

**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 25, 2014 at 6 PM**  
**Ella Risk Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Vice-Chair Sonia Grace opened the meeting at 6:04 PM. Present were Ana Cecilia Rosado, Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa, Diosa Martinez. Carlos Tobon arrived at 6:12 PM. Ann Cano-Morales was absent.
- II. Pledge
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of February 11, 2014 - A motion to approve the minutes of January 28 was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion carried (5,0)
- IV. 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 Ms. Martinez. Motioned carried. (5,0)
- V. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements - A motion to approve the personnel actions was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. The complete list of actions and the resolution regarding three additional lay-offs along with the names of each individual involved was read for the record by Ms. Grace. (See the attached document.) One resignation received on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February was brought to the table by Dr. Gallo. The resignation: Christopher Gagnon effective March 7, 2014. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VI. Presentation: Mr. St. Jean reviewed the NECAP scores of the District along with a detailed reporting of the STAR assessment data for each classroom across the District. The data carefully informed the Trustees and the public at large about ongoing progress in the areas of Math and English Language Arts. It was explained that the teachers are able to sort by question in order to see areas and concepts where instruction should be concentrated. The data manipulation makes planning and flexible groupings facile.
- VII. Superintendent Comment- Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees of an award winning T-shirt Design contest sponsored by *p.s. Aeropostale*, a clothing store; Mynor Cardona, grade 4, of Ella Risk School was a finalist. The T-shirt design was presented to the Board for viewing as well. Dr. Gallo also announced the achievement of Carol Anne Trombley in completing

20 hours of academic work from the College of Education and Human Development Northeast Regional Center for Vision Education, a graduate College of Education within the University of Massachusetts. Finally, Dr. Gallo reminded the Board of plans for the Chess Club's out-of-state trips to San Diego and Atlanta. These trips were completely endorsed by the Trustees as they were directly tied to strong learning standards and experiences.

VIII. Board Comment- Ms. Gonzalez reported the great success of the Chess Invitational, a fund raising event, and spoke well of the extraordinary opportunity our chess team enjoyed demonstrating their prowess against influential adults from the political community.

IX. Public Comment- There was none.

X. 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 to prepare for the March 6<sup>th</sup> arbitration, was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. A roll call was taken. All concurred.

XI. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 11, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ella Risk

XII. Adjournment - At 7:25 PM motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.



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CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 25, 2014

**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 for 2014-2015 is substantially below current funding levels.

**FURTHERMORE**, it is anticipated that it will be necessary to reorganize programs for greater flexibility of scheduling and service to our students which will result in the elimination and consolidation of positions and declining enrollment.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the contracts of the following named personnel be non-renewed at the close of the 2013-2014 school year, effective the last day of school in June 2014.

Reorganization of Programs and Certainty of Substantial Fund Reductions (tenured)

Kelly Flynn	Grade 4	Ella Risk School
Jennifer Sparks	SPED	High School
Joanne-Jo Daou	SPED	High School