

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**  
**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Central Falls High School – Library**

- 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, Ana Cecilia Rosado.  
Stephanie Gonzalez arrived at 6:15 PM
- II. Pledge
- III. Recognition  
Anna Cano Morales recognized Christine Gingerella and Cathy Carvalho for their work as presenter at the AFT QuEST 2011 Conference including specific recognition for excellent Evaluations from the conference attendees. The title of the presentation was: Making the Most of Expanded Learning Time. Cathy Carvalho was unable to attend in person; but was connected via phone.
- IV. Ana Cano Morales read a resolution referencing further personnel actions (see attached). Sonia Rodrigues motioned for approval; Cheryl Lafond seconded the motion. Motion carried. (5,0)
- V. BK Nordan motioned for approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 7 which concluded on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Rodrigues seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4,0) Ana Cecilia Rosado abstained.
- VI. Superintendent's Report  
Dr. Gallo spoke with candor and concern about the City/School merger. Dr. Gallo explained the current thinking as she understood it after meeting with Judge Flanders, Gayle Corrigan, and Ms. Cano Morales last week. The transition period has been difficult and is expected to remain so since communication is sparse at best. School system employees are concerned about their physical location, the ramifications of merging, what future postings will look like and the general climate of secrecy.

Dr. Gallo expressed reasonable confidence in the new financial officer, Ms. Dykeman. Dr. Gallo has been assured that all accounts will remain separate and tallied according to past practice; however, no transition from one officer to the other has been allowed; so the worry over transfer of records, physical move, and lines of authority are real. With payroll due out next week, everyone in central office is working diligently to meet payroll smoothly and without error.

Dr. Gallo provided examples of merged departments: school athletics with city parks and recreation, city public works with school transportation and facilities; but most of the conversation centered on the difficult work of separating the components of school administration from the components of education within the school system.

The sale of the Cowden St. building was also discussed. The districts is preparing multiple reconfiguration plans to present to the Trustees at the next meeting.

- VII. Board Comments- Ms. Rosado announced her intent to resign from the Board of Trustees at the end of the school year. Ms. Rosado urged her colleagues work to find a suitable replacement for the current vacant position as soon as possible. Otherwise the Trustees will find themselves with two vacant positions and may have trouble with quorum in future sessions.
- VIII. Public Comments - none
- IX. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2012  
Presentations from Veterans School and the High School
- X. Sonia Rodrigues motioned 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.(to discuss possible recommendations). Ana Cecilia Rosado seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All concurred. (6,0)
- XI. Adjournment- At 7:20 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. (6,0)