

NEL/CPS CONSTRUCTION CAREER ACADEMY BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2011

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CONFERENCE ROOM- 4 SHARPE DRIVE, CRANSTON, RI 02920

12:00 P.M. Executive Session

Public Session Immediately Following

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools Construction Career Academy Board of Directors meeting was held on the above date in the conference room with the following members present: Mr. Traficante, Mr. Nero, Ms. DeSimone and Mr. Sabitoni. Mr. Santangelo was present in place of Mr. Bowling.

Chairman Traficante called the meeting to order. At 12:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sabitoni to go into Executive Session: pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation and seconded by Mr. Nero. All were in favor.

Chairman Traficante reconvened public session at 12:12 p.m. The roll was called; a quorum was present. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Mr. Sabitoni to seal the minutes of Executive

Session. This was seconded by Mr. Santangelo. All were in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) Approved – April 14, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Nero to approve the minutes of the April 14th 2011 meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Nero. All were in favor.

There were no speakers or public acknowledgements/communications.

Personnel

Resolution

No. 6-1-11 – Resolved, that at the recommendation of the Executive Director, said certified personnel be recalled from layoff and,

Be it further RESOLVED that the Executive Director notify those individuals of the Board's actions.

Moved by Mr. Sabitoni and seconded by Mr. Nero. All were in favor.

Executive Directors Report (See handout #1)

Mr. Pecorelli stated – on May 21st some of our students helped out with the American Heart Association and they wrote a letter to Mr. Negriz thanking him for the amazing, helpful and willing students.

Eagle Scout Award – June 15th, one of our students Rafael Gutierrez became an Eagle Scout. I attended the ceremony and presented him

with an award and also told him that Superintendent Nero and Chairman Traficante were at a School Committee meeting and that is why they could not attend.

ESAC Conference – was attended by Dr. Silvia, Mr. Nero and Mr. Sabitoni.

Mr. Nero stated – it was a well-attended conference. I thought we did a great presentation.

Commissioner Gists' visit – on April 27 the Commissioner visited our school. She stated her visit to our school was a great experience.

Graduation – June 10, 2011. We graduated 45 students, (program was distributed – handout #2). The breakdown of the schools for post-graduation – 26 students will be attending CCRI, 1 Sandford Brown, 1 to New England Tech., 1 to American Safety and Training, 1 to Lincoln Tech., 1 to Universal Tech. Institute, 6 to the apprenticeship program in Pomfret, 3 are going to work in private sector, 4 to the military, and 1 is traveling to Europe.

Mr. Nero stated he has testified to the Board of Regents regarding my opposition to the Mayoral Academy and I said to them I want you to know that I am not against Charter Schools, I am for Charter Schools. I have a Charter School that fits the needs of my specific district. I spoke about those statistics at that meeting and because I only had three minutes to speak I forwarded my speech to all the members of

the Board of Regents as well as our elected officials stating unequivocally the success of all of our kids here.

Job Positions- Mr. Votto stated we posted a number of positions as we are required to do by state law that being if we have retirees sitting in positions every year you have to post the positions to see if you can get someone who is a non-retiree. This is also a requirement of the Retirement Board. Posting(s) deadline is today so we will begin the interview process. Mr. Nero advised Mr. Pecorelli to be sure he had sufficient representation on the interview committee such as a special ed parent, someone from CEAB, and from all the usual constituencies.

Reauthorization – Mr. Pecorelli stated on May 6, 9, and 10th we had a visit from RIDE. They interviewed all our teachers, administrators, Board members and many of our students. We are still waiting for the results of this visit.

Recruitment – Mr. Pecorelli stated recruitment is not going so well. It is extremely disappointing at this point. There are kids out there that we can serve that would benefit immensely by what we can offer them it's just a matter of letting them know we are here. It's late but it can be done. Right now we have 19 students for 9th grade. 11 are from Cranston, 8 from out of district. We had 56 last year and we never have had less than 45.

Academics – Mr. Scaffardi stated these procedures are changeable but right now we are waiting for the site team visit which should have been here by now. We have already done a self-study. We’ve already done reauthorization. The next step is when we get the report back from the site visit we need to digest that, possibly respond depending on what it says, four days to respond is very little time. Discussion ensued regarding timelines.

AEP Report (see handout #3)

Ms. Dzekevich read from her report.

Operating Budget (see handout #4)

Ms. Corcelli read from her report and explained the revenue and expenditures accounts.

A motion to accept the Executive Director’s report was made by Mr. Nero and seconded by Mr. Sabitoni.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nero and seconded by Mr. Sabitoni.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Traficante

Chairperson