

**WILLIAM M. DAVIES, JR. CAREER AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

May 29, 2014

Kirkbrae Country Club
197 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI

MINUTES

Minutes were accepted at the June 9, 2014 Board meeting.

I. Routine

A. Call Meeting to Order

At 5:48 p.m., John Quinn, *Vice-Chairperson*, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call of the Board

Davies' Executive Assistant called the roll of the Board.

Members Present: Andrew Brown; Harold Burns; Raymond Chartier; Larry Gemma; David Marquis; John Quinn, *Vice-Chairperson* James Segovis, Ph. D.

Members Absent: James Bone; Robert Halkyard; Carolyn Kyle, *Chairperson*; Paul Ouellette; Robin Smith

Others Present: Victoria Gailliard-Garrick; Susan Paquin

A quorum was present.

C. Approve a Board of Trustees Nomination

Mr. Quinn asked if anyone had any questions, concerns, comments about the nomination of Mr. George Nee, President of RI AFL-CIO, returning to the Davies Board.

Mr. Brown felt, after reviewing his bio, that he will have a time commitment issue because he sits on six other boards. He wanted to know how someone is recommended to sit on the board. He doesn't even know how he got recommended. He strongly feels that it is important to make a connection for these students. How many students got out on internships during the summer? It is important to make business connections to increase those numbers. We need to attract businesses that represent the programs that Davies has such as Arden Engineering, Thielsch Engineering and Teknor Apex. For him, it is tough to vote for someone he hasn't even met.

Dr. Segovis answered that we identify people who are a good fit for the Board while keeping diversity in mind. He knows him very well. He is very smart and has been effective over the years. He sat on the Board before. He never came to meetings but we lost a voice at the Statehouse when he resigned. Mr. Halkyard feels he is a perfect fit for the Board. He believes in Davies and what we do.

Mr. Burns asked what the downside is. There is a conflict of interest when negotiating with the teachers. He would recuse himself from any discussion that had to do with the union. He asked Mr. Brown if there was a downside in getting these other companies to sit on the board if Mr. Nee is a trustee. Mr. Brown said "no" that it was just a time commitment issue.