

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

6:00 p.m.

Central Falls High School – Library

The Board of Trustees may vote on any agenda item.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Cheryl Lafond – excused absence

Stephanie Gonzalez

BK Nordan

Sonia Rodrigues

Ana-Cecilia Rosado

Anna Cano Morales

II. Pledge

III. Recognition

General positive press – Mr. Hamel’s Jumping Jacks

The HS AP program with MS feeder

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of bills

b. Approval of personnel actions-none

c. Approval of meeting minutes

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Rodrigues and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Grammatical and spelling errors were addressed.

Motion was approved. (5,0)

V. Policy Revisions

a. Tina Jancef – high school senior trip request

Ms. Jancef and several students discussed the idea of a senior trip and the sense of community building. Fund raising ideas were shared. Several Trustees reminisced about their own student travel experiences. In the end a motion to approve the trip was made by Ms. Rodrigues, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (5,0)

b. Access to student records during safety/health emergency – held for next agenda

VI. Pension Reform Resolution and vote

Ms. Rodrigues made a motion to approve the resolution on pension reform. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. A discussion ensued whereby members expressed concerns about the resolution and the complicated nuances of the reform proposal by Ms. Raimondo. Ms. Rosado requested in the form of a motion to table the decision until November 8th's meeting of the Trustees. Ms. Rodrigues seconded. This was approved. (5,0)

VII. Alternate Learning School – Blackstone Valley Community Action Program for students 16-20 years old – adopt into our Portfolio of Schools subject to vote

Bianca Policastro and a colleague presented the BVCAP Program for 16-20 year olds who wanted to pursue a GED. The Trustees reviewed the curriculum materials and asked questions about services and

success rates.

Our High School would like to include BVCAP in our Portfolio of Multiple Pathways schools and avoid the label of drop out for these students.

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.

Motion carried. (5,0)

VIII. Transformation- High school update, Student Handbook Review

Each Trustee received a draft of the Student Handbook. The HS Leadership Team is proud of this work compiled at the behest of the parents and with the input of all stakeholders. They welcome feedback and hope to publish by the November parent conferences.

The Trustees also learned that we can expect a newly revised PBGR Handbook for review at the next Trustee meeting.

It was announced that Bob Scappini and Carolyn Ferris were co-chairs of the NEASC self-study and through careful deliberation the Leadership team along with the co-chairs decided to request a one year extension for the BEASC review in order to coincide with the first cycle of the transformation work.

IX. Superintendent's Report

X. Dr. Gallo noted that the Trust was waiting to review worker's

compensation claims. Ms. Rosado made a motion to convene in 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, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation(work session on worker's compensation cases) and return to the agenda after executive session. This motion was seconded by Ms. Rodrigues. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried. (5,0). Executive session convened at 7:50 PM.

The Trustees returned to open session at 8:55 PM. It was announced that no vote was taken.

The Superintendent began her report:

a. Building Committee update votes of addendum approvals and change order approvals

Each of the addendums and change order was discussed in detail and a single bill from the contractor was presented since it had been approved earlier in the day by the building committee. A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues, to authorize the addendums and change orders so that the work at Feinstein could commence and also to approve the payment of the near final Iron Construction bill for Project I totaling \$96,447.88. Motion carried. (5,0)

b. Strategic Plan – continuous development with Student Learning Objectives

c. Volunteer Handbook

It was noted that all feedback is welcome

d. Charter Compact update

The Charter/CFSD group continues to meet and is making great progress toward a robust plan of mutual support.

e. Upcoming Transformation Summit

Dr. Gallo announced the return of the Education Summit. This year's theme is Transformation Exploration. The Summit will be held on December 13, 2011. Transformation districts from the region are expected to join the CFSD for discussion and panel presentations centered on transformation experiences and strategies.

Dr. Gallo also spoke of a new fledgling partnership with the MATCH School of Boston that would begin in September if the funds can be obtained bringing 30 tutors to the high school in a deliberate, well planned, well trained and effective manner focusing on mathematics in the 9th and 10th grade years. There will be more information and discussion about this exciting venture in future Trustee meetings.

XI. Board Comments

XII. Public Comments

XIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011

XIV. Motion to Recess to Executive Session (see above)

XV. 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, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and

litigation(work session on worker's compensation cases).

XVI. Adjournment

At 9:15 a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nordan, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (5,0)

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