

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

6 PM Ella Risk Lower Level Meeting Room

I. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting opened at 6:03 PM. Present were Sonia Grace, Hugo Figueroa, Diosa Martinez, Carlos Tobon, and Anna Cano Morales. Stephanie Gonzalez arrived late. Ana Cecilia Rosado was absent.

II. Pledge

III. Recognitions-Calcutt Middle School, NEED Project Youth Award, Rookie of the Year and State High Jump Champions: Tiffany Jenkins and Erik Mateo and Family Leadership Institute Graduates; the Chess fund raiser was also discussed along with Freddie Montiero's speech at the event.

IV. Approval of the meeting minutes of May 28, 2013- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried with one abstention. (4,0,1)

V. Approval of personnel actions including any rescissions, resignations, and retirements- The following names of teachers were read for the record:

Nicholas Annaldo

Jennifer Barber

Pauline Beaudreault

Maria Bilyeu

David Boehmke

Kristin Bond

Deanna Camputaro

Tracey Cavanaugh

Linda Conti-Bovis

Christine Conway-Tunnickliff

Diane Cournoyer

Martha D'Amico

Kara DeAngelis

Cheryl Degnan

Frank Delbonis

Kerri DeMiranda

James Dickinson

Adam Dube

Barbara Duffy

Anthony Ficoccelli

Deb Fisher

Johanne Furtado

Eileen Lambert

Terri Lynn Glynn

Jessica Goldstein

Kirk Hamel

Janet Heath

Karen Jerozal

Anamda Klaiber

Robert Klimuszka

Karen Langlais

Louis Lanni

Jeffrey Lapierre

Margaret Little

Karin Luther

Kerin MacPherson

Marissa Mancini

LoriAnn Mardo-Zayat

Brian Crookes

Heather Moon

Kerri Moura

Jessica Parkhurst

Joanthon Passarelli

Susan Pavlow

Michele Pearson

Linda Poidomani

Krystal Poirier

Chrisine Robinson

Carmen Ruiz

Rebecca Ruzzano

Colleen Schiavone

Sarah Sellers

Heather Snow

Richard Sousa

Mike Swain

Jane Thomson

Steve Thulier

Cheryl Thurber

Joseph Travers

Sue Vollucci

Kimberly Westgate-Ruhan

Doris White

Sheryl Wilson

Joan Wollin

A motion to approve the rescission of the letters of termination for those named above was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (5,0)

VI. Approval of bills, Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements- A motion to approve the payment of all bills was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Martinez. Motion carried. (5,0)

VII. Monthly Presentation of Budget Report – no report was presented

VIII. Approval vote of the three year Local 94 Contract – A motion was made to approve the three year Local 94 Contract by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Tobon. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not health care cost sharing would be increased. Dr. Gallo reminded the Trustees that the loss of the custodians to privatization was a huge ask on the part of the District and stated for the record that the health cost share would remain the same for the next three years. Ms. Gonzalez arrived during this discussion. Motion carried. (6,0)

IX. Approval vote of GCA contract – A motion was made by Ms.

Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace to approve the GCA contract. Dr. Gallo noted that there were several provisions within the contract that she wanted changed prior to full approval from the Board adding that time was of the essence if this was to be a smooth transition. Ms. Gonzalez amended the motion for approval to approval pending the provision changes requested. These provision changes involved liability insurance and responsibility for small equipment. The motion carried, (6.0)

X. First Reading of Fixed Asset Accounting System Board Policy – during the discussion of the fixed assets policy as proposed, Ms. Grace suggested the working requiring the principal’s approval be changed to the building authority’s signature be required. Using different titles might cause undo delays.

XI. Award of bid for Fixed Asset Inventory – A motion to approve the lowest bidder was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (6,0)

XII. Discussion of perceptions of racism in our schools- A healthy discussion of school based racism was carried out this evening. Dr. Gallo noted how the case studies from Everyday Anti- Racism: Getting Real about Race in School had been studied along with various publications by Pedro Noguera a noted author on the topic. Dr. Gallo introduced the fact that since the initial complaint two weeks ago, several meetings were held, including a focus group, individual personal were spoken to in conferences and that much more was planned this summer and throughout next year so that parents will feel more welcomed into our schools and volunteers and,

whenever possible, as staff. It was decided that the Trustees would carry the discussion of racism to throughout the year by incorporating into the agenda at least every six months as the parent leadership training schedule expects to award its graduates. Such a discussion would be best had with the parent populations who feel the effects so keenly.

XIII. Superintendent Comments – Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees of the status of the uniform initiative. Another 950 approval signatures have been collected. Dr. Gallo noted the upcoming Alliance publication of findings on three years of transformation is expected to reflect positively on the high school work over the last three years. As soon as it is published, the report will be reviewed in open session.

XIV. Board Comments – there were none

XV. Public Comments

XVI. A motion to enter into 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 for updates on the certified contract was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Tobon. A roll call vote was taken. All approved.

XVII. Next Meeting: June 25, 2013

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Martinez. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM