

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

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013**

**6 PM Ella Risk Lower Level Meeting Room**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting opened at 6:04 PM. Present were Sonia Grace , Anna Cano Morales, Stephanie Gonzalez , Hugo Figueroa and Diosa Martinez. Carlos Tobon and Ana Cecilia were absent.**

**II. Pledge**

**III. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 25, 2013- A motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 2013 was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (5,0)**

**IV. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements – None were presented since none has been reviewed by the assigned Trustees.**

**V. 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 Ms. Gonzalez. A roll call vote was taken. All approved.**

**VI. A motion to return to public session was made by Ms. Grace,**

seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. All approved. Chairwoman Morales stated that the proposed CFSD and CFTU contract for 2013-14 and 2014-15 was reviewed in detail in executive session. Ms. Morales called for a motion for vote of approval of said contract. A motion to approve the CFSD/.CFTU contract for 2013-14 and 2014-15 was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (5,0)

VII. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, and retirements. – Chairwoman Morales read the names of all returning teachers, as well as those of resignations and retirees. See list attached. A motion to approve the rescissions, resignations and retirements as read was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried.

VIII. Superintendent Comments- Dr. Gallo stated for the record that settling the contract was amazing and that the contract makes major strides in a progressive direction. Dr. Gallo testified that the opening activities this year were tremendously supported by parents and students alike. From cheerleaders and sport players to the those students modeling uniforms, everyone extending appreciation to the teachers for their work with cheers and applause caused more than a few teachers to express their positive reactions. Dr. Carrioulo addressed the assembly along with Jane Sessums. Dr. Gallo expressed her thanks publically to Victor Capellan and Edda Carmadello for their assistance in planning the event, creating the programs, and providing the coordinated music and slides.

Dr. Gallo updated everyone on the RIC partnership by sharing a set of

**logo options from which one would be selected and would soon be unveiled to the public and that multiple grants were ready for submission.**

**A legislative update was delivered by Dr. Gallo noting that background checks were now required for all volunteers in the buildings and that fire and evacuation drills were greatly extended. Dr. Gallo also spoke about the need for new policies regarding substitutes and health benefits. This would be detailed in future meetings**

**IX. Board Comments – Ms. Morales spoke proudly about the twenty-seven August graduates and the ceremony which took place last Thursday. These students represented the success of our multiple pathways program. Chairwoman Morales also noted the public release of the Latino Policy Institute Report which calls upon all of RI to take action to close an unforgiving achievement gap among ELLs.**

**Ms. Gonzalez shared her experience on a panel whose topic was “anti-bullying”. Ms. Gonzalez was pleased to share her knowledge of Restorative Justice and spoke about how these restorative practices have positively affected our schools.**

**X. Public Comments**

**XI. No further executive session was called.**

**XII. Next Scheduled Meeting: September 10, 2013**

**XIII. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Martinez. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM**