

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2014 at 6 PM

I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chair Anna Cano Morales opened the meeting at 6:06 PM. Present were Anna Cano Morales, Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Sonia Grace. Diosa Martinez and Carlos Tobon were absent.

II. Pledge

III. A Moment of Silence was held in memory of Maureen Azar.

IV. Approval of the meeting minutes- A motion to approve the minutes of January 14 was made by Ms. Rosado , seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried (4,0,1) Ms. Grace abstained

V. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements -A motion to approve the payment of bills, including those of the building committee, was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. (5,0)

VI. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements- none

VII. Review of high school graduation Waiver Policy A motion to approve the Waiver Policy as recommended by the RI Department of Education was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. As this was the third discussion of the policy, the motion carried without additional clarification. (5,0)

VIII. Second Reading of Board/ Community Relations Policy – A motion to approve the Board/Community Relations Policy was made

by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado. A discussion and several edits were made clarifying the document and clearing it of redundancy. Motion carried. (5,0)

IX. The Calcutt Administrator presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

X. Skyward Information System Update- Mr. St. Jean explained the enormous impact of the Skyward Information System which is expected to bring significant efficiencies to the District replacing five separate products and streamlining all data collection and reporting procedures.

XI. Superintendent Comments: Dr. Gallo expressed gratitude for the work and dedication of the District counselors and psychologists in the wake of the two sorrowful incidents that shook Ella Risk School and the entire Central Falls District. Dr. Gallo explained the tremendous reception of the families to the recently instituted Parent College stating that nearly 100 parents were registered for courses. Dr. Gallo informed the board that Ms. Gomes and two students from Unified Sports would be visiting Washington DC in March and the Doloris Grant along with members of the Thespian Society would be traveling to New York City in April. The Board was also reminded that Wednesday and Thursday Dr. Gallo would be in Houston, Texas, at a Gates Foundation Convening.

XII. Board Comment – Ms. Cano Morales called for another moment of silence as we remembered the loss of our student, Christian Guzman.

XIII. Public Comment- none

XIV. Executive session- A motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(9) to conduct hearings and hear grievances filed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement, specifically a certified union grievance hearing, was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. A roll call was taken. All concurred.

**XV. Next Scheduled Meeting: February 11, 2014 at 6 PM at the EII Risk
Topic: Calcutt Administrator Goals review and NECAP results**

XVI. Adjournment - At 8:25 PM motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Figueroa, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.