

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
November 25, 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 6:03 PM. Present were Stephanie Gonzalez, Ana-Cecilia Rosado, and Hugo Figueroa. Diosa Martinez and Sonia Grace were absent. Carlos Tobon sent a letter of resignation on November 5, 2014.
- II. Pledge – The pledge was led by Ms. Ann Lynch
- III. Graduation Ceremony- A brief poignant ceremony was held as Darlin De Jesus and Anthony Maldonado de Jesus each received their graduation diploma in front of proud family and friends.
- IV. Approval of the meeting minutes - A motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 28, 2014, was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. During the discussion, the Chair noted that Mr. Tobon had officially resigned. There was no further discussion. The vote was called. Motion carried. (4,0)
- V. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements – There were none for this meeting.
- 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 Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (4,0)
- VII. Public Comment – None
- VIII. Introduction of the new finance director, Ms. Baker, was made by Dr. Gallo. The Trustees welcomed Ms. Baker noting her experience in Pawtucket and West Warwick. They expressed confidence in her knowledge of fiduciary responsibilities.
- IX. Veterans Memorial School Reform Plan Presentation – Principal Ann Lynch led a review of the elements and components of the Veterans SRP using a detailed data filled Power Point assembly of slides. See the attached. The Trustees interjected questions and were most interested in the strategies to promote attendance, the work involved in the collection of the data on adult behaviors, and the impact of the variety of strategies on students.
- X. NEED Project presentation – This presentation was postponed until December 9th.
- XI. Superintendent Comments- Dr. Gallo noted that the first FUSE meeting for administrators with the FUSE Fellows will be held on Monday afternoon. This is exciting work as we learn more and more about blended learning especially with the introduction of the Chrome books forthcoming in

January. The Mass Insight's work promoting higher student expectations by offering more professional study of strategies for learning in Advanced Placement and Pre Advanced Placement courses was reviewed. Dr. Gallo noted great pride in the presentation at RIC by a panel of CF parents from across the schools. This ninety minute panel presentation is available for viewing on the RIC website as well. A special *Thank You* book created by Ms. Judy Dyers' preschool class for Stop and Shop was shared with the Trustees. Pictures of the balls, bubble magic, chalk, hula-hoops, and other items donated by Stop and Shop to the children of Captain Hunt filled the book bringing smiles to all.

- XII. Board Comment – Ana-Cecilia Rosado who also attended the RIC Parent Session reiterated the joy in seeing and hearing our parents sharing their views and knowledge with an eclectic audience of college students, professors, and the general public. Ms. Rosado also called attention to the recent award secured by Mr. Upegui for his teacher of evolution. Having joined in the surprise with the Governor, the Commissioner, and numerous colleagues, Ms. Rosado shared the excitement of that moment with her fellow Trustees and the general public attending the meeting.

Chairperson Anna Cano Morales made a point of commending everyone for their commitment, cheer, and support of the Central Falls Schools offering a grateful heart and special Thanksgiving greetings to each of the Trustees.

- XIII. A motion to convene in executive session under R.I. General Laws 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) was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado. A roll call vote was taken. All agreed.
- XIV. A motion to come out of executive session and seal the minutes was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Rosado. A roll call vote was taken. All agreed.
- XV. Next Scheduled Meeting: December 9, 2014 at 6 PM at the Ell Risk School. Topics: Calcutt Middle School Reform Plan and NEED Project presentation
- XVI. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 PM by Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Figueroa.