

**Work Session Meeting
November 2, 2020**

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:01 p.m. School Board President Michael Marasco called the November 2, 2020, Caesar Rodney School District Work Session Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to President Marasco were Vice President, Ms. Jessica Marelli, Board Members Mr. Dave Failing, Dr. Joyce Denman, and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald. Mr. P. Scott Wilson was not present.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Marelli made a motion to adopt the November 2, 2020 agenda as presented. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and after roll call, the motion carried 4-0 with one absent. (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, and Denman).

Update on School Re-Opening

Dr. Fitzgerald asked the principals about their transition to the 4th & 5th-grade students returning to the buildings.

Mrs. Julie Lavender stated it was incredibly smooth at Allen Frear as it was for grades 1-3. Teachers are also happy to see students. Dr. Fitzgerald asked about parent drop off and pick up. Mrs. Katie Fitzgerald shared they didn't know initially how bus pick up was going to be at Star Hill. As soon as buses depart, they begin their parent pick up. It is currently running smoothly. There are definitely more parent pick-ups this year. Dr. Denman asked about line up for parents. Mrs. Fitzgerald stated they stagger along the road until there is space to move in. Mrs. Brook Castillo stated that McIlvaine Early Childhood Center certainly jams up the small town area due to the traffic light. We have done everything we can. The back-up comes with the stoplight and DelDOT along with the DE State Police won't allow us to direct traffic ourselves. Mrs. Darisa Everett stated parent pick up is done first at Nellie Hughes Stokes and then the busses. Mr. Jason Payne stated Welch's parents have been very good about not sending students early. Dismissal is also running great. Social distancing is also taking place outside.

Dr. Fitzgerald asked about the social distancing in the classroom, etc. Mrs. Jennifer Martin stated the dots at W.B. Simpson are very helpful. The only back-up happens during parent pick-up but students know they need to find a dot.

Dr. Fitzgerald then asked for a transportation update.

Dr. Jason Bonner, Transportation Supervisor, stated some busses are nearing capacity. Overall, things are going well. Most students are compliant with the mask rule and things are currently uneventful. Dr. Fitzgerald asked about the air circulation. Dr. Bonner stated they can crack the window per Delaware Public Health (DPH) guidelines. Dr. Bonner continued to share that 60-70 athletes a day are transported for sports. Most of this is in the Magnolia area.

Mr. Paul Rodgers stated breakfasts and lunches are going quite smoothly. They are working with principals. They are now planning for the middle school for next week and things look great. They are recording those students with allergies, etc. This is being carefully monitored. Dr. Fitzgerald asked about making the job easier for our workers. Mr. Rodgers stated there's nothing to do right now, but having free meals available is great for our families. Although this is free for the remainder of the year, parents still must complete their meal benefit forms for future funding.

Dr. Fitzgerald asked about cleaning. Dr. Susan Frampton stated cleaning is going well at W. Reily Brown. The custodians are keeping things very tidy. There were no concerns at the other schools regarding cleaning. Dr. Tina Sander-Loftus stated John S. Charlton School is looking at a four-day week. They have sent home letters to see how many are interested. They have done some trial runs. Protocols for mask-wearing are in

place. Sign-in sheets are also in place for cleaning, etc. Mr. Ken Starke, Facilities Management Supervisor, stated PPE supplies are going well. There are no issues or concerns at this time.

Dr. Sherry Kijowski shared DPH has the option to inspect our home football games. Caesar Rodney High School passed with flying colors as we were inspected this past Friday night. Everyone was doing their part. Daily practices are also going well. Protocols are in place and guidelines are being followed. Agriculture and business students are also coming in. Several clubs are meeting virtually. The daily bulletin has information on their individual activities. While we are being distanced we can still be social. Dr. Kristina Failing shared the F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School Student Council created a virtual spirit week. School links are available for students. This is being monitored for safety. Dr. Fitzgerald reminded the principals that extra duty positions have been approved and these programs can continue in their buildings either in person or virtually.

Mrs. Nicole Jones, Dover Air Base Middle School, stated the schedule change started today and she doesn't anticipate any problems or concerns. Mrs. Kim Corbeil shared Fred Fifer III Middle School students and teachers are getting used to the schedule. They are getting used to this now in preparation for returning next week. She shared they have no lunch duty now, but students can eat lunch with staff via ZOOM. Dr. Kristina Failing stated they are also using a Schoology course at Postlethwait. Students are helping each other with the adjusted schedule. Dr. Jason Bonner stated we are on task for the middle school transportation next week.

President Marasco stated they are doing a great job and he is hearing mostly positive feedback. Ms. Marelli also has received positive feedback. Dr. Denman asked what is our normal percentage of families receiving free or reduced meals. Mr. Rodgers shared that normally we have approximately 40% of our families receiving those benefits.

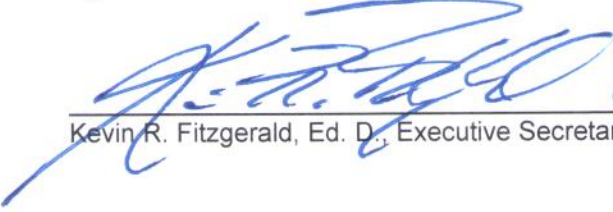
President Marasco thanked everyone for participating this evening.

Executive Session

At 6:29 p.m. Ms. Marelli made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which is to discuss personnel matters and real estate acquisition as afforded by 29 Del. C. Section 10004(b)(2) and the meeting to be adjourned without returning to the general session. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with one absent. (Marelli, Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Adjournment

At 7:32 p.m. Mr. Marasco adjourned the meeting.


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 12/14/2020 Date