopes; Robin Smith; Lornette  
Uthman

**Members Absent:** Robert Halkyard; Carolyn Kyle; Michael Marra; Dr. James Segovis,  
*Vice-Chairperson*; Harvey Simms

**Others Present:** Victoria A. Gailliard, Brian Butler, Joanne Andrews, Judy Valentine,  
Brian Butler, Bernie Blumenthal, Vicki Phelps, Susan Paquin, Frank  
Barcellos, Lynn Tait-Romano

C. **Approval of Minutes** – February 1, 2006, Regular Session Minutes

*A motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting was made by Mr. Ferdinandi, Mr. Beaupre seconded the motion, and all were in favor after it was duly noted that the minutes needs to be amended to indicate that Mrs. Uthman was present.*

D. **Opportunity for Audience to Comment**

Frank Barcellos addressed the Board informing them he is the new president elect of the Davies Teachers' Association replacing Jean Halstead. He is looking forward to working with the Board and administration in trying to get the lay-off notices rescinded.

Lynn Tait-Romano, President of the Davies Teacher Assistants' Association, introduced herself to the new board members, who also has one member on lay-off, so if the position becomes available again, she too looks forward to that lay-off being called back as well.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Ferdinandi added that this is the Board's intention as well. He realizes the teachers and the support personnel are critical to the success of this school so the Board will do everything it possible can to rescind those notices. Ms. Gailliard reminded Ms. Tait that the Teacher Assistant position was a one-year position and not being sure what the needs are of the incoming 9th graders.

E. **Recess to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to Discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel Issues**

At 5:14 pm, Mr. Gregory made a motion to recess into Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Mr. Beaupre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

F. **Return to Regular Session**

At 5:37 pm, Mr. Gregory made a motion to return to regular session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Mr. Beaupre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

*Mr. Gregory made a motion to keep the minutes of the Executive Session confidential; all were in favor.*

## ***II. Business Agenda***

**Finance Report** —Ms. Gailliard, Director

On Feb. 22nd, we had the Senate hearing in front of the Finance Committee. On Mar. 9th, we had the House hearing. They are looking for five FTE's from our budget and she gave them an impact statement of such on how this would impact the school in general.

Regarding the legislation passed in

B. **Human Resources Report**

This report took place in Executive Session.

C. **Nominating Committee Report** – Mr. Halkyard

Mr. Halkyard called Sharon Osborne at the Board of Regent's office and the three names we submitted last month will be put on the Regent's agenda for their Feb. 23rd meeting for their approval.

## ***III. Informational Time/Program Updates***

A. **Director's Report**

1) **Teachers' Association**

Ms. Halstead had nothing further to report

2) **Teacher Assistants' Association**

Ms. Tait-Romano, President, had nothing to report.

3) **H. S. Diploma System: Peer Support and Review Process**

This was deferred until the next meeting in March. There will be more information to report on at that time.

4) **9th Grade Admission Testing**—Vicki Phelps, Special Populations Director  
We just completed the admission testing. We tested a lot of students this year during the four Saturdays in January. Last year we tested the

Providence kids separately in May, but this year they were tested with all of the other students from our other sending districts. There were 883 sign up's and 665 actually took the test, almost 200 more than last year. We had 155 Special Ed students who needed accommodations for testing; 112 actually came for the testing. The accommodations ranged from one-on-one for a variety of reasons, extended time, and testing in small groups. The testing went very smoothly; the kids were wonderful; we were very organized in spite of the large numbers in the building; and they were here by 8:30 and left by 11:30.

The only problem we had was when Central Falls didn't provide a bus on the last Saturday. The 17 students who were left behind in CF will be tested next Tuesday here at Davies. Depending on the budget, usually 225 freshmen are accepted. Those entering 10th grade were also tested. The increase in numbers is probably due to our recent reputation (high performing status) and it was interesting to hear the parents who dropped off the students talk about the school. Everyone noticed the banner advertising our classification.

5) Professional Development Day-January 27, 2006—Ms. Gailliard

The staff attended a workshop on Franklin Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." The staff felt it was an incredible presentation. It laid the foundation for a pilot program where teachers will be asked to volunteer to incorporate Steven Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens' into their advisories with their students.

6) Other

Dr. Segovis's teaching schedule has him in class on Wednesday nights. Those board members present agreed to move the Board meetings to the second Monday of each month.

***V. Adjournment:***

At 6:13 p.m., Mr. Ferdinandi made a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.

***VI. Next Meeting***

The next regular meeting is scheduled on Monday, March 13, 2006.