

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

Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 08, 2008

I. Routine

A. **Call Meeting to Order**

At 8:06 am, Dr. Segovis called the meeting to order.

B. **Roll Call of the Board**

Davies' Executive Assistant called the roll of the Board.

Members Present: Richard Beaupre; Raymond Chartier; V. Michael Ferdinandi;
Robert Halkyard; Carolyn Kyle, *Vice-Chairperson*; Dr. James Segovis,
Chairperson

Members Absent: Robert Boisselle; James Bone; Larry Gemma; John Gregory;
John Nardolillo; John Quinn; Robin Smith

Others Present: Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Cheryl Carroll, Bernie Blumenthal, Susan
Paquin, Joanne Andrews, Frank Barcellos, Lynn Tait-Romano,
Deborah Went, Mary Ann Snider

C. **Approval of Minutes** – April 10, 2008 Regular Session Minutes
Because there was no quorum, the approval of the minutes was deferred until the
June board meeting.

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**

Recess into Executive Session was moved to the end of the agenda.

E. **Opportunity for Audience to Comment**

No comments were made.

At this time, the meeting moved to the Informational Time/Program Updates part of the agenda so that our guest, Mary Ann Snider, Director of Assessment and Accountability at R.I.D.E, could present the NECAP Assessment Testing to the Board on the history behind it, why they selected, and how it is going to affect the instruction here at Davies.

(See the PowerPoint handout for the outline of the presentation.)

II. *Business Agenda*

- A. **Finance Report** –*Cheryl Carroll, Business Office Coordinator*
Report was given in Executive Session.
- B. **Human Resources Report** - *Joanne Andrews, Human Resources Coordinator*
Report was given in Executive Session

III. *Informational Time/Program Updates*

A. **Director's Report**

1) **Teachers' Association** – *Frank Barcellos, President of the Davies Teachers' Association*

Mr. Barcellos informed the board, during Professional Development Day, the membership had NEARI lawyer speak to them on education law. He talked about the high stake testing. There are a lot of security protocols that go along with that testing, do's and don'ts and if they are not followed to the letter, it questions the integrity of the test. That is an issue sometimes that needs to be investigated by the director and he is called in to represent a member. He also talked about how inappropriate use of computers, e-mail, or unprofessionalism off campus, just to name a few, could become issues that could lead to losing their teaching certifications. He also answered a lot of questions the teachers had. He thanked the Director for allowing him to come in and speak.

2) **Teacher Assistants' Association**-*Lynn Tait-Romano, President*

Ms. Tait-Romano commented on the teachers' buy-in to all these new graduation requirements. In spite of the fact that our school scored 7% in the Math and lower in the Reading, she thinks that the teaching, the instruction, the overall atmosphere, and all of the other accomplishments of the school compensates for it. You need to look at the accomplishments and not just scores. The staff is buying into this somewhat but with some reservation because of how much emphasis is put on certain things especially being a career and technical high school. Just look at how well our students did in the SkillsUSA state competitions speaks for itself.

Mr. Ferdinandi does know the collaboration that goes on in the school between the staff and the director is great. Dr. Segovis jumped in to say that we have really good data for building and improving the school's systems and it needs to be incorporated into our school improvement plan for the school and hopefully this collaboration will continue.

- 4) **Graduation – June 10th** – *Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director*
Time did not allow for discussion. This agenda item was deferred to the June meeting.
- 5) **Graduation Requirements – Status of the Senior Project Process**–
Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director
Time did not allow for discussion. This agenda item was deferred to the June meeting.

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 9:10 am, Mr. Beaupre 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 for informational purposes only. Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Return to Regular Session

At 9:40 am, Mr. Beaupre made a motion to recess out of Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42.46-5 (A) (1) and (2) to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Mr. Halkyard seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to keep the minutes of the Executive Session confidential. Mr. Halkyard made the motion, Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion and all were in favor.

IV. Adjournment:

At 9:40 Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.

V. Next Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be on June 18, 2008, at 8:00 am.