

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

6 PM Ella Risk Lower Level Meeting Room

I. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting was held up for lack of quorum. The Board of Trustees began the presentations at 6:10 PM. Present were Anna Cano Morales, Ana Cecilia Rosado and Diosa Martinez. Absent were Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, and Carlos Tobon. Sonia Grace arrived at 7:10 PM. The meeting was called to order at that time.

II. Approval of the meeting minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Martinez. Motion carried. (4,0)

III. Approval of bills – A motion to approve the payment of facility bills was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Dr. Gallo explained that all bills continue to be reviewed on a bi-weekly basis by Ms. Grace and that no unusual bills were included. Motion carried. (4,0)

IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements – Chair Cano Morales noted for the record there were four new appointments and a resignation. She read the names: Appointments were Lydia Conley, Javier Centano, Buddy Comet, and Vanda Vasquez. The resignation

was from Melissa Tavarossi. A motion to approve the appointments and resignation was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (4,0)

V. In the early part of the evening, members from the East Bay Collaborative presented an overview and science demonstration for the three trustees present. The FOSS kits were reviewed including the instructional techniques used to engage students in learning. Dr. Gallo explained the huge investment the District has made over the course of the last six years in order to purchase the kits, provide intensive professional development for every teacher, and maintain the kits. Jim Booth explained how fidelity to the kits and instructional practices improved the NECAP test scores. Dr. Gallo reviewed those scores. The presentation was well received and fascinating.

VI. Superintendent Comment-- Dr. Gallo reported the enrollment at 2702 which is higher than the state expected. Dr. Gallo went on to laud the 40 parents who boarded the bus for Rhode Island College and explained to the Trustees how the visit and tour of the college pleased the parents, exciting them to the possibilities for themselves as well as for their children. Dr. Gallo reviewed the intent of the NEASC visit and the dates of the visit. Everyone is hopeful for a strong and positive outcome. Lastly everyone was reminded of the forum on Community Safety.

VII. Board Comments-none

VIII. Public Comments- none

IX. No Executive Session was called. The Grievance Hearing was not held given the tardiness of the quorum. Mr. Burns requested that the

union be allowed to bypass the level three and move on with any decisions they needed to make. This was acknowledged by those Trustees present.

X. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 12, 2013

XI. Adjournment – At 8:00 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Grace.