

**Regular Meeting
January 23, 2018**

Opening

Call to Order

At 7:03 p.m. School Board President Jessica Marelli called the January 23, 2018 Caesar Rodney School District regular meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mrs. Marelli were Mr. William G. Bush IV, Mr. Dave Failing, Mr. Michael Marasco, Base Liaison Lt. Col. Marshall Preston and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald. Mr. P. Scott Wilson was present after the roll call was given.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Bush made a motion to adopt the January 23, 2018 agenda and addendum as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the December 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Public Comments

Diane Eastburn addressed the Board regarding the October 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting where she made public comment. She stated she was disappointed in the conduct of the Board members during that meeting. She gave an update regarding the matter she brought to the Board's attention in October. Dr. Fitzgerald stopped Mrs. Eastburn after the three minute time limit expired.

Dave Buckson addressed the Board regarding the referendum, the plan for the athletic fields, games, and impact on the athletes. He also asked the Board to make the best decision and consider all options regarding the plan for next year and the growth in five years. He asked for more communication from the Board on the plan, what is the plan for facilities and lastly, what is the state of affairs with the referendum. Dr. Fitzgerald stopped Mr. Buckson after the three minute time limit expired.

John Wagenhoffer addressed the Board regarding the underclassman athletes and what is the plan for next year. These athletes are concerned about their future facilities.

Presentation

Recognitions

Caesar Rodney High School- ROTC was recognized for receiving an "Exceeds Expectations" inspection grade.

Abrielle Emory was recognized for being selected to play at the U. S. Army All-American Bowl in the marching band and being selected as "Best Section Member" for the piccolo section.

Hilton Bus Company, Inc.- Deborah and Chris Herrman were recognized for their decades of service to the families of Caesar Rodney School District.

Quinn Phillips, student at W.B. Simpson Elementary School, was presented with the Spirit of Caesar Rodney Award for his community service to Toys for Tots.

Lindsay Scott, nurse at Allen Frear Elementary School, was presented with the Spirit of Caesar Rodney Award for timely and selfless actions during an emergency at the school on November 20, 2017.

Chad Holloway, Caesar Rodney School District Visiting Teacher, was presented with the Spirit of Caesar Rodney Award for timely and selfless actions during an emergency at Allen Frear Elementary School on November 20, 2017.

Caesar Rodney High School- Advanced Placement Scholars were presented with recognitions from the Board.

At 7:32 p.m. President Marelli recessed the meeting. At 7:40 p.m. President Marelli resumed the meeting.

Presentation

Dr. Sherry Kijowski, Principal of Caesar Rodney High School, introduced Mrs. Angela Way and students from the Del One Bank Program. After a brief presentation, the Board was invited to see the bank in action located in the school cafeteria.

At 7:51 p.m. President Marelli recessed the meeting. At 8:04 p.m. President Marelli resumed the meeting.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board:

1. Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated all of the reward recipients and the AP scholars who were recognized.
2. Dr. Fitzgerald stated our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Linda Gehling and Joanna Simms. Both are former teachers at CRHS who recently passed away.
3. Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated Allen Frear Elementary School for being a distinguished Title I School and W. Reily Brown Elementary School for being a Delaware Recognition School for a second year.
4. Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated the VOX 1 students for their rendition of John Lennon's "Imagine" at the Martin Luther King Breakfast last Monday. They received a standing ovation.
5. Dr. Fitzgerald invited the Board to attend the T3 in-service which is scheduled for Friday, 1/26.
6. Dr. Fitzgerald shared some concerns over legislation:
 - School safety/new construction- renovation
 - Maturity leave
 - Term of school board members
7. Dr. Fitzgerald stated while Governor Carney included education in his state of the state address, his message was basically that any money would be tied to specific areas.
8. Dr. Fitzgerald shared that the ACLU and NAACP have filed a lawsuit against the state regarding inappropriate levels of funding for poverty, special education and ELL. While he applauds their concern, the unit count is the bedrock of our educational system. If additional funding is not available from the state, more will be placed on local property taxes.
9. Dr. Fitzgerald gave an update on the Consolidation Task Force. They met last night and there is nothing new to report at this time.
10. Dr. Fitzgerald shared the Department of Education is reviewing regulation 225. The Chief School Organization supports legislative action to address certain issues in the regulation.
11. Dr. Fitzgerald stated he knows all of our Eagles fans are excited about Super Bowl 52. He wished Duron Harmon one of the New England Patriots Co-Captains the best of luck as he goes for his third Super Bowl ring!
12. Dr. Fitzgerald wished Mr. Bush a happy early birthday!

School Board

President Marelli thanked the Caesar Rodney High School Culinary and Agriculture students on the wonderful farm to table dinner this evening.

Mr. Bush congratulated the VOX 1 group who performed at the Martin Luther King Breakfast on an outstanding performance.

Mr. Bush made a motion to amend the addendum to make action item "Revocation of Bus Contract #16171" to be action item number VII additionally, action item "Personnel Matters" will now become VI- A, and "Routine Business" will become VI- B. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Administrative Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Michele Waite	FMS	Assistant Principal	Temporary appointment effective 1/02/2018.

2. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Marcia Dowell	CRHS	Special Education Case Manager	Transfer effective 1/02/2018.
Bernadette Burcat	NHS	ESL Teacher	Retirement effective 2/01/2018.
Yong Zhang	WBS	Chinese Immersion	Temporary appointment effective 1/02/2018-6/30/2018.
Robert Easton	CRHS	Business Education	Temporary appointment effective 1/02/2018-6/30/2018.
Gloria Alvarado Colon	WRB	Spanish Immersion	Temporary appointment effective 1/02/2018-6/30/2018.
Ashley Adlam Hernandez	JSC	Program Coordinator	Temporary appointment effective 1/16/2018-6/30/2018.
Kristen Zeman	CRHS	Technology Education	Temporary appointment effective 1/22/2018-6/30/2018.
Taysa Wilson Moore	CRHS	Technology Education	REVISED: Resignation effective 1/20/2018.
Faith Moore	SHE	Elementary	Resignation effective 1/27/2018.
Rochelle Mason	JSC/ILC	Social Worker	Retirement effective end of SY 2017-2018.
Employee #20171202			Termination: Transition to *LTD effective 12/2/2017

*LTD= Long Term Disability

3. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Jenna Stamas	MCI	Paraprofessional	Temporary appointment effective 1/02/2018.
Joyce Gomolski	PMS	Paraprofessional	Retirement effective end of 2017-18 SY.
Jakim Cohen	FNP	Paraprofessional	Temporary assignment effective 1/22/2018-6/30/2018.

Michelle Tracy	FNP	Paraprofessional	Resignation effective 1/20/2018.
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4. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Denise Ryan	JSC	Secretary	Appointment effective 1/03/2018.
Andralea Lykens-Webb	MCI	Clerk	Resignation effective 2/3/2018.

5. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
James McBride	CRHS	2 nd Shift Custodian	Appointment effective 1/02/2018.

6. Child Nutrition Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Susan Tompkins	CRHS	4hr General Worker	Resignation effective 1/02/2018.

7. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Activity	Position	Action
Kimberly Statham	CRHS	Service Organizations	Academic Bowl Co-Sponsor	Recommendation for SY 2017-2018.

8. CREA Travel Requests

Name	School	Position	Action
Michael Kenny	WBS	Teacher	To attend National Art Educator Association Conference, Seattle, WA 3/20/2018-3/24/2018.
Alexander Carter	JSC	Teacher	To attend Inside Baseball Coaches Clinic, Cherry Hill, NJ 1/11/2018-1/13/2018.
Sabra Collins	CRHS	Teacher	To attend National PE Teacher of the Year Competition, Nashville, TN 3/20/2018-3/24/2018.

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve Personnel Matters A. 1- A. 8 as presented on the agenda and addendum. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Routine Business

Student Travel

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
Adv. Art & Adv. French Classes- Philadelphia Museum of Art/Rodin Museum	Thursday, May 24, 2018	Philadelphia, PA
Cheerleading- National Competition	Wednesday, March 7, 2018- Monday, March 12, 2018	Orlando, FL
Latin Club & Classes- New York City	Wednesday, February 28, 2018	New York City, NY

Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School

Event	Date	Location
5th Grade - Field Trip	Tuesday, May 29, 2018	Washington, D.C

W. B. Simson Elementary School

Event	Date	Location
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Mr. Bush made a motion to approve Student Travel as presented on the agenda. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Routine Business

Gifts to Schools

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve Gifts to Schools as presented on the agenda and addendum. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Policy Matters

2017-18 School Choice Recommendations

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve 2017-18 School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

2018-19 School Calendar

Mrs. Tamara Toles-Torain, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, explained the calendar committee's recommendation for the 2018-2019 school calendar. There was discussion regarding the in-service day in February, the Tech T3 Expo, and weather inclement days.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve 2018-19 School Calendar with the amendment to move February 25th In-Service Day to February 4th. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

CR Hall of Fame

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the CR Hall of Fame as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Fiscal Matters

Budget/Fiscal Reports

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance/Support Services, explained the Budget/Fiscal Reports.

Mr. Bush made a motion to accept the Budget/Fiscal reports as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2017

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance/Support Services, explained the Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2017.

Mr. Bush made a motion to accept the Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2017 as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Facilities Matters

Tetra Tech construction documents for Fifer and Postlethwait Middle Schools, Stokes and Star Hill Elementary Schools

Supervisor of Facilities Management, Mr. Ken Starke, introduced Tetra Tech who presented the proposed construction plans to the Board. Mr. Starke explained the bidding and funding process as the district proceeds with these projects. Discussion took place regarding timing of the projects.

Mr. Starke continued and introduced Studio JAED who presented the construction plan for John S. Charlton School and Caesar Rodney High School. The location for the construction road for the high school was shown and will be temporary.

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the Tetra Tech construction documents for Fifer and Postlethwait Middle Schools, Stokes and Star Hill Elementary Schools as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Change Order: Fred Fifer III Middle School

Mr. Starke explained the change order to the Board.

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the Fred Fifer III Middle School Change Order # 003 from D.A. Nolt for credit for time and material incurred by CRSD, its consultants and vendors as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Change Order: Caesar Rodney High School

Mr. Starke explained the change order to the Board.

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the Caesar Rodney High School Change Order #002 from D.A. Nolt, Inc. for labor and material for ATAS Seam Plate Cleat and Cover and #003 for labor and material additional costs for Bulletin #3 as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Construction documents for John S. Charlton School and Caesar Rodney High School- Studio JAED

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the construction documents for John S. Charlton School and Caesar Rodney High School by Studio JAED as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Discussion Items

Directors' Reports

Directors' reports, which include their Supervisors' reports, were included for the Board's review. Mr. Marasco is looking forward to the Tech T3 Expo.

Executive Session

At 9:18 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to discuss revocation of bus contract #16171. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Action Items

Revocation of bus contract #16171

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the revocation of bus contract #16171. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Adjournment

At 9:32 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary

 2/24/18
Date

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