

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 22, 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 at 6:07 PM by Ms. Cano-Morales. Roll call: present, Anna Cano Morales, Ana Cecilia Rosado, Sonia Rodrigues and Cheryl Lafond; tardy @ 6:16PM, Stephanie Gonzalez and @6:25 PM BK Nordan
- II. Pledge
- III. Recognition: Edwin Africano, Young Leader Award, RI Office of the State Treasurer; David Upegui and his team of students for beautifying the Blackstone; Division II Unified Team Basketball Champions; Leslie Henriquez, 4th grader, state finalist in the Doodle 4 Google contest. Ms. Cano Morales added several recognitions and highlights that occurred since the construction of the agenda. Captain Hunt was recognized of its strong work with RIDE and the Early Childhood Standards. Positive comments were shared about the Commissioner's Community Meeting and the manner in which the parents shared comments and criticisms of the school system. It was evident that the Parent Institute training on advocacy and respectful dialogue had taken root with the active members of the various parent groups.
- IV. Approval of personnel actions – none at this time
- V. Approval of meeting minutes of May 8, 2012-A motion to approve the minutes of May 8th was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues. Motion carried. (3,0, Ms. Lafond and Ms. Gonzalez abstained)
- VI. Presentations:
 - a) Kids in the Canyon adventure report-postponed again
 - b) Update on the Program of Studies at the High School – Mr. Capellan reviewed the steps taken to positively impact the Program of Studies in order to make it more meaningful and pertinent to all users. Mr. Capellan also explained the committee process for establishing a Heritage Language strand in the Foreign Language Department of CFHS.
- VII. General Budget status- Dr. Gallo presented the FY 2012 Year –End Projections through a budget document and a Power Point Presentation. (See attached). The Trustees questioned numerous line items and expressed concern as the budget forecast continues to woefully dwindle as the years progress. The Trustees were especially interested in the funding formula and how the schools will be able to meet their obligations without any support from the City of Central Falls. The Trustees also reviewed in detail the renovation plans for the Lower Level of the Ella Risk School where Central Office will be housed as of July 1 since the city is selling the Hedley building and the offices must move out by the end of June. A motion to approve the Revised Budget for FY 2012 was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues. Motion carried. (6, 0)

- VIII. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – The bills were reviewed. A motion to approve payment was made by Ms. Rodrigues, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried. (6,0)
- IX. Superintendent's Report
- a) Building Committee Report- Dr. Gallo reviewed the minutes of the last several meetings of the Building Committee and presented the details of the last three bills approved by the Committee. A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Ms. Rodrigues, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (6, 0)
 - b) Administration Offices Renovation Report – Since the detailed floor plan and explanation were delivered in response to questions within the school budget discussion, they were not repeated here.
 - c) Report of Commissioner Public Forum of May 21, 2012- This was discussed earlier by Ms. Cano Morales during recognition. Dr. Gallo did not repeat the information though she praised the evidence of respectful dialogue taking place across the district.
- X. Board Comments- Ms. Cano Morales asked Ms. Smith if she cared to comment about her visits to our schools. Ms. Smith stated she thoroughly enjoyed her visitation at Robertson finding both students and teachers engaged in learning, proud of their school, and ready to move to the next challenge facing them at Calcutt next year. Ms. Lafond expressed her personal appreciation since teacher Appreciation Week had just passed. She specifically commented that her two children were especially blest with engaging teachers and challenging educational material.
- XI. Public Comments- There was no one signed in for public comment.
- XII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2012
General Budget 2012-13
- XIII. Ms. Rosado moved 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). Ms. Rodrigues seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All concurred. (6,0)
- XIV. Adjournment: At 9 PM the Trustees returned from Executive Session. A motion to seal the minutes and adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Nordan. Motion carried. (6,0)