

NEW ENGLAND LABORERS'/CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSTRUCTION and CAREER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2015
12:00 P.M. Executive Session
Public Session Immediately Following Executive Session
4 Sharpe Drive, Cranston, RI

MINUTES

This meeting of the New England Laborers' and Cranston Public Schools Construction and Career Academy was held on the above date in the conference room and called to order at 12:10 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Traficante, Mr. Sabitoni, Mrs. Nota-Masse, Mr. Cardi, Mr. Santangelo, Dr. Leone, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Rampone and Mr. Wall.

It is noted that Ms. DeLeon was absent with cause.

It is also noted that there was no Executive Session held at this meeting.

Call to Order – Public Session. The roll was called; a quorum was present.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications - None

Chairperson's Communications

Chairperson Traficante noted that the Bain sidewalk project is now complete and thanked Mr. Cardi and the 11th and 12th graders for their help.

Board Members Communications

Superintendent Nota-Masse mentioned a future project at the Garden City Elementary handicapped accessible school playground. The administration have concerns with safety and want to renovate it. A sub-committee has been formed and have plans of having the playground demolished by winter in preparation of having it rebuilt.

Executive Director's Communications

Student Performance

Ms. Ferris stated that STAR testing has begun. It is split by grade level, focused on growth and we will test again come January. She further stated that the reading scores baseline are low and will be closely monitored. **See Handout A on file with the NEL/CPS Construction and Career Academy for additional information**

Superintendent Nota-Masse noted that PARCC results are expected to be out by the 3rd week in November and there will be workshops to discuss the results and interpretation.

Mr. Curran stated that the test scores will not be used for graduation requirement until 2020.

Enrollment

Ms. Ferris stated the enrollment has increased as of September 2015 and remains steady. She further stated that the waiting list is growing for the 9th and 10th grade. **See Handout B attached for additional information**

Budget

Ms. Corcelli presented the Board with the current Operating Budget. **See attached Handout C for additional information.**

Charter Approval

Mr. Curran stated that at the meeting last week with RIDE they accepted all our conditions and we are re-chartered for 5 more years.

Student Activities

Mr. Curran highlighted some recent student activities:

- The Charter school students are involved with helping with the Station Fire Memorial.
- Students from the Charter school went to Alton Jones campus for team building activities.
- A few of our teachers took 25 girls to a manufacturing conference in CT

A motion to accept the Executive Directors report was made by Mr. Sabitoni; seconded by Dr. Leone. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Public Hearing

- a. Students (agenda/non-agenda matters) - None

b. Members of the Public (agenda matters only) - None

Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

Action Calendar/Action Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

Business

No. 10-01-15 **RESOLVED**, that at the recommendation of the Executive Director, the following purchase be approved:

Exhaust Equipment in the amount of \$15,188
Number of bids issued 4
Number of bids received 1

A motion was made to approve by Mr. Rampone; seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. The roll was called; all were in favor.

It is noted that Mr. Wall had to leave the meeting prior to this vote.

Public Hearings on Non-Agenda Items - None

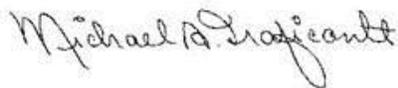
Announcement of Future Meeting – November 17, 2015

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. McFarland; seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael A. Traficante Chairperson



Board of Directors Meeting Report Out

HANDOUT B

Date of Board of Directors Meeting:	October 20, 2015
Department/Committee Reporting:	Enrollment
Author:	Carolyn Ferris
Approved By (Executive Director):	

Background/ Context:

As we begin the school year, enrollment has stabilized and we have started the year with healthy numbers. We have increased enrollment by 20% over last year at this time. (2% increase from Sept)

Enrollment for 2015-16 to Date:
 We currently have 176 students (+3 from Sept) with the following enrollment breakdown:
Breakdown per Grade:
 9th grade 47
 10th grade 46
 11th grade 42
 12th grade 41
 We currently have a waitlist for 9th and 10th grade.

Breakdown per District/Out of District:
 Cranston 86
 Out of District 90

Key issues for consideration:

- Through the lens of the school's mobility index:
 - 9th grade: No change
 - 10th grade: 1 student left (GED) /1 student from our waiting list (transfer from West)
 - 11th grade: Increase 2 students
 - 12th grade: Increase 2 students / graduated 1 student

Recommendation to the Board:
 Spread the word that we are currently accepting applications for the 2016-17 school year. It is our goal to hold a true lottery on March 1st 2016.



Board of Directors Meeting Report Out

HANDOUT C

Date of Board of Directors Meeting:	October 20, 2015
Department/Committee Reporting:	Financial Development
Author:	C. Corcelli
Approved By (Executive Director):	

Background/ Context:

Operating Budget as of 9/30/2015

Revenue:

QTR 1 tuitions were mailed to 13 out-of-district communities, with a prompt 90% return within 30 days.

QTR 2 tuitions were mailed on October 1st. Discussion with RIDE to increase aid based on successful enrollment continues, as we hope to hear confirmation by mid-November.

Expenditures:

Operating expenses are typical for QTR1 end. Compared to last year, overall building costs have been relatively less, with savings in electricity due to conservation efforts and tenant/landlord maintenance. Purchased Services remain slighter higher as purchases for services/supplies at school opening occur.

Key issues for consideration:

Financial Development Opportunities:

RISSA, through the Charter League, requested pursuant to the RI Access to Public Records Act, and was provided public record information of a school budget, audited financials, annual reports, and by-law information as a database of all charter schools' information, as legislatures revisit the Fair Funding Formula.

Researching grant possibilities within the Governor's Workforce Board industry sectors.

Approved – State legislative grant \$1000, to purchase computer server.

In process - GWB and CCRI/RI Work Immersion Program for College Students

Recommendation to the Board:

Continue to support funding formula for charter schools through any means available.

Assist in recruiting efforts through word-of-mouth to various groups.

