

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

Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

December 1, 2010

Minutes were accepted at the 1/6/11 Board Meeting.

I. Routine

A. **Call Meeting to Order**

At 5:20 p.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; Raymond Chartier; Lawrence Gemma; Robert Halkyard;
Carolyn Kyle, *Vice-Chairperson*; Paul Ouellette; John Quinn;
Dr. James Segovis, *Chairperson*; Robin Smith

Members Absent: Robert Boisselle; Carolyn Hebert; John Nardolillo

Others Present: Victoria A. Gailliard-Garrick; Cheryl Carroll; B. Blumenthal;
Gerry Manning; Susan Paquin; David Champagne; Fred Slemon

C. **Approval of Minutes**

*A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2010 meeting;
Mrs. Kyle made the motion; Mr. Quinn seconded the motion and all were in
favor.*

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**

Recessing into Executive Session was deferred to the end of the agenda.

E. **Opportunity for Audience to Comment**

No comments from the audience.

II. Business Agenda

A. **Finance Report** – Cheryl Carroll, Business Office Coordinator
Report was deferred to Executive Session

B. **Human Resources Report** – Joanne Andrews, H.R. Coordinator
No report was made.

III. Informational Time/Program Updates

A. Director's Report

1) Davies Teachers' Association

No representation present.

2) Davies Teacher Assistants' Association

No representation present.

3) Future Student Night – November 9, 2010 – V. Gailliard-Garrick, Director

At the November board meeting, Mrs. Gailliard-Garrick expressed her concerns about the turn out of the prospective ninth graders because of the change in the way Davies will be funded with the new Funding Formula; but to her surprise, it was the best Future Student Night we have had since she has been here at Davies. Over 1100 folks walked in the door: parents and prospective students; and we had over 600 sign-ups, to date, for the admission testing that occurs during the month of January. The feedback was excellent from the technical teachers. There was a lot of interest in the school. There were parents waiting at the shop area doors as they rotated through the programs.

Mr. Manning, the Supervisor of Technical Instruction, added that was really encouraging for him was the students of the technical areas took ownership and they did the presentations to the guests. He thought that was a great seller for Davies having heard it from the students, themselves. They all did a great job.

Mr. Blumenthal and the rest of the Community and Public Relations Committee coordinate and facilitate the Future Student Night and all the Parent/Teacher Conference nights. We had one little glitch that needs to be looked at for next year and that is the parking situation. They were parking all the way down to the RT 146 entrance and all the way up toward the Lincoln Middle School. We haven't had that problem in a long time. We will have to hire a policeman next year to direct traffic.

Mr. Ouellette asked if we knew where the students were coming from, but we can only look at those who signed up for the testing that night to get that information. Mrs. Kyle also wondered how they hear about this event. There is a mass mailing; advertising in the newspapers; and the guidance counselors do a wonderful job selling the school during the Outreach and Awareness Program where they visit all the middle schools in our sending districts.

Dr. Segovis has service projects for his Management 300 students and he can assign one for them to help more with the marketing, a semester-long project.

4) New Career and Technical Regulations – V. Gailliard-Garrick, Director

This agenda item was postponed because RIDE was supposed to submit an update on the revisions of the new regulations; however, they did not do that. They are still a work in progress. We have no idea what the changes are. Mrs. Gailliard-Garrick can speculate based on the changes in

our program approval process, but she is just going to hold off on this report until she gets more information. It appears there is a focus on technical programs that are connected to economic development. Part of this process is looking at research: why do we have these types of programs in place; what are the outcomes; and where are the students going after graduation. We are looking at that for the program approval process and she knows it will be tied into the new regulations very closely. We have to justify the programs we currently have in place; why they exist; and how they fit in.

Dr. Segovis added that they haven't had a clear economic development program since at least 1995. They change it constantly, but there is good research and we can get a hold of it but we are heading in that direction anyway. Mrs. Smith added there is going to be appointed a Career Pathway Taskforce. The President of CCRI and she are on it.

5) **Other**

—*High School Graduation Requirements*

These requirements have changed again as of yesterday. For the Class of 2012, they are now going to do a three-tiered diploma system. They will do the existing diploma system, one diploma; however, the students who do not meet the requirements for the NECAP (partially proficient) unless they show some kind of student growth in the retake of the NECAP, they will not receive a diploma.

RIDE is currently working on a scale for the reading, writing and the mathematics and what the growth is going to look like whether it is five points, six points. They don't know yet. What we need to do as a school is to look at those students who will potentially get a "1" on the NECAP test they took in October, and come up with some kind of intervention program that targets those students to help improve their proficiency to ensure they do have growth. They are not expecting them to get a "2" (partially proficient), it would be wonderful if they do, but if they show growth based on whatever that scale is, then we will be allowed to give them a diploma.

Each school is required to have 20 credits as part of the graduation requirement as well as the two multiple measures. Our students do a senior project and a graduation portfolio. The third piece is the NECAP test and that is what they are basically determining whether or not the students get a diploma. They will be able to do a fifth year. The certificate that will be in place for 2013 is a little different than what the public thinks. We all thought it was going to be a certification of completion or a certificate of attendance; it is not. The locals will give out a certificate that will show the student is proficient in something. For instance, if a student gets an industry certificate from Davies, they are going to get that. If they show proficiency, say on an ELA test on the NECAP, then they will get a certificate on that. They will not get a diploma. This is still a work in progress.

The biggest concern right now is with the Class of 2012 for Mrs. Gailliard-Garrick. We need to target those kids that will potentially get a “1” on the NECAP and put those intervention programs in place to improve proficiency. She and Mr. Slemon will be looking at some kind of model like the Extended Day Class which is more academic recovery right now vs. looking at building proficiency skills.

This is going out to public forum sometime in March. She knows there will be some concerns with that from those parents of those children who will not get a diploma and it will probably fall on the district level and then go to the hearing level at RIDE.

What was on the radio, for the Class of 2013, there will be a Honors Diploma, a Regents’ Diploma, a Rhode Island Diploma, and a certificate based on the NECAP which they don’t want to say is a high-stake test.

Dr. Segovis said at some point, we are going to have to go back, look at all of this, and get re-educated on what all of this means in the long run. Mr. Ouellette asked if they get one of the certificates, at that point, do they have the option to repeat here? Yes, they get a fifth year. They are also looking at adult education and see if they can work out some kind of an association with them and work with the students to improve those proficiencies as well. They are looking at a lot of different options. They really haven’t come up with anything concrete at this point.

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 5:36 p.m., Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to recess into Executive Session. Mr. Ouellette made the 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.

Return to Regular Session

At 6:18 p.m., Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to recess out of Execution Session. Mr. Gemma made the motion to recess back into Regular Session; Mr. Quinn seconded the motion; and all were in favor.

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

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

IV. 15-Minutes of Strategic Thinking

Mr. Ouellette is trying to set up a visit with some of the legislators. Mr. Ouellette spoke to Vickie and Dec. 16th would be better for her. We are talking about getting the legislators out here to take a tour. He would think that, maybe, would Cheryl go to bat with the budgetary issues to make a plea? Yes, we could.

It could be a presentation—slash—tour, whatever they would like to have. Mr. Ouellette's colleague had put together a list of the newly elected general assembly members in Northern Rhode Island. There is an interesting list, i.e., Jay O'Grady, and it would be interesting to have them here.

Dr. Segovis asked how many board members could attend starting at 8:00 a.m. Vickie said Mr. Blumenthal will call him. Dr. Segovis said Bernie will coordinate a package on the financials. Dr. Segovis then mentioned if Mr. Halkyard could come that would be good on the history, background and some of the changes; the highlight being the change over, what they didn't cover that we really need for the transition and what our true costs is. We have the figures but put it in a form that people can understand.

And to put it into context Mr. Quinn thought we should also talk about snippets of success and things that make Davies special, for example, the CCRI report. Mrs. Kyle asked if we could have a student/graduate student present on their experiences here at Davies. Mr. Beaupre's employee, Carlos Ferreira, is a very shy guy.

So basically, Mr. Ouellette's solicitation to them would be basically just to talk to them about concerns in the budget and that it isn't really a fair distribution in terms of what's being done here.

Mr. Quinn asked if we wanted to say that. Again he mentioned "highlight some of the successes and just mention our concerns with the funding formula."

V. *Adjournment*

At 6:25 p.m., Dr. Segovis asked for a motion to adjourn and all were in favor.