

Central Falls School District
Meeting Minutes – September 26, 2018
Ella Risk Conference Room – Lower Level
5:00pm

I) Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Anna Cano-Morales at 5:00pm. A roll call was taken. Board Members Present: Anna Cano-Morales, Diosa Martinez, Stephanie Gonzalez, and Ron Pitt. Excused: Sonia Grace, Hugo Figueroa, and Andrew Bramson

II) Pledge- The pledge was led by Assistant Superintendent Lynch.

III) Chairwoman Cano-Morales moved the executive session to the beginning of the agenda with no objections from the board.

Mr. Pitt moved to convene into Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (1) and (2) (discussion of job performance, character or physical or mental health) (collective bargaining/litigation/legal advice) (teacher discipline hearing), seconded by Ms. Grace. Roll Call - Anna Cano-Morales, Ron Pitt, Stephanie Gonzalez, Diosa Martinez, Sonia Grace – All in favor. The board went into executive session at 5:02 p.m.

A motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session was made by Mr. Pitt and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Mr. Figueroa arrived at 5:03 p.m.

A motion to be move out of executive session at 5:44 p.m. was made by Mr. Figueroa and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. All in favor. Motion Approved.

The board announced that a vote was taken and that the board had unanimously approved the superintendents recommendation.

IV) Approval of the meeting minutes of August 22, 2018. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Ms. Martinez. (Mr. Figueroa abstained) Approved.

V) Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescission, resignations, recalls, and retirements:

New Hires:

- Jennifer Rogers, Self-Contained Teacher at Veterans

Recalls

- Susan Caddeus, Grade 6 Gen Ed/Inclusion at Calcutt
- Jeffrey Rosenzweig, Math (One year) at CFHS
- Tania DiMartino, MLL Supports (One year) at Veterans

Appointments

- Susan Garvey, Purchasing/Accounts Payable, Finance Department
- Kathleen Kiley, School Secretary, Ella Risk

Retirements

- Connie Dube, TA at CFHS
- Mary Holman, TA at Ella Risk
- Lynda Silva, TA at Veterans
- Diane Cournoyer, Special Ed/ESL Inclusion at Ella Risk

The board thanked all the retirees for their services and specially thanked Connie Dube for her leadership as President of Council 94 in the district.

Motion to approve made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Pitt. All in favor. Motion approved.

VI) Approval of Bills - Grants and General Budget

A motion to approve the bills was made by Mr. Pitt, seconded Ms. Martinez. All in favor. Approved.

VII) Opening of School Updates

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the district had a smooth opening and thanked the administration, teachers and all staff for a wonderful opening.

VIII) Equity Agenda was introduced for a first read. Superintendent Capellan asked the board to review and provide any thoughts or questions to prepare for the next meeting.

IX) School Based Team Nominations – The board approved a list of community organizations that can serve as members of the newly created School Based Teams.

The following organizations were approved:

Upward Bound
Hispanic Federation

PEP at Rhode Island
College
Rhode Island College

Progreso Latino
Children's Friend
Family Service of RI

City of Central Falls	College Crusade	Rhode Island State Council on the Arts
Books are Wings	Youth Restoration Project	CYC
Blackstone Community Health Center	Young Voices	University of Rhode Island
Project GOAL	Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center	Mujeres Positivas
CF Alumni Association	SER Jobs	

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Figueroa with the caveat that board reserved the right to add to this list at future meeting. All in favor. Approved.

X) Public Comments

None

XI) Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the Central Falls School District was being honored as an “Angel in Adoption” with an award presented in Washington, DC by Senator Reed.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the Master Plan was going to begin with a contract from RIDE to review the needs of all district buildings.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that a Safety Assessment of all school buildings had been conducted with a team from the School District, the Central Falls Police Department and the Police Foundation.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that he will add the athletic fields to the next meeting agenda.

XII) Board Comments

Chairwoman Cano-Morales asked if the district was engaged in job training programs and recommended that we seek opportunities to provide job training to our students and parents.

XIII. Next Scheduled Meeting October 24, 2018

XIV. Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Figueroa.

The board adjourned at 6:18 p.m.