

**Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2016**

**Opening**

Call to Order

At 6:09 p.m. School Board President Mr. William G. Bush IV called the November 15, 2016 Caesar Rodney School District regular meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mr. Bush were Mrs. Cheryl Precourt, Mr. P. Scott Wilson, Mr. Michael Marasco, Base Liaison Lt. Col. Preston Marshall and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald. Absent: Jessica Marelli.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adopt the November 15, 2016 agenda and addendum as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

**Executive Session**

At 6:10 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to conduct interviews for the Assistant Principal position at the Intensive Learning Center. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

At 7:29 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

Mr. Wilson made a motion to amend the agenda to move **III. Personnel Matters** after **V. Presentation**. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**Presentations**

Presentation

W. B. Simpson Elementary School

Principal, Mr. Mike Kijowski, gave a presentation on parent conferences being held at W. B. Simpson Elementary School. These conferences engage community and parents while opening communication for all. Mrs. Jen Martin, Assistant Principal, with the assistance of the Division of Instruction, received a Department of Education grant for \$10,000 to implement student led conferences over the next two years. The focus of the conferences will be on the student's work samples and would include all students regardless of academic level. Mr. Kijowski then introduced two examples of the "enhanced" conferences. He concluded with a discussion session and provided a timeline for implementation.

## Recognition

### School Psychology Awareness Week

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education presented a certificate recognizing the week of November 13-19, 2016 as School Psychology Awareness Week. Our school district is a special place for our students because of the countless hours school psychologists spend supporting students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach. They apply expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally and emotionally. The School Board extended its sincere gratitude and appreciation.

## Communications

### Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board of Education:

- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked the W.B. Simpson Elementary School students who participated in the presentation for this meeting.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked our school psychologists for the great job they do in working with our children.
- Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated all of our elected officials. We look forward to working with them in the best interest of the school district.
- Dr. Fitzgerald thanked Mrs. Toles-Torain, her staff of volunteers, our administrative team, teachers, paras, custodians and cafeteria managers for making November 5<sup>th</sup> another great day to be a Rider. Governor Elect Carney thought our Rider Pride Day was better than any other school district day, but since it was before the election he didn't want to be quoted.
- On November 16, Rep Yearick will be presenting a tribute to the two students we recognized last month in the ROTC room at 1:30 p.m.
- Also on November 16, the Cross Country banquet will take place from 6-8 p.m. at CRHS.
- Dr. Fitzgerald was happy to report that the school district has once again met the class size mandate. Caesar Rodney is the only district in the state to repeatedly meet the mandate.
- Dr. Fitzgerald alerted the board that the chief school officers organization is meeting with DOE and OMB to look at Governor Markell's projected budget. With numbers in the state not looking good, some possible cuts may include a 10% reduction in transportation and a possible 10% reduction in ed sustainment.
- Report cards go home tomorrow. Tomorrow is also Turkey and Math Potatoes at Stokes!
- The play "It's a Wonderful Life" will be performed at the high school Thursday – Saturday at 7pm.
- On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the state police will hold a forum for our parents called "Social Media and Your Child" in the high school auditorium at 6 p.m.
- On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Del Dot will host a parent night for Student Search – this involves our Charlton students and was one of our initiatives.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> will be our Holiday luncheon held at the high school.
- Bill Meyers' memorial will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Wyoming Methodist Church.
- Dr. Fitzgerald communicated with Dave Robinson.

## **Action Items**

### Personnel Matters

Mr. Wilson made a motion to appoint Dustin Weller as Assistant Principal at the Kent Intensive Learning Center effective 11/21/2016. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

#### 1. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Nicole Harper	DW	Nurse	Temporary appointment effective 11/14/2016.
Meggan Burawski	WBS	School Nurse	Temporary appointment effective 11/1/2016.



Alicia Scala	AFE	Library Media Specialist	Temporary appointment effective 10/3/2016.
Jennifer Lyles	CRH	Exceptional Child	Temporary appointment effective 10/31/2016.
Lauren Mease	AFE	Family Support Interventionist	Temporary appointment effective 11/14/2016.
Beth Ohline	MCI	Family Support Interventionist	Temporary appointment effective 11/14/2016.

2. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Jasmine Rivera	WRB	Paraprofessional	Temporary appointment effective 10/31/2016.
Gregory Curran	WBS	Paraprofessional	Temporary appointment effective 11/7/2016.

3. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Teresa Price	DO	Administrative Secretary	Appointment effective 11/7/2016.

4. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Henry LaSalle	MCI	Chief Custodian	Appointment effective 10/10/2016.
William Edwards	SHE	Chief Custodian	Appointment effective 10/11/2016.
Pearl Guy	MCI	Custodian	Appointment effective 10/31/2016.

5. Child Nutrition Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Jennifer Loveless	SHE	3 hr. General Worker	Appointment effective 10/31/2016.

6. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Activity	Position	Action
Steve Tipping	CRH	Music	Marching Band Specialist	Recommendation for Fall SY2016-17.
Christine Gaydos	CRH	Music	Marching Band Specialist	Recommendation for Fall SY2016-17.
George Cannon	CRH	Music	Marching Band Specialist	Recommendation for Fall SY2016-17.
Dean Johnson	CRH	Wrestling	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
Robert Daddio	CRH	Winter Weight Program	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
Gerald Curd	CRH	Winter Weight Program	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
Robert Mason	CRH	Winter Weight Program	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
James Harvey	CRH	Basketball-Boys	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
Elizabeth Boaman	CRH	Basketball-Girls	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
John Moore, Jr.	CRH	Basketball-Boys	Volunteer Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.
Samir Gibrial	CRH	Winter Track	Asst Co-Coach	Recommendation for SY2016-17.
Theresa Charney	CRH	Winter Track	Asst Co-Coach	Recommendation for SY2016-17.
Paulette Stevens	STO	Service Organizations	Student Council Co-Advisor	Recommendation for SY2016-17.
Karen	FNP	Basketball-Girls	Asst Coach	Recommendation for Winter SY2016-17.

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Nicole DeWitt	FNP	Cheerleading	Head Coach	Recommendation for SY2016-17.
Tina Edwards	FNP	Cheerleading	Asst Coach	Recommendation for SY2016-17.
Mark Hill	FNP	Basketball-Boys	Asst Coach	Recommendation for SY2016-17.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve Personnel Matters A.1 through A.6 as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

#### Routine Business

#### Student Travel

##### **W. B. Simpson Elementary Students**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Herr's Factory Tour 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Field Trip	Tuesday, December 13, 2016	Nottingham, PA

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve Student Travel as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

#### Gifts to Schools

- Major George S. Welch Elementary School received a donation of 420 bags of chips from Herr Foods, Inc. for their MRE (Math/Reading/Eating) nights.
- Major George S. Welch Elementary School received a donation of miscellaneous items from Fifer Orchards country store.
- W. Reily Brown Elementary School received a donation of \$2,000 from the United Way of Delaware for their FIT Committee to help defray costs of the MVOL Family Engagement Night.
- Caesar Rodney School District received a donation of 15 coats from Wyoming United Methodist Church for McKinney-Vento students.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve Gifts to Schools as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

#### Policy Matters

##### 2016-17 School Choice Recommendations

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Student Use of Electronic Communications Equipment Proposed Revision Policy JICJ

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Student Use of Electronic Communications Equipment Proposed Revision Policy JICJ as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

##### 2017-2018 School Choice

Mr. Wilson made a motion to close all schools at 85% capacity to school choice. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

##### Child Nutrition Adult Meal Price Increase

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the Child Nutrition Adult Meal Price increase for breakfast from \$2.25 to \$2.50. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).



## Fiscal Matters

### Budget/Fiscal Reports

Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the Budget/Fiscal Reports as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

## **Discussion Items**

### Directors' Reports

Directors' reports, which include their Supervisors' reports, were included for the Board's review.

## **Executive Session**

At 8:18 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to discuss possible land transactions. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

## **Adjournment**

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Marasco).

  
Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary      12/20/16  
Date

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