

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

Board of Trustees
SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Minutes were accepted at the April 4, 2007 meeting.

I. Routine

A. Call Meeting to Order

At 8:00 am, Dr. Segovis, *Chairman-elect*, called the meeting to order. This special meeting was called because there was not a quorum at the last regular scheduled meeting to deal with two basic issues: the Board vote on teacher non-renewal notices that must be received by March 1st and the vice-chairperson nomination.

B. Board Attendance

Davies' Executive Assistant noted the Board attendance as follows:

Members Present: R. Beaupre, J. Bone, V. Michael Ferdinandi, Larry Gemma, Carolyn Kyle, J. Segovis, Robin Smith

Members Absent: John Gregory, Robert Halkyard, Harvey Simms, Lornette Uthman

Others Present: Victoria A. Gailliard, Cheryl Carroll, Susan Paquin, Joanne Andrews, Jerome Egan, Frank Barcellos, Adrienne Noelte, Lucille DiCenzo, Carl Hauquitz, Vincent Ragosta

C. Opportunity for Audience to Comment

Mr. Barcellos, President of the Davies Teachers' Association, referred to the copies of the teachers' speeches that were provided to the Board at the last meeting. He again expressed his concern over this whole process. Again, as humanely as the Administration does it, it is just disagreeable and uncomfortable.

He asked a procedural question, "If the Board does in fact take the director's recommendation for the non-renewals, will my members be getting letters today?" "If so, who will be the person issuing the letters?" "Are you the chairman, Dr. Segovis or is Mr. Ferdinandi the chair?" Dr. Segovis answered, "I am the chairman elect, but Mr. Ferdinandi is still the chairman." He is meeting with the Board of Regents in March to formalize this. Mrs. Garrick then said that the letters come from her as they have done in the past; they will be signed by her; they will be given to them either by her or a designee. None of that process has been changed. Mr. Ragosta asked Mr. Barcellos if he was raising an issue of propriety and Mr. Barcellos answered, "No, just procedural."

Dr. Segovis mentioned that all the Board members are in receipt of the two speeches and then asked for any more comments from the audience. There were none.

D. **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 8:10 am, Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to go into Executive Session; Mr. Gemma made the motion 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 8:40 am, Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to return to Regular Session; Mr. Gemma made the motion; Mr. Beaupre seconded the motion.

Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to keep the minutes of the Executive Session confidential; Mr. Ferdinandi made the motion and Mr. Bone seconded the motion.

G. **Board Vote on Teacher Non-Renewal Notices**

Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to accept the Director's recommendation of the teacher non-renewal notices; Mr. Gemma made the motion to accept; and Mr. Ferdinandi seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

*Mr. Beaupre: Approved
Mr. Bone: Approved
Mr. Ferdinandi: Approved
Mr. Gemma: Approved
Mrs. Kyle: Approved
Dr. Segovis: Approved
Mrs. Smith: Approved*

H. **Vice-Chairperson Nomination**

Dr. Segovis nominated as vice-chairperson, Carolyn Kyle. He feels she will do a great job. She will bring great leadership and has already done a lot for the Board and for the school, and he is very appreciative of her for accepting to do this.

Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to accept Carolyn Kyle as the vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Ferdinandi accepted the motion and Mr. Gemma seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

*Mr. Beaupre: Approved
Mr. Bone: Approved
Mr. Ferdinandi: Approved
Mr. Gemma: Approved
Mrs. Kyle: Approved
Dr. Segovis: Approved
Mrs. Smith: Approved*

Dr. Segovis welcomed Mrs. Kyle to the position. Mr. Beaupre also congratulated her.

II. **Adjournment**

At 8:44, Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to adjourn; Mr. Beaupre made the motion and Mr. Ferdinandi seconded the motion. All were in favor.