

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
6:00 p.m.
Central Falls High School – AUDITORIUM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by chair Anna Cano Morales. Roll call: present were BK Nordan, Cheryl Lafond, Anna Cano Morales, Sonia Rodrigues. The Chair announced that trustee Stephanie González would be a few minutes late.
- II. Pledge of allegiance
- III. Recognition
New Board Certified Teachers of Central Falls: Peg Shembre, Carolyn Melillo, and Diane DiOrio were announced and celebrated
- IV. Robertson School Overview – Dr. Alba and all the teachers of Robertson presented a lively view of a day in the life of a Robertson student along with updates about student government and safety patrol. The presentation was a candid and exuberant view of the extraordinary school culture established by the Robertson teachers, staff, and administrator. This school presentation demonstrated that Robertson School is a strong incubator for anti-bullying, further supporting the initial idea of allowing the children time to grow and mature. Chair Anna Cano Morales recognized the work of the students, teachers, and administrators of the Robertson School, and thanked all the parents present at the meeting for being there and supporting their children and the school.
- V. 9th grade Transition Update - Mr. Laplante shared information about the ninth grade transition. He spoke about the summer Bridge Program, college visits, outstanding attendance record, and lively school participation of this amazing breakthrough class of 2015.
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of bills
 - b. Approval of personnel actions
 - c. Approval of meeting minutesMotion to approve the consent agenda was made by Ana-Cecilia Rosado and seconded by Sonia Rodrigues. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VII. Policy Revisions
 - a. Set of policies related to implementing new budget procedures – second reading and approval
A motion to approve the budget policies as a bundle was made by Sonia Rodrigues and seconded by Stephanie González. Discussion ensued: the trustees would like to have, in the near future, a conversation as to when and how these budget policies will impact the future operation of the board. Several minor changes were made to amend Budget Policy 2.1.1c. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VIII. Building Committee Update – No business was conducted
- IX. Board Comments: Trustee Ana-Cecilia Rosado shared how impressed she was with the Robertson School students and teachers, and with the electoral process on the morning of their student government elections. She also

highlighted the musical performance of Robertson's students and music teacher earlier in the evening.

- X. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- XI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 20, 2011: Review of LADDER Progress ESL and PM School at CFHS
- XII. There was no call for Executive Session.
- XIII. Adjournment – At 8:05 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Sonia Rodrigues and seconded by Cheryl Lafond. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.