

**Central Falls School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes**

August 11, 2004

Call to Order

Chairperson, Mr. Canavan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present were: Robert Canavan, Chairperson,

Joel Roseman,

Ana Cecilia Rosado,

Mary Lou Perez,

Joseph Faria

Gus Silva

Mr. Canavan welcomed Dr. Watkins to her first Board of Trustees meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Current Business

Minutes – Joseph Faria motioned to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2004 Board of Trustees meeting, Ana Cecelia Rosado seconded the motion, with discussion that a misspelled word on page 3 be

corrected to read contingent, and so it was voted 6-0.

Schedule of Bills – Joel Roseman motioned to accept the schedule of bills. Joseph Faria seconded the motion and so it was voted 6-0.

Communications

The following items were presented: Bruce Macksoud, principal at Calcutt Middle School resigning July 1, 2004, Michael Occhi, resigning as yearbook advisor at the high school, Weleska Peterson resigning as home visitor with the Hippy program, Lauren Renzi resigning from her position as speech and language pathologist district wide, effective August 12, 2004 and Jennifer Ramirez resigning from her position as ESL teacher at Calcutt Middle School.

Retirement: Jack Lyle, principal of the High School resigned effective August 1, 2004, Humberto Silva, Spanish teacher at the high school effective June 2004 and Marilyn Pfefferle, grade 1 teacher at Ella Risk School retiring on June 30, 2004

Sub-committee Reports

Finance Committee – Joel Roseman stated that the Finance department is hard at work on the budget, which is due at the Rhode Island Department of Education on September 9.

Administrative Report - Dr. Watkins, Superintendent of Schools told the Board of Trustees that a Reading First Grant had been awarded to A.S. Feinstein School, she asked that they be commended on this

achievement, congratulations to Maureen Azar, and Patricia Morris for their hard work on applying for the grant.

A Principal Leadership retreat will take place on August 24, 2004 at Northern RI Collaborative for all principals in the District.

Teacher orientation will be on August 31 at 9:00 a.m. at the Madeira Club with September 1, 2004 being the first day of school.

Dr. Watkins noted to the board that a tour of the buildings had been conducted with Mr. Collins, Supervisor Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, and the schools are in good shape for school to begin, with renovations of the cafeteria on schedule.

Personnel Issues

Dr. Watkins asked that the following retirements be granted with deep regret, Jack Lyle, Humberto Silva, Marilyn Pfefferle, Joseph Faria motioned to accept, Ana Cecelia Rosado seconded the motion and so it was voted 6-0.

Letters of resignation were presented from Bruce Macksoud, Michael Occhi, Waleska Peterson Jennifer Ramirez Lauren Renzi. Joel Roseman motioned to accept, Gus Silva seconded the motion and so it was voted 6-0.

Appointments: Elizabeth Legault, Calcutt Middle School Principal effective August 10, 2004, Martha Cumplido, SCOPE Site Monitor, effective June 30, 2004, Susan Levasseur, part time secretary in the superintendent's office, effective June 14, 2004, Denise Perron, resource teacher, high school, effective August 31, 2004, Lauren Bentley, temporary grade 6 ESL teacher at Calcutt Middle School, effective August 31, 2004, Diana Waters, ESL Math teacher, Calcutt Middle School, effective August 31, 2004, Beth Pavao, ESL Math grade 7/8, Calcutt Middle School, effective August 31, 2004, Delois Grant, America's Choice Literacy Coach, effective August 31, 2004, Melissa Arnold, Special education , self-contained, Ella Risk School, effective August 31, 2004, Jessica Goldstein, Special Education, self-contained, Ella Risk School, effective August 31, 2004, Kevin Drolet, special education self-contained, high school effective August 31, 2004, Vilma Restrepo, French teacher, Calcutt Middle School, effective August 31, 2004, Peter Wood, Assistant network computer specialist, effective August 16, 2004. Joseph Faria motioned to accept, Joel Roseman seconded and so it was voted 6-0.

Personal leave of absence for 2004-2005 academic year, Nancy Craven, ESL English teacher at the high school, Ana Cecelia Rosado motioned to accept, Gus Silva seconded and so it was voted 6-0.

Chairperson Report

Mr. Canavan stated that he would be hosting a reception in honor of

Dr. Watkins at his home on Friday August 27, 2004, administrators and union personnel were invited.

Mr. Canavan voiced his concerns regarding the districts' attorney, representing school districts as well as unions. He said that the Board of Trustees will be placing an ad for attorney services.

Old Business

Board of Trustees' Vacancy – Mary Lou Perez announced that they are down to four candidates and that the committee will move into the next phase of interviews. Ana Cecelia Rosado encouraged the committee to finalize the interviews so the Board of Trustees can move forward.

New Business

Rescind Letters - Dr. Watkins presented a list of certified personnel recommending the Board rescind their non-renewal letters. Jessica Gauthier, temporary grade 4, Lauren Lemire, Nancy Durst, Cheryl Richard, to fill job share positions district wide. Joseph Faria motioned to accept, Ana Ceceilia Rosado seconded the motion and so it was voted 6-0.

Proposed Board of Trustees Meeting Dates – The proposed list of meeting dates for the Board of Trustees was presented. After much discussion of the dates and the availability of board members, Joseph Faria motioned to accept, Joel Roseman seconded the motion and so it was voted 6-0

Executive Session

Mr. Canavan, Chairperson motioned to move to executive session pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1 & 2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island at 7:05 p.m.

Ana Cecelia Rosado motioned, Joel Roseman seconded and so it was voted 6-0

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Mr. Canavan.