

**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 10, 2014 at 6 PM**  
**Ella Risk Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chair Anna Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Ana-Cecilia Rosado, Diosa Martinez, and Hugo Figueroa. Carlos Tobon, Sonia Grace, and Stephanie Gonzalez were absent.
- II. Pledge
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of May 27, 2014 - A motion to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014, was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Ms. Martinez abstained. Motion carried (3,0,1)
- IV. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements – The bills continue to be reviewed every two weeks by Sonia Grace. A motion to approve the payment of bills as reviewed by Ms. Grace was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried (4,0)
- V. Approval of personnel actions- There were two resignations, Daniel Gibson and Katie Gomes, and one recall, Kim Natareno. Victor Capellan also announced his departure from the district. A motion to approve the two resignations and one recall was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Martinez. During the discussion, members of the Board expressed sadness and regret at the departure of Mr. Capellan noting his exceptional service to the District and devotion to the students. Motion carried. (4,0)
- VI. Public Comment – There were no citizens signed up for public comment.
- VII. Special Education Presentation reflecting Equity with full inclusion efforts and expectations for the future –Edda Carmadello presented the district efforts to achieve equity, access, advocacy and self-determination with each and y child within the school system as she works especially with student with disabilities. The emphasis of the presentation encapsulated as the steps the District has taken and is taking to bring to life Arne Duncan’s words: *It is critical for schools to prepare all of their students for success in one society, not a general ed society and a separate special ed one.* Ms. Carmadello explained that a significantly intellectually impaired student’s last day at CFHS should reflect the readiness that child has to step into independent living the very next day. That is the sign of solid transition programming. Ms. Carmadello

- reviewed the current level of services and expressed the current planning to improve those services as a team of special educators have gathered all year long to bring creative energy to the process. Edda Carmadello defined the transition services and reviewed IEP expectations as well as timelines. Touching on recent finding of the Justice investigation regarding sheltered workshops and the most cutting edge research, Ms. Carmadello ensured the Trustees of the strong standing of the CFS's success and ongoing labors in this field.
- VIII. Superintendent Comments- Dr. Gallo noted that the hopeful date for city ownership of the property to be dedicated to Teaching, Learning, and Research is presently scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>; she reviewed the joys of the May 29<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony of nearly 80 parents from Parent College. Dr. Gallo noted the exceptional pleasure of the Graduation exercises of the Class of 2014 which took place Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and noted the recent hiring of three VISTA volunteers to support the Innovation Lab. Dr. Gallo concluded her remarks with an invitation to the Trustees to attend the August Leadership retreat days of August 13 and 14 to be held at Special Olympics Headquarters in Smithfield which will officially launch the yearlong Equity Project.
- IX. Board Comment - The Trustees took the opportunity to note once again the outstanding service of Victor Capellan. As a champion for the city as well as the school, Mr. Capellan will be missed.
- X. A motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to chapter 42-46-5(a)(2) to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation. (Specifically, certified union litigation and early review of negotiation preparations), was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Martinez. A roll call was taken. All concurred.
- XI. A roll call vote was taken to come out of Executive Session. All concurred. Chairperson Morales noted that no vote was taken in executive session. Ms. Rosado made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. This was seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motioned carried. (4,0)
- XII. Next Scheduled Meeting: if needed June 24, 2014 at 6 PM at the Lower Level Conference Room of Ella Risk Elementary School
- XIII. Adjournment – At 7:50 PM motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Martinez.

