

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2014 at 6 PM
Ella Risk Conference Room

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chair Anna Cano Morales opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. Present were Anna Cano Morales, Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, Sonia Grace, Diosa Martinez and Carlos Tobon. Ms.Rosado arrived at 6:10 PM.
- II. Pledge
- III. Prior to the reviewing the minutes, the Trustees entertained Ms. Grant and Ms. Gomes as they presented their plans for out-of-state trips. These trips were completely endorsed by the Trustees as each was directly tied to strong learning standards and experiences.
- IV. Approval of the meeting minutes of January 28, 2014 - A motion to approve the minutes of January 28 was made by Ms. Grace , seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried (7,0)
- 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. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motioned carried. (7,0)
- VI. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements - A motion to approve the personnel actions was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Tobon. The complete list of actions and the resolution regarding lay-offs along with the names of each individual involved was read for the record by Ms. Rosado. (See the attached document.) Motion carried. (7,0)
- VII. Presentation, Calcutt administrator Professional Growth Goals and Student Learning Objectives along with a detailed look at Calcutt’s recent NECAP results sliced and diced- Heather Dos Santos and Meghan Baker presented an aerial view of the latest NECAP and STAR assessment scores of the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at Calcutt. The Trustees expressed grave concerns about the noticeable achievement gaps that persist at these grade levels. The administration reviewed the various initiatives and interventions that are in place recommitting to the effort.
- VIII. The Effect of NECAP at Central Falls High School- Victor Capellan and Katie Gomes presented the Central Falls High School third year report. The numbers of students involved and the interventions that are in place

to support improved student achievement were reviewed. With the increased graduation rate and the fact that seniors were participating and hopeful of success, the administrators at the high school predicted few waiver requests.

- IX. Superintendent Comment- Dr. Gallo informed the trustees that an interim principal had been hired to fill the role at Ella Risk School. Ms. Biancuzzo was described as an experienced, sensitive and knowledgeable administrator who planned to be visible and supportive throughout her time with Central Falls.
- Dr. Gallo also informed the Trustees that April would see the Chess Club participating in the national Chess Competition in San Diego.
- X. Board Comment- Chair Person Morales stated that she will not be present for the next Trustee meeting and reiterated how important it was that the remainder of the Trustees be present since this would be final meeting before the March first deadline to initiate any necessary lay-offs.
- XI. Public Comment- none
- XII. 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. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado. A roll call was taken. All concurred.
- XIII. In open session, a vote to uphold the denial of the grievance was announced. (7,0) The minutes were sealed by a motion made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Martinez. Roll call vote was taken. (7,0)
- XIV. Next Scheduled Meeting: February 25, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ell Risk
Topic: NECAP and STAR presentation by Michael St. Jean.
- XV. Adjournment - At 8:25 PM motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Figueroa, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.



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February 10, 2014

To: Dr. Gallo
Superintendent of Schools

From: Kathy Gaouette
Human Resources

It is my recommendation that the following personnel items be approved

Appointments:

N/A

Resignation

Laura Ginish

Retirement

Lucille Daigneault

Lay-off

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school district has in the past applied for and received various federal, state, and local funds; and

The level of total funding and declining enrollment for 2014 - 2015 academic year is uncertain.

FURTHERMORE, it is anticipated that it will be necessary to eliminate, consolidate positions or reorganize programs which will result in a lack of positions, declining enrollment or it is believed that there are better teachers available.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the contracts of the following named personnel not be renewed at the close of the 2013-2014 school year, effective the last day of school in June 2014.

Brian Crookes	English	High School
Alina Fortes	Kindergarten	Robertson
Jamie Quinn	Pre-K	Capt. Hunt
Hilary Greaves	Grade 1 ESL	Veterans Memorial
Jonathon Passarelli	PE/APE	District
Stephanie Zuba	Kindergarten	Robertson
Kathleen Bellows	Grade 4	Ella Risk
Victor Capellan	Transformation	District
Carmen Ruiz	Guidance	High School
Erin Preiss	Special Education	High School
Missy Pendergast	Severe Profound	High School
Jacqueline Miller	Elementary	Middle School
Ann Marie Gianetti	Special Education	Ella Risk School
Karen Drolet	Pre – K	Capt. Hunt
Laticia Biggerstaff	Special Education	Calcutt School
Vanda Vasquez	Special Education	Veterans
Tia Tomay	.5 Kindergarten	Robertson
Elizabeth McClean	Special Education	Veterans
Kimberly Natareno	World Language	High School
Melanie Simas	Special Education/SS	High School
Kaitlyn Maigret	Special Education	Calcutt School
Shayla Coleman	Elementary ESL	Calcutt School
Ashley Costa	.4 Resource	District
Brian Parmentier	Grade 4 ESL	Veterans
Elizabeth Roberts	Elementary	Calcutt
Madilyn Raftery	Special Education/Science	High School
Kristen Fuller	Psychologist	High School
Luis Rodriguez	Social Worker	High School