

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2014 at 6 PM
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- Chairperson Ana Cano Morales called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Present were Sonia Grace, Stephanie Gonzalez, Diosa Martinez, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Hugo Figueroa. Carlos Tobon was absent.
- II. Pledge – The pledge was led by Dr. Susanna Magee
- III. Graduation Ceremony- A brief poignant ceremony was held as Jason Noriega received his diploma in front of proud family and friends.
- IV. Approval of the meeting minutes - A motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 2014, was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. During the discussion Ms. Rosado noted that Mr. Tobon has been consistently absent and questioned his commitment. Chairperson Morales stated that Mr. Tobon informed her that she would be receiving his letter of resignation within the week. There was no further discussion. The vote was called. Motion carried (6,0)
- V. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement- A motion to approve the resignation of Brad Peryea and the appointments of Nicole Laspee, Amoreena Carney, Janessa Roderick, Doris Moret, Ben Ramos, and Margaret Baker was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VI. Approval of Bills – Grants and General Budget and Facility Improvements – A motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VII. Public Comment – None
- VIII. Budget FY 2016 Update – Brad Peryea informed the Board of his recent communications with RIDE concerning the FY 16 Budget explaining that all the numbers previous approved by the Board were acceptable. He noted that the FY14 was closed and the auditors’ report was nearly finalized. Presently, the FY 15 budget was on course without concerns.
- IX. Advisory at Calcutt - Dr. Magee, Naomi Ajei, Karin Luther, Meghan Baker and heather Dos Santos presented “Sex Ed by Brown Med” which is a strong new opportunity for all 7th and 8th graders to learn powerful lessons from Brown medical students. Statistics, surveys, and issues were discussed. The program was lauded by both administrators and teachers. There was even a short U-Tube video showing bilingual med students sharing a lesson with our students. The sustainability of the program was discussed as well as

how we may expand it to other grades. The Trustees were keen to praise the work and express their thanks to all especially Dr. Magee for taking on this advisory and to Naomi for developing and implementing so strongly.

- X. Superintendent Comments- Dr. Gallo shared with the Trustees the developed white paper report closing out the Race to the Top grant that RIDE will incorporate in their final report to the federal government. The report highlights the institution of the Student Issues and Response Teams currently functioning in every school and the steady successful work of high school transformation. Dr. Gallo informed the Trustees of a day-long site visit from a representative of the federal government for the We Are A Village i3 grant. Patricia Martinez escorted the representative to the schools involved along with our partners from Children's Friend. The visit concluded with a review of the funding and assurances of a no cost extension. Dr. Gallo also announced the successful opening of the health clinic at the high school.
- XI. Board Comment – none
- XII. The Trustees reflected on the district's work to educate all children. Equity issues were noted in all areas of life. Individuals must decide if such issues become stumbling blocks for growth and development or great opportunities for learning.
- XIII. No Executive Session was called.
- XIV. Next Scheduled Meeting: November 25, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ell Risk School. Topics: Veterans School Reform Plan and NEED Project presentation
- XV. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 PM by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa.