NEW ENGLAND LABORERS'/CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONSTRUCTION & CAREER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 15, 2019
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'/Cranston Public Schools Construction & Career Academy was held on the above date in the conference room with the following members present: Chairperson Traficante, Mr. Cardi, Mr. Sabitoni, Mr. Santangelo, Mrs. Nota-Masse, Mrs. McFarland, and Ms. Gale.

It is noted that Mr. Wall, and Dr. Leone were absent with cause.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10. It was moved by Mr. Santangelo; seconded by Mrs. Nota-Masse to convene to Public Session RI State Laws. The roll was called and a quorum was present: Chairperson Traficante-Yes, Mr. Cardi-Yes, Mr. Sabitoni-Yes, Mr. Santangelo, and Mrs. Nota-Masse-Yes, Mrs. McFarland-Yes, and Mrs. Gale-Yes.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting by Mr. Santangelo; seconded by Mr. Sabitoni. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications – None

Chairperson's Communications - None

Board Members Communications- None

Executive Director's Communications -
Upcoming change in ownership of school building to Tasca (Automotive Group), expected closing end of month, January 28. Details of lease and other property concerns have yet to be proposed. Will contact attorneys once we receive further communication.

Student Performance (See Handout A on file with the NEL/CPS C & CA for additional info)
- Mr. Traficante, Mrs. Nota-Masse, Mr. Curran, and Ms. Ferris attended a meeting regarding RIDE's new system of accountability. ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) replaced by No Child Left Behind is a new federal law for states to measure academic standards, accountability, school improvement, and support for teachers and students with some available federal funding. Ms. Ferris explained that categories such as proficiency in English, Math, ELL, attendance, and graduation rate are scored 1-5 stars.

NEL/CPS overall scored 1 star, with a designation of "Comprehensive Support and Improvement" (CSI). Discussion was had regarding the Board serving as the Community Advisory Board (CAB), a requirement of the School Improvement process. Staff action plans, test taking strategies, schedules, and additional academic supports are already being implemented and /or considered. A Needs Assessment or Root Cause Analysis and the School Improvement Plan are all due by May 15, 2019.

Staffing Update
- Search for certified and qualified Spanish teacher continues, one candidate was accepted but later declined, interviews will continue.

Enrollment - None

Budget (See Handout B on file with the NEL/CPS C & CA for additional information)
Ms. Corcelli provided the budget report:
- Revenue – received all QTR2 tuitions, to date City Aid 49% of budget, Out of District 32%. QTR3 effective January 1 based on 89 Cranston and 77 Out of District students
- Expenditures – in good standing and being monitored, comparisons of present year to past year in purchase services and capital discussed

Charter renewal process
- Mrs. Ferris reported on the ongoing meetings with RIDE and discussed the role of the Board during the site visit.

A motion was made to approve the Executive Director's Report by Mr. Sabitoni; seconded by Mr. Santangelo. The roll call 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 – None
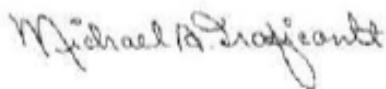Action Calendar/Action Agenda – None
Public Hearings on Non-Agenda Items - None
Announcement of Future Meetings – February 26, 2019

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Traficante, Chairperson