

# **Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting opened at 6:10 PM. Present were Sonia Grace, Anna Cano Morales, Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, Carlos Tobon, and Diosa Martinez. Ana-Cecilia Rosado was absent.**

### **II. Pledge**

**III. Motion to Recess to Executive Session- The 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.(Grievance #1), was made by Ms. Grace; Ms. Gonzalez seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All concurred. (6,0)**

**The Trustees returned from Executive Session. A motion to seal the minutes and return to open session was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried. (6, 0)**

**IV. Recognitions: Chair Cano Morales announced for the record that the Middle School and High School Chess teams placed in the top ten teams of the nation at the Super-National Competition; Ms. Cano Morales highlighted the high school SMILES team for their URI experience in the solar car challenge and recognized Ms. Standish and Mr. Upegui for their talented leadership of this group; lastly, Ms.**

**Cano Morales noted the Silver Award winners of the Health and Nutrition Challenge of the USDA were all of our elementary schools thanks to the hard diligent efforts of Aramark.**

**V. Approval of the meeting minutes of March 26, 2013 -A motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013 was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace and approved with Mr. Tobon and Ms. Martinez abstaining. 4,0,2)**

**VI. Approval of personnel actions - There were none.**

**VII. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget - A motion to approve the payment of the bills was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa and approved. (6,0)**

**VIII. Monthly Budget Report – Mr. Petrarca presented the detailed revenue and expenditure reports for the FY 13 budget. The expenditures were current through March 2013. The revenues were completed through February 2013. The reports included the revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and for the Federal Education Job Fund which is considered as supplemental education aid. Mr. Petrarca stated that the FY13 budget was financially sound and projected a favorable surplus for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. This surplus should be applied to balance the FY 14 budget.**

**IX. Full presentation of the FY 14 budget - Dr. Gallo stated that since the final budget was sent back to the drawing board after the RFP for Health Insurance turned up flat with no insurers providing any bid to the Central Falls Schools, the district was working very hard with the state department of education to find creative ways to balance the budget and lower health care costs. It is expected that a full review of**

**the planned FY 14 balanced budget will be ready to present to the Trustees at the April 23rd meeting.**

**X. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Gallo provided a very positive report of the Rhode Island College Partnership noting the April 3rd meeting was attended by 80 educators from both the college and the District. Many ideas for collaboration set the groundwork for formal documentation of this budding partnership through the three collaborative sessions held thus far. Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees that the District and Brown University Medical were collaborating to bring a health clinic to the high school beginning September 2013.**

**XI. Board Comments – None were made.**

**XII. Public Comments- There were none.**

**XIII. Motion to Recess to Executive Session-The 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.(CBA), was made by Ms. Gonzalez; Ms. Grace seconded. Roll call vote was taken. All concurred. (6,0) The Trustees returned from Executive Session.**

**XIV. Adjournment – At 8 PM A motion to seal the minutes and adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried. (6, 0)**

**XV. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2013 at 6 PM in the Ella Risk Lower Level Meeting Room - FY14 Budget Presentation is expected.**