

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2016
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level
5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Cano-Morales at 5:34 PM. A roll call was taken.
Board Members Present: Ana Cecilia Rosado, Anna Cano-Morales, Stephanie Gonzalez, Sonia Grace, Hugo Figueroa and Ron Pitt.
Board Members Absent: Diosa Martinez (Excused)
- II. Pledge– The pledge was led by Mr. Capellan.
- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of April 12, 2016 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Motion approved. Abstain: Ms. Cano-Morales, Ms. Rosado.
- IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement – Superintendent Capellan presented the following names for action:
- New Hires:
 - Stephanie Skymba, Teacher, CFHS
 - Wanda De Los Santos, Teacher Assistant, CFHS
 - Resignations
 - Sarah Gilpatrick, Math Teacher, Calcutt
 - Recessions
 - Jonathan Beltran, Math Teacher, Calcutt
 - Retirement:
 - Mario Papitto, Grant Coordinator
- Chairwoman Cano-Morales acknowledged Mr. Papitto’s service and thanked him for his dedication to the Central Falls School District.

A motion was made by Ms. Rosado and seconded by Mr. Pitt. All in favor. Motion approved.

- V. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget:
Superintendent Capellan explained that there were three transactions that were different than the usual, which included three transfers from the Central Falls School District to the City of Central Falls for the purposes of fixing 115 Illinois for educational use. Chairwoman Cano-Morales recommended we seek legal guidance in future transactions to make certain that we are complying with all laws.

A motion to approve was made Ms. Rosado, seconded by Mr. Pitt. All in favor. Motion approved.

VI. Presentation – Conditional Acceptance to RIC
Dr. Amy Burns, Director of Transformation for the District presented a detailed report of the “Conditional Acceptance” program that is happening between Central Falls School District and Rhode Island College as part of the CF/RIC Innovation Lab. The program provides the top half of the junior class or those meeting a 2.5 GPA requirement to be conditionally accepted to college and if they meet all the RIC requirements for acceptance they will be able to matriculate to college upon their graduation from high school.

VII. 2017 Budget Discussion: Superintendent Capellan presented the budget for the 2017 budget for action by the board. The board reviewed any major increases or decreases in the comparison to the 2016 school year budget.
A motion to approve the budget contingent on RIDE receiving the full support from the RI General Assembly was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. All in favor. Motion approve.

VIII. Discussion Audit Firm Contract:
The Finance Office presented a request for approval for the selection of auditor between EFPR Group (Certified Public Accountants) and the Central Falls School District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Mr. Pitt motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. All in favor. Motion approved.

IX. Public Comment: No public comment.

X. Superintendent Comment – Superintendent Capellan presented the board with information about the attendance of teachers as requested. The board requested this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the District is moving forward with soliciting input from teachers, students, parents, partners and others regarding the District’s 2016-2019 Blueprint for Success.

Superintendent Capellan invited the board to graduation which will take place on June 6, 2016 at 6pm at Rhode Island College and to the Groundbreaking for 115 Illinois which will take place the same day at 9am.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that Central Falls High School was working closely with the Youth Restoration Project and the Central Falls Police Department to engage in Police/Youth Dialogue. The conversations are going very well and Mr. Victor Ramos and Officer Joe Bovin have been instrumental in the success of this dialogue.

XI. Board Comment –

- a. Ms. Rosado mentioned how happy she was to have attended the CF/RIC Innovation Lab 3rd Birthday Party. She was very pleased with all the presentations and praised Mr. Pitt for his comments about the District and the partnership.
- b. Ms. Rosado and other board members reminded us that students' names should be properly pronounced when their diploma is being presented.

XII. Possible Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) – There was no need for an Executive Session.

XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting: May 23, 2016 at 5:00PM at the Ella Risk School.

XIV. Adjournment – a motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.