

**Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2012**  
**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Central Falls High School – Library.**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
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| Present:                     | Absent Excused:    |
| Stephanie Gonzalez (delayed) |                    |
| Sonia Rodrigues              | BK Nordan          |
| Cheryl Lafond                | Ana-Cecilia Rosado |
| Anna Cano Morales            |                    |
- II. Pledge
- III. Recognition: Charter Partnership Article in the *NYTimes*: supporting letters were read. It was also noted that several of our student artists won achievement awards for their work. They will be officially recognized at the next meeting.
- IV. Presentation by Calcutt Middle School: see attached Power Points
- V. Consent Agenda: A motion to approve items “a” and “b” was made by Ms. Rodrigues, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried. (4, 0) The minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.
- a. Approval of bills
  - b. Approval of personnel actions: resignation of Craig Conover
  - c. Approval of meeting minutes
- VI. Superintendent’s Report
- a. Building Committee update: Dr. Gallo reported that Mr. Smith is drafting an analysis of all applicable options for Feinstein which the committee will discuss at their next meeting of January 17<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve the payment of four bills previously approved by the committee was made by Ms. Rodrigues, seconded by Ms. Lafond. Motion carried. (4,0)
  - b. Impact of budget outlook, inevitable cuts, suggestions for public discussions and prioritization: Dr. Gallo painted a bleak picture for the school district and began to list possible cuts which must be sustained in order to balance the budgets in the upcoming years. Public forums will be held to ensure that the general population is informed about the funding issue.
  - c. Facilities use – reconfiguration outlook: The district plans to utilize both the Captain Hunt building and the Robertson School for kindergarten and special needs early childhood populations. This will effectively cause Robertson’s fifth graders to move to the Cowden St building interrupting the current occupants of that building – Segue. Dr. Gallo explained with Mr. Garcia at the Trustee table that half of Calcutt space could be available for Segue’s use. The plan is to hold a public meeting expressly for current fourth grade parents and all district teachers, especially those of grades five through eight, to gain input and advice about these expected moves and the sharing of space. Then the Trustees will hear the results and vote on the feasibility of sharing space between Calcutt and segue. Mr. Garcia is seeking all options and will deliberate with his constituents.

- d. Charter Compact update; Dr. Gallo stated that gates is sponsoring her participation in a New Orleans Conference presented by the Council for Reinventing Public Education. Dr. Gallo must travel on the 24<sup>th</sup> returning on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Dr. Gallo asked if the trustees wanted to keep the next meeting date of change it in light of her absence. The Trustees preferred changing the date. The new date will be announced as soon as one is secured.

VII. Board Comments- none

VIII. Public Comments- Ms. Lafond spoke of her successful and inspiring visit to G2S. Ms. Lafond also noted that at the City's public hearing Council President Bensen was less than cordial to the citizens of the city and made disparaging comments about the Dr. Gallo's inflexibility in scheduling the use of the high school for public meetings. Ms. Lafond went on to refute such comments.

IX. Next Meeting: To Be Determined  
Ella Risk presentation

X. A 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 (settlement litigation) Executive Session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(9), that this public body convene in executive session to hear and discuss grievances filed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement (termination) was made by Mr. Rodrigues, second by Ms. Lafond. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried. (4,0)

XI. Adjournment: At 9:50 PM the Trustees returned from Executive session. A motion to seal the minutes and adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues. Motion carried. (4,0)