

Special Meeting July 25, 2013

Opening

Call to Order

At 12:03 p.m. Ms. Kathy Haynes called the July 25, 2013 Caesar Rodney School Board Special Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Ms. Haynes were Mrs. Precourt, Mr. Bush, Mrs. Heavner, Mr. Wilson and Executive Secretary Dr. Fitzgerald.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Bush made a motion to adopt the July 25, 2013 agenda and addendum as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Bush, Heavner, Haynes, Precourt and Wilson).

Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

Presentations

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald reminded the Board that the start of school was one month away. He also announced opening of school activities, which included:

- August 19th will be the first day of new teachers starting with an 8:15 a.m. welcome and a luncheon where Board members are invited to attend, and
- The District-wide "Welcome Back" breakfast will be held on August 23rd.

School Board

No communications.

Executive Session

At 12:05 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Bush, Precourt, Haynes, Heavner and Wilson).

At 12:48 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Bush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Wilson, Bush, Haynes, Heavner and Precourt).

Personnel Matters

Appointment of a Principal at F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School

Mr. Bush made a motion to appoint Derek Prillaman to the position of Principal at F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School for a one-year contract with a start date of July 29, 2013. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Bush, Heavner, Haynes, Precourt and Wilson).

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Stephanie Seabury	FMS	English	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Wendy Witherell	WRB	School Nurse	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Kimberly Popp	NHS	School Nurse	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Kathleen Nicholson	DO	Speech Pathologist	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Ken Begor	FMS	ML Math Support	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Colby Mross	CRH	Math	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Kristen Bury	NHS	Grade 3	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Teresa Redden	CRH	Biology	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
William Peppard	CRH	Physics	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Zachary Temple	FMS	Social Studies	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Trish Cluff	PMS	English	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Stephanie Cava	PMS	English	Transfer from SH Grade 5 effective 8/22/2013.
Angela Cairns	WBT	Special Education	Resignation effective 6/30/2013.
Jason Bonner	WBS	Grade 5	Resignation effective 6/30/2013.
Kim Goetz	CRH	Biology	Resignation effective 6/30/2013.
Nora Tuke	CRH	English	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Mandi Christensen	WBS	Grade 5	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Melissa Washkau	WBS	Grade 2	Appointment effective 8/22/2013.
Nicholas O'Brien	CRH	Spanish	Declined appointment effective 7/22/2013.

2. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements

Name	School	Position	Action
Amanda Walls	WEL	Custodian	Appointment effective 7/8/2013.
Eric Parker	STO	Custodian/Fireman	Resignation effective 7/19/2013.
Roy Caldwell	ABM	Custodian	Resignation effective 7/19/2013.

3. Leaves of Absence

Name	School	Position	Action
Brooke Dobbins	FMS	ML ELA	LWOP for SY2013-14.

4. Administrator Appointments/Resignations/Retirements

Name	School	Position	Action
Kevin Long	CRH	Assistant Principal	Appointment effective 7/22/2013.
Julie Walls	FRE	Assistant Principal	Appointment effective 7/10/2013.

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve Personnel Matter A.1 through A.4 as presented on the agenda and the addendum. Mr. Bush seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Bush, Haynes, Precourt and Wilson).

Policy Matters

Selection of Key Priorities for 2013-14

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve Key Priorities for 2013-14 with the appropriate amendments as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Bush, Heavner, Haynes, Precourt and Wilson). Mrs. Heavner submitted 19 questions regarding her concerns with the common core which are included as an attachment.

Adjournment

At 1:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Heavner to adjourn. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Wilson, Haynes, Precourt and Bush).



Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D.
Executive Secretary

1. What is the P-20 Council?
2. What type of data is being collected on our families and students?
3. Who is this information available to?
4. Smarter Balanced does not allow the schools that had pilot testing to see the results. Why?
5. Is there a list of organizations that have a direct influence over Common Core?
6. Will parents be able to FOIA Smarter Balanced or any agency involved with Common Core for?
7. Do you believe that most parents and teachers have a good understanding of what Common Core is and how it is going to affect their child's education?
8. "In Bloom", according to the corporate language on their website, it is "is a non-profit provider of technology services that allow states and public school district to better integrate student data and third-party applications to support sustainable, cost effective personalized learning." This organization gets philanthropic dollars from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Delaware has been slated to have pilot programs this year. The privacy and security section of InBlooms website states, "InBloom, Inc. cannot guarantee the security of the information stored in InBloom or that the information will not be intercepted when it is being transmitted."
9. Are children/parent social security numbers being provided to these organizations?
10. It has been said that it is a myth that Common Core is a national standard. It is being supported with federal RTTT dollars. If federal dollars are funding the implementation of Common Core how is it not a national curriculum?
11. What is an MOU and why was it used in the place of having our Legislature/local districts vote on the adoption of Common Core?
12. Do we relinquish Delaware's sovereignty and the sovereignty of the United States government when we adapt our standards to the United Nations and other Countries? What are the education standards in the countries you are comparing us to? Do they educate the entire population?
13. Who developed the DCAS testing and who is developing the Smarter Balanced Testing?
14. Do parents understand that the National Governors Board and other organizations that are involved with this process are not government agencies but private or non-profit organizations?
15. What is E-School? Specifically what student/family information do they collect from our local districts? Who do they share this information with?
16. Are parents aware that regulations are in place that could allow other agencies to share a student's personal information with practically any government agency or even private company, as long as the disclosure could be said to support evaluation of an "education program". In other words, the CDC could end up with your daughter's health record or the Department of Labor could end up with your son's test scores. In other words, interstate and intergovernmental may have access to your child's personal information

and this disclosure may be practically unlimited and can be done without your permission and as long as they use the right language to justify the disclosure.

17. Has the majority of the RTTT \$\$ in Delaware been used to set up data tracking systems?
18. RTTT dollars and the requirements of this program have increased the amount state and local governments are paying and will be paying in the future for education without a referendum, without a vote from the citizens. Leaving local districts to incur costs were created by RTTT funding but that will cease to be funded in the future, when the costs to continue implementation will be exorbitant.
19. The implementation of Common Core and the sustainment of Common Core should be challenged regarding specifically 20 USC subsection 1232a, 20 USC subsection 3403(b), and 20 USC 7907(a)