

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Central Falls High School – Library

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson, Ms. Anna Cano-Morales called the Central Falls School District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Present: Ms. Anna Cano-Morales, Chairwoman
Ms. Sonia Rodrigues, Vice Chairwoman
Ms. Stephanie Gonzalez
Ms. Ana Cecilia Rosado
Ms. Cheryl Lafond
Mr. B.K. Nordan

Not Present: Ms. Leslie Estrada-Berroa (excused)

II. Pledge

III. Recognition

- a. CFHS Track Team
- b. Christine Gingerella for her work with students. She showed a video of the testimony of CF students at the State House.

IV. Chair's comments about the events of the past week

- a. Senator Tassoni asked for removal of Superintendent and BofT
- b. Chair and Superintendent sent letter to legislators and RIDE (Rhode Island Department of Education), opening door to communication regarding Tassoni's allegations. No response yet.
- c. Leslie Estrada-Berroa was excused from today's meeting pending RIDE's determination as to her presence on the Board of Trustees.
- d. Three of the trustees took part in a focus group discussion on high schools the day before – Lafond, Rosado, and Chairwoman Cano-Morales.

V. Policy and Planning

- a. Tobacco-free Schools Policy postponed – will be referred to the district's lawyers.
- b. Presentation by the student group Young Voices, about a survey they conducted among the CFHS students regarding their views on their school's transformation. Question and answer session between Board members and student presenters.

- c. High School Transformation Report by Deputy Superintendent Víctor Capellán. Also, announcement of summer jobs program: CF Youth Works.
- d. Presentation on Restorative Practices by Julia Steiny and Marie Palumbo-Hays – One Kid, One Plan, One Circle.
- e. Presentation on Family Care Community Partnerships.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve Building Committee bills, personnel actions and previous meeting minutes. Moved: Sonia Rodrigues, second: Stephanie González. Approved 6-0

VIII. Presentation on Access Scores

Presented by Pat Morris

IX. Motion to recess into executive session

A motion to recess to executive session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(2) moved by Stephanie Gonzalez, seconded by Cheryl Lafond. Roll call vote: Yes-6, No-0. Chair announced that the Board would not be taking any votes in executive session, and would not reconvene into public session.

X. Next Board of Trustees

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011.