

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2015
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level
5:00 PM

The Board of Trustees may vote on any agenda item.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anna Cano-Morales at 5: 04 PM. A roll call was taken. Board Members Present: Ron Pitt, Hugo Figueroa, Sonia Grace, Anna Cano-Morales and Stephanie Gonzalez.
Ana Cecilia-Rosado (Arrived at 5:05)
Board Members Absent: Diosa Martinez (Excused).
- II. Pledge– The pledge was led by Mr. Stephen Robinson.
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of July 15, 2015 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion approved. (5,0)
- IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement – Superintendent Capellan presented the following names for action:

New Hires: Mr. Seth Kolker, Special Education/Math; Ms. Erica Prenda, Special Education Inclusion; Ms.Cheryl Tavarozzi, Bus Driver, Mr. Manuel Silva, Community Youth Worker.
Retirements: Ms. Eileen Lambert
Resignation: Ms. Luis Cirello

A motion was made by Mr. Pitt, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. Motion approved. (6,0)

Ms. Gonzalez asked if there were any vacancies in the district. Superintendent Capellan responded that the district had the following vacancies: Chemistry teacher at the high school, due to the teacher resigning the day before classes started; Librarian at the middle school.

- V. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – A motion to approved pending review was made Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Grace. Motion approved. (6,0)

Ms. Grace asked if the 2015 budget had been closed. Superintendent Capellan responded that it was closed and the audit was in process.

- VI. Department of Health HPV Mandate – Superintendent Capellan informed the board that in his opinion, in light of the guidance release earlier in the day by the RI Department of Health the board did not need to take any action on this matter. The board did not take any action on the matter.
- VII. Application(s) for Home Schooling – Superintendent Capellan brought forward two applications for home schooling. The board informed Superintendent Capellan that they had not previously approved these during the meetings. They stated that these functions had been relegated to the approval of the superintendent. Chairperson Cano-Morales asked that the board should receive some information about the home schooling process at some point in the future.
- VIII. Appointing a Member to the School Building Committee – Chairperson Cano-Morales asked the board if there were any volunteers for this committee. Ms. Rosado volunteered to serve as the representative on behalf of the board.
- IX. School Building Use Policy – Superintendent Capellan informed the board that he would like to revisit the School Building Use Policy. Chairperson Cano-Morales asked if the changes sought would be for this year. Superintendent Capellan stated that any changes sought would be to go into effect the following school year. He stated that he would like to consider charging for the use of the school space in order to provide additional resources for the maintenance budget.
- X. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- XI. Superintendent Comment – Superintendent Capellan spoke about the opening of the school year as a very positive and smooth opening. He stated that he had heard many positive comments from staff all across the district about the school opening. The superintendent also commented on the early success of the uniform adoption. He stated that most schools

are reporting 95% or higher rates of students using the uniforms. The superintendent presented the board with the opening numbers for each school. As of opening week the total number of students in the district was 2,695 the numbers for each school were:

- Central Falls High School = 664
- Calcutt Middle School = 731
- Veterans Elementary School = 497
- Ella Risk Elementary School = 404
- Robertson Elementary School = 184
- Captain Hunt Early Learning Center = 168
- Central Falls Services = 21
- Central Falls Tuition = 26

Chairperson Cano-Morales asked about the trend in the number of Out of District Students. Superintendent Capellan referred to Ms. Edda Carmadello, Chief Academic Officer who oversees the Office of Special Education for the information. Ms. Carmadello stated that over the last 8 years the district has seen a dramatic decrease in the number of students being sent out of district for specialized services. She stated that the district had invested in replicating those services inside the schools. The board requested a presentation for the next school board meeting that detailed the decrease over the last few years.

- XII. Board Comment – Ms. Rosado stated that she enjoyed receiving the District Newsletter and was happy to see that we followed up on this suggestion from the summer retreat.
- XIII. Possible Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation.

Ms. Rosado made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Rosado, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Figueroa, Ms. Gonzalez, Chairperson Cano-Morales and Ms. Grace voted yes. The board went into executive session at 5:58 p.m.

The board returned from executive session at 6:13 p.m.

A motion to seal the minutes of the executive session was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Grace. All in favor.

XIV. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 13, 2015 at 5:30PM at the Ella Risk School.

XV. Adjournment – a motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Grace. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.