

NEW ENGLAND LABORERS'/CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CONSTRUCTION and CAREER ACADEMY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 17, 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 12:08 p.m. with the following members present: Chairman Traficante, Mr. Sabitoni, Mrs. Nota-Masse, Ms. DeLeon, Mr. Cardi, Dr. Leone and Mr. Wall.

**It is noted that Mr. Santangelo, Mrs. McFarland and Mr. Rampone were 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 October 16, 2015 meeting by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Cardi. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**Public Acknowledgements/Communications - None**

**Chairperson's Communications - None**

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**Board Members Communications**

Mr. Sabitoni provided the Board with an update on the Garden City Playgroup project. The old playground has been demolished and trees have been cut. It is ready to be installed come springtime.

Mr. Cardi stated – Some of our students are also working on the Station Fire Memorial.

**Executive Director's Communications**

## Student Performance

Mr. Curran provided the Board with an update on Student Performance. He stated that the PARCC results are in and will be officially released and discussed today at 1:30 PM by the Commissioner. Until then, the results are embargoed. We previously predicted that the tests scores would be low. Like NECAP, we saw an increase over time.

Mr. Curran stated that the reasons why Rhode Island went to PARCC

- RI is different – we have a large urban profile.
- 16 states signed on to PARCC – 11 are now left.
- 3 states are not doing it this year

Superintendent Nota-Masse stated that PARCC is just a small piece of what we do.

Chairperson Traficante asked why are some done on paper and others on the computer?

Mr. Curran stated that some schools did not have enough computers and were allowed to use paper.

Superintendent Nota-Masse stated that the transition years (3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>) were given paper tests.

Mr. Curran stated that PARCC was created by teachers from every state. When the results are released and you are reviewing them, keep in mind the categories (IEP, ESL). Also, keep in mind that despite the issue of “opting out” that we had last year, only 2% actually opted out.

Chairperson Traficante stated that he met with the Commissioner and he is a very down to earth guy and seems to be flexible. However, he is not abandoning the tests.

Mr. Curran discussed the Governors Work Group he attended regarding the Fair Funding Formula. It is a good working group that is very involved. At the meeting, Dr. Wong, who created the Fair Funding Formula, presented. Andrea Castaneda also presented. **Handout A on file with the NEL/CPS Construction and Career Academy for additional information**

## Staffing Update

Mr. Curran stated to the Board that they are hiring a Tech intern which will be paid for by Work Force Solutions. This person will be troubleshooting, website maintenance and we will have them for 10 hours per week.

## Enrollment

Ms. Ferris stated that enrollment remains steady at 173 students. There is presently a wait list for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade with applications for next year. The lottery will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup> and recruiting has begun. We are in a very good place.

## **Budget**

Mr. Curran presented the Budget update to the Board in that Ms. Corcelli was unable to make it. He stated that we are tracking well with collections. There was an adjustment with local aid and \$37,000 more in State aid. Our numbers are very consistent. **See Handout B on file with the NEL/CPS Construction and Career Academy for additional information**

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

**It is noted that Mr. Wall left prior to the above vote.**

## **Public Hearing**

- a. Students (agenda/non-agenda matters) - None
- b. Members of the Public (agenda matters only) - None

**Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda – None**

**Action Calendar/Action Agenda – None**

**Public Hearings on Non-Agenda Items - None**

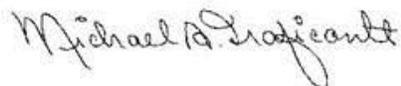
**Announcement of Future Meetings - February 23, 2016**

## **Adjournment**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael A. Traficante Chairperson