

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees – Work Session Agenda
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Central Falls High School - Library

Present: Anna Cano Morales, Chairperson
Sonia Rodrigues
Ana Cecilia Rosado
Leslie Estrada
Mary Lou Perez
B. K. Nordan (6:12 PM)

Absent: Vladimir Ibarra

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Anna Cano Morales, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge

The pledge was lead by Ms. Sharon Cabral.

III. Policy and Planning

A. *PBGR Requirements policy revision – second reading*

The revisions to the policy form the first reading were made. There was discussion and more changes were made.

Action: A motion to approve with the discussed changes was made by Ms. Rosado and seconded by Ms. Estrada. A vote was taken and was unanimous, 6 to 0.

B. *Residency policy revision – second reading*

No changes from first reading. A grammatical error was noted and changed.

Action: A motion to approve with the correction was made by Ms. Rodrigues and seconded by Mr. Nordan. A vote was taken and was unanimous, 6 to 0.

C. *Staffing Protocol policy – first reading*

The Superintendent gave an overview of what prompted the writing of the policy. On October 20th every Superintendent received a letter from Commissioner Gist which drew attention to seniority based teacher assignments. Since that time, the Superintendent has received the regulations that are scheduled to become statute in July 2010. The district needs to be in compliance. The policy was read and discussed line by line. Suggestions were made to be included in the second reading. Some of the topics that were discussed were human resources, rubrics and teacher evaluations and protocols. Changes and additions were suggested.

Action: No vote. The policy will be brought to the Board with changes for a second reading.

D. Education Summit plans

The Summit will be held the week of February 23rd. The exact days will be February 23, 24, 25 and 27 and it will be called "Celebrating Partners." The Summit was planned in such a way that the district could share information with students, family and community members about the district offerings as well as other agencies including charters.

There are nine charters who draw from the district. Those would be the ones who would be invited to participate.

The district is currently looking for partners for the high school because it was listed among the struggling schools in the state. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has gone out seeking these partners. Over the break the proposals will be reviewed with a peer review team and a final selection will be made. On February 23rd a college fair style set up will be done and a formal RFP announcement for the high school will be made at that time.

The other days and events as well as the logistics were discussed.

Action: Informational

E. RTTT ongoing discussion

The Protocols for Intervention: Persistently Lowest-Achieving School document was shared and reviewed with the Board.

Allowable school reform models were discussed, which included the definition of the turnaround model, restart model, school closure and the transformational model. Each was discussed and defined. The Union and Administration have scheduled meetings to discuss the elements of the transformational model.

The Union did not sign the MOU for RTTT but the Superintendent and Board Chair did sign it. The deadline for discussions between the Union and Administration regarding the model will be by February 9th, which is the next board meeting.

F. Facilities ongoing discussion

There is nothing new to report. The Mayor has cancelled three meetings in a row. Nothing is moving forward. There was some discussion as to how this situation could be handled. The district's attorneys are reviewing the situation. The Board suggested that individuals reach out to the Mayor and state their issues.

St. Leo's is still being leased but the district is trying to lease the Lincoln Fairlawn School. The district has made a bid and is awaiting word from Lincoln.

IV. Board Communication

Ms. Cano-Morales acknowledged Mr. Frank DelBonis and his chess team. Citations will be given at the February 9th Board of Trustees meeting.

V. Next Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 6:00 PM

VI. Motion to Recess to Executive Session and Adjournment

- a. Possible Executive session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5 (a)(2), that this public body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation (Negotiations - non-certified contract).

Ms. Rodrigues made a motion at 7:43 PM to adjourn the work session and recess to executive session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(2), that this public body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation (Negotiations - non-certified contract).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Estrada, a roll call vote was taken, 6-0 in favor of the motion.