

**Work Session Meeting
November 16, 2020**

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:02 p.m. School Board President Michael Marasco called the November 16, 2020, Caesar Rodney School District Work Session Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to President Marasco were, Board Members Mr. Dave Failing, and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald. Vice President, Ms. Jessica Marelli, Dr. Joyce Denman, and Mr. P. Scott Wilson were not present. There was no quorum established.

Update on School Re-Opening

President Marasco asked Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Caesar Rodney High School Principal, to give an update on today's first day back for high school students. Dr. Kijowski shared it was nice to have teenagers back in the building. She continued to state today was for Cohort "C" students. Students followed all safety procedures and did great. The administrative team made rounds and checked in on the individual teachers. Seating charts were made for classes. Some teachers did presentations on the safety procedures. President Marasco asked about the hallways and traffic flow. Dr. Kijowski stated they are treating it like drivers education with everyone staying to the right. Additional passing time to get to class was allowed. The building was open to new students which were mostly freshman last week. The other cohorts are around 400-420 students. Transportation was also discussed. Busing went smoothly. They experienced more parent pick up and drop off than normal.

Mr. Failing asked about busing for the activity groups. Dr. Kijowski stated Hilton buses were re-routed. Phone calls were made home to find out who needed transportation. Mr. Failing thanked everyone for making this run smoothly.

Dr. Fitzgerald shared he stopped by the high school and was pleased with what he saw today. He also spoke to students and staff and they were excited to be back.

President Marasco asked about middle schools and how they are doing now. There were no concerns at this time. President Marasco stated we will continue to find solutions to our many challenges.

Dr. Kijowski reminded the Board about the winter show coming up for the arts and shared ticket information. Dr. Fitzgerald asked Dr. Kijowski about the band exhibition show. Department of Public Health has approved for us to have this event on Saturday afternoon. Each band member will receive tickets.

Mr. Failing stated he was happy about how we have handled the most recent positive cases reported and everyone has done a great job with that. He thanked everyone for attending Monday night work sessions. He shared we are here to support one another.

Mr. Failing asked about the communication and connectivity with technology. Dr. Kijowski stated connectivity issues are mostly in the remote geographical areas. We have handed out hot spots and we have noticed multiple hot spots may be needed for some families. Teachers have been very supportive in letting us know who needs assistance. Mrs. Tara Faircloth, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, stated we are currently waiting for 800 hot spots to be delivered. Then we can issue those to the students who need them. Surge protectors were also given to teachers. Reminders on charging Chromebooks and installing updates have been sent to parents. Mr. Failing stated we made a smart move with how we decided to come back with students starting at the elementary level and moving on.

Mrs. Kim Corbeil, stated the teachers at Fred Fifer Middle School are doing an amazing job right now. They are going through so many new things and challenges. President Marasco shared he is impressed with how teachers have adapted.

Dr. Fitzgerald amended the roll call. Dr. Joyce Denman was now present.

Dr. Kijowski stated using Securely is helping to make sure students are on point and that has been well received. She thanked Mrs. Faircloth for purchasing the licenses for all teachers.

Adoption of Agenda

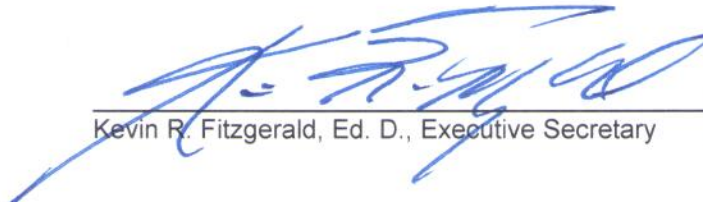
Mr. Failing made a motion to adopt the November 16, 2020 agenda as presented. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and after roll call, the motion carried 3-0 with two absent (Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Executive Session

At 6:28 p.m. Mr. Failing made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which is to discuss personnel matters and real estate updates and the meeting to be adjourned without returning to the general session. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0 with two absent. (Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Adjournment

At 7:34 p.m. Mr. Marasco adjourned the meeting.


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 12/17/2020 Date

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