

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, March 25, 2010

Minutes were approved at the April 27, 2010 Board meeting.

I. Routine

A. **Call Meeting to Order**

At 8:15 a.m., Dr. James Segovis, 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; Raymond Chartier; Carolyn Kyle, *Vice-Chairperson*; Paul Ouellette; John Quinn; Dr. James Segovis, *Chairperson*

Members Absent: Robert Boisselle; Lawrence Gemma; Robert Halkyard; Carolyn Hebert; John Nardolillo; Robin Smith

Others Present: Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Cheryl Carroll, Joanne Andrews, Susan Paquin

Mr. Bone has had an opportunity and will be leaving us in May. He is taking a senior compliance role with Freddie Mac and will be living in McLean, Virginia. Everyone wished him luck. Fidelity has been a very important part of the board historically, but the organization has dramatically changed in terms of workloads, but Mr. Bone is going to see about finding someone there to replace him. Dr. Segovis thanked Mr. Bone for all of the work he has done for the board. We are very appreciative.

C. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to accept the February 22, 2010 Regular Session minutes. Mr. Beaupre made the motion; Mrs. Kyle seconded the motion; and all were in favor. Minutes approved.

D. **Opportunity for Audience to Comment**

No audience.

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 8:17 a.m., 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. Mr. Quinn seconded the motion and all were in favor.

F. **Return to Regular Session**

At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Ouellette 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. Beaupre seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session; Mr. Beaupre made the motion; Mr. Quinn seconded the motion and all were in favor.

II. Business Agenda

A. **Finance Report** –Cheryl Carroll, Business Office Coordinator

No report

B. **Human Resources Report** - Joanne Andrews, Human Resources Coordinator

No report

III. Informational Time/Program Updates

A. **Director's Report**

1) **Teachers' Association**—William Foley, President

No representative present.

2) **Teacher Assistants' Association** — Patricia Rose, President

No representative present.

3) **9th Grade Technical Program Enrollment** — Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director

Report deferred until the April 2010 meeting.

4) **2010-2011 Admissions** — Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director

Report deferred until the April 2010 meeting.

5) **2010 Partnerships in Education Breakfast – May 5th** —

Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director

Commissioner Gist is going to be here as well as Judge Flanders and a couple of other Regents. So we want to make sure some board members are here to speak with them. You will have an opportunity with both of them here.

Mr. Bone added that every school has funding problems. We need to be ready to tell them what is so different about Davies. Where is the value at? It is real critical points that make us different; how this funding will really help us complete that mission and why it is important to the state. What we are doing ultimately benefits the state and the economy.

Pawtucket wants to start a charter school for nursing? It's not Pawtucket; they want it located on the Pawtucket/Providence line. This is coming from the post-secondary institutions, CCRI, RIC, URI. They want to do a high school-secondary level nursing preparation program. They are calling it the middle-college level model, but it isn't. That's not the model. The middle-college level model in Connecticut and Massachusetts, there is a partnership between secondary and those vocational schools that have health occupation programs.

This model gives you a year of preparation at the secondary level and matriculate into a full post-secondary program.

What they are trying to do in Pawtucket is cut out the secondary and technical schools and do a charter school at the high school level and have college faculty people teach that course. This has been ongoing for the last 5-6 years, especially with CCRI. We tried to do a number of articulation agreements with them. All the technical schools at the state level with RIDE met and discussed how we can go about doing that, giving advanced credits to the students. The RI Nursing Association thoughts on that is our secondary level teachers are not qualified to teach those course; therefore, the articulation agreements will not occur.

With that said, they are looking for someone with a Masters in nursing so one of our health teachers is now on a sabbatical getting a Masters in nursing. We met with the CCRI President to discuss our plans to begin an LPN program. He is in agreement with it. Now there is a change in the Nursing Association rules. They now will not allow any secondary schools to teach any preparation in the nursing field whether it is RN or LPN. So now we are seeing this middle-college charter type school in Pawtucket. It is an ongoing political battle. They just do not want to cooperate with the career and technical high schools.

Last year we had to hire a third teacher and this year, once again, 43 students are in that program. We are trying to build that base; do a program of study; have it ready when that teacher comes back with the degree, and then this came up.

6) **Gubernatorial Candidates' Request Tour of Davies** —
Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director

Lincoln Chafee and Patrick Lynch's offices have contacted the school. They want to do a tour of the school and learn a little more about Davies. Dr. Segovis suggested putting a package together of all the things we have created here and he can review it with other staff. "Here's about Davies and here's the funding problems we are facing in the future." We were ranked in the US World Report and we were cut rather than rewarded so he wants to keep that message going on that.

This is on the agenda because we want to know how many board members can join us so we can get it scheduled. We won't schedule it until we know what is convenient for the board.

7) **Other** – *Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick, Director*
—**National Technical Honor Society**

Davies is now a part of this society. We had 20 students nominated for this award. You have to have a 3.5 GPA and 17 of them were awarded. Mrs. Kyle asked if a press release was done. It will be.

—**RI Urban Debate League**

On March 20th, 25 students on Davies Debate Team competed at the state level. Our team is one of the two teams that is going to the Nationals.

—**RISD Connection - After-school Program**

Our students did a whole curriculum on designing for education. V. Gailliard-Garrick presented a hardcopy which included all kinds of lessons.

—**Extended Day School Program**

It is going so well, unbelievably. Hopefully it will balance out our enrollment numbers, but definitely decrease our number of repeaters. It was a struggle in the beginning but it is going extremely well.

—**Business Partner of the Year**

This year it is Dupont.

Mrs. Kyle thinks it would be great idea to do press releases on all of the above items.

IV. Adjournment:

At 9:25 a.m., Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.