

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

6:00 p.m.

Central Falls High School – Library

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Cheryl Lafond

Stephanie Gonzalez

BK Nordan

Sonia Rodrigues

Ana-Cecilia Rosado

Anna Cano Morales

II. Pledge

III. Recognition – There were no formal recognitions at this time

IV. Special Presentation: Alan Safran, MATCH School, Boston

The PowerPoint presentation proposing Match Tutors for the high school for the coming year is attached. Though the idea was well received, the Trustees acknowledged the proposal is costly. A small team of people from the school district and from the Match organization will be seeking philanthropic support for this endeavor.

V. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of bills

b. Approval of personnel actions

c. Approval of meeting minutes

A motion to accept the consent agenda was made by Sonia Rodrigues, seconded by Stephanie Gonzalez. Motion carried. (6,0)

VI. Policy Revisions

a. Access to student records during safety/health emergency- second reading

A motion to approve the new language in the student record policy was made by Cheryl Lafond, seconded by Ana-Cecilia Rosado. Motion carried. (6,0)

b. Set of policies related to implementing new budget procedures – first reading

For consistency sake all references to school committee will be changed to reflect the work of the Trustees.

VII. Transformation Update- high school

Victor Capellan presented a brief report stating that the high school was experiencing a renewed sense of normalcy. A discussion of attendance data revealed that the student body is not improving as a whole over the attendance rates from previous years; however, the ninth grade rate of attendance in particular was noteworthy at 92 %

VIII. Pension Reform Resolution for further discussion

This discussion was off the table because of the legislative action already taken.

IX. Superintendent's Report

a. Building Committee update

A motion to approve the \$338,949.90 Iron Construction bill was made by Sonia Rodrigues, seconded by Ana-Cecilia Rosado. This bill

covered the work on the roof top units and change orders all of which is reported in the Building Committee minutes. Motion carried. (6,0)

b. Charter Compact update

Dr. Gallo reviewed the ideas that have developed from the charter compact and promised a copy of the grant application to be reviewed in future meetings.

c. CLO Update first quarterly review

Dr. Gallo reviewed how the district as a whole is doing in meeting the demands of the Race to the Top Scope of Work as defined by RIDE earlier last year. Using a color coded reporting system, the district reported that most initiatives were underway as planned, therefore, in the green category.

X. Board Comments

XI. Public Comments

XII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Review of Robertson School Overview

XIII. Motion to 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, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation, a motion was made by Ana-Cecilia Rosado and seconded by Cheryl Lafond. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried. (6,0)

XIV. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM after a motion made by Ana-Cecilia Rosado, seconded by Cheryl Lafond was approved by all. (6,0)