

**NEW ENGLAND LABORERS;!/CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSTRUCTION CAREER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

May 15, 2012

12:00 P.M. Executive Session

Public Session Immediately Following

4 Sharpe Drive

MINUTES

This meeting of the NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy was held on the above date in the conference room with the following members present: Chairman Traficante, Mr. Santangelo (in place of Ms. Larkin), Mr. Sabitoni, Dr. Leone, Mrs. McFarland, and Mr. Nero. Ms. Bedford, Mr. Cardi and Mr. Rampone were absent.

Chairman Traficante called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. McFarland to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.I. State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5 (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation; Threatened Litigation re: Personnel Matter. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. All were in favor.

Chairman Traficante reconvened public session at 12:11 p.m. The roll was called; a quorum was present. There were no votes taken in

Executive Session.

A motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session was made by Dr. Leone and seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. All were in favor.

A motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2012 meeting was made by Dr. Leone and seconded by Mrs. McFarland. All were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications

There were none.

Public Hearing

- a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Items)**
- b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

There were no speakers.

RESOLUTIONS

BUSINESS

No. 05-1-12 jV Resolved, that at the recommendation of the Executive Director the position of Assistant Principal be approved and funded in the budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

A motion to approve for discussion was made by Dr. Leone and seconded by Mrs. McFarland.

After much discussion it was suggested that we table this resolution until we have a job description and a fiscal impact analysis to accompany this request.

A motion to table this resolution was made by Mr. Sabitoni and seconded by Dr. Leone. All were in favor.

Committee Reports/Reports/Updates

A. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Curran stated his report would consist of upcoming dates/events:

„« Graduation will be held on June 15, 2012 at Hope Highlands Elementary School, 6 p.m.

„« Awards Night iV May 17, 2012 here at the Charter School, 6 p.m. Letters have been sent to the parents of students that will be getting awards.

„« Science/NECAP testing for the forty-two juniors has been undertaken iV results will be out in September. Also 15 to 18 students (juniors) in AEP are also taking these tests. We will get one report for all the students.

„« Field trip to Mystic Aquarium will be on May 23. No cost to the students. Four teachers have volunteered to come along on this trip.

„« June 4 is the Senior Trip to Six Flags. The Culture and Climate Committee (staff members) planned this trip for our students. All graduating seniors (40 students) will be attending. Mr. Traficante suggested extending an invitation to the seniors in AEP as well.

„« Field Day is June 8. Staff and students will participate in a softball game and other outdoor activities. The field that is used for PE will be utilized for this event. Mr. Traficante suggested next year bringing the entire school up to Hopkinton.

B. Assistant to the Executive Director's Report

Mr. Pecorelli stated we have 38 students accepted for September. 32 students are in grade 9.

Staff for next year ¶V Mr. Curran stated ¶V at this point in time we anticipate having the current staff (FTE) that we now have. We are planning on having 45 students per grade level next year. That will require us to keep the staff as it is right now. That has also been relayed to Ray Votto (Human Resources).

C. Financial Advisor's Report - See handout #1

Mrs. Corcelli reviewed the budget with the Board. Discussion ensued regarding busing and billing for out of district students. It was decided that Mrs. Corcelli would have a conversation with Mr. Balducci and Mr. Zisseron to clarify questions insofar as tracking the student(s).

World of Work Job Placement ¶V 57% employment rate year-to-date of the 174 students enrolled in the World of Work.

Lease on UBIO Building ¶V Mr. Curran stated ¶V we are looking at

more flexibility in the language so we can do some of the repairs in the building. Currently the landlord requires any of the repair work to be done by her personnel and we are looking for flexibility so that work can be done by school department personnel for cost savings.

D. AEP Director's Report ¶ See handout #2

Mrs. Dzekevich read from her report.

A motion to approve these reports was made by Mr. Sabitoni; seconded by Mrs. McFarland. All were in favor.

Old Business/New Business

New Business

Mr. Sabitoni stated the plans for the seniors will begin immediately after graduation. The graduating seniors will be going up to Pomfret immediately after they graduate, June 18. After speaking with the instructors here at the school and making a list of all the things we did during the course of the year we were in agreement that a four week general construction program is not necessary. We feel as though the amount of hands-on that they have had here, the amount of classroom instruction, it would be a duplication of effort to keep them there for four weeks. This is the first year that I am only going to have them in the class. In the past I have had other people from around the region where I had to do the four week format and we also found it was a good refresher for our charter students but it really was not necessary. I am going to be meeting with Domenic Izzi

because the last thing we want to do is send these students out the door without the same amount of training so we are going to try and get them that 80 hours so that they don't have to come to Pomfret. Give them credit for that towards their apprenticeship because they have already compiled that in some shape or form during their four years here at the school. By giving them that credit that's usually a 70% rate as compared to a 60% rate. I think we can demonstrate the return on our investment for what we do with the students here. That is a tribute to the students as to the amount of knowledge they possess coming in and we'll see if we can get them quantified for training.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Leone; seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Traficante

Chairperson