

Star Hill Elementary School
June 20, 2017
Administrative Items

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:07 p.m. Vice President Jessica Marelli called the June 20, 2017 Caesar Rodney School District regular meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Vice-President Jessica Marelli were Mr. P. Scott Wilson, Mr. Michael Marasco, Base Liaison Lt. Col. Arnold Mosley and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald with Mrs. Cheryl Precourt and President Mr. William G. Bush IV arriving late.

Adoption of Agenda

With recommendation from Dr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Marasco made a motion to move Sarah Tunstill's recognition before the Executive Session and adopt the remaining June 20, 2017 agenda as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 3-0 (Marelli, Wilson and Marasco).

Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the May 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 3-0 (Marelli, Wilson and Marasco).

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Presentations

Recognitions

Sarah Tunstill was recognized for working fifty years in education. She has sixteen years with the Caesar Rodney School District.

Executive Session

At 6:12 p.m. Mrs. Precourt made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to interview for the principal of F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School and review administrative contracts renewals/non-renewals.

At 7:06 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Presentations

Recognitions

The Odyssey of the Minds teams from W.B. Simpson and CR High School were recognized for their success at the world competition.

CR High School Unified Track Team and coaches were recognized for being the 2016-2017 Delaware State Champions.

Fred Fifer III Middle School wrestlers and coaches were recognized for their undefeated season.

Paulette Brittingham-Stevens, Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School teacher, was recognized for receiving her doctorate degree from Wilmington University.

CR High School ROTC Military Drill Team and instructors were recognized for being the 2017 Delaware State Champions for the fifth consecutive year.

President Bush recessed the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Presentations

Star Hill Elementary School's presentation was excused due to technical issues. Principal, Darisa Everett, and Assistant Principal, Jean Allen, offered to send the Board their presentation electronically.

Communications

Superintendent

- Dr. Fitzgerald commended all of the award recipients. They made us very proud of them and their accomplishments.
- Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated all of our graduates. There were 499 from Caesar Rodney High School, 524 kindergarten students from McIlvaine and another 64 kindergarten students from Welch. We anticipate another 25 students completing their graduation requirements this summer and receiving their diploma's at the high school's July 19th summer commencement program.
- In regard to the budget, Dr. Fitzgerald stated we have made the necessary adjustments for the required first cuts (our portion of the 15 million dollars). We received word that the JFC has increased the cut to transportation from 15% to 20%. There has not been a determination regarding healthcare and a pass through. We are still waiting to hear where we stand in regards to the 22 million dollar cut. There is still a lot up in the air with approximately two weeks to go.
- Regarding transportation, Dr. Fitzgerald said the state has agreed to purchase nine buses for the district. This will allow us to compensate for the impact of the numerous returned bus routes the district has faced during these past two years. But with this, the district enters into new territory. We will need to hire drivers, find a place to store, refuel and repair busses. We did not seek to enter the transportation business – we were forced into it. But we are adjusting. I want to thank Mr. Bonner and Mr. Kessel for their diligence in putting us in a position to support our families.
- Dr. Fitzgerald noted a House Concurrent Resolution was filed today creating a task force to study school consolidation. His only concern is why a charter school member was placed on the task force. Unless this means the charter school will also be consolidated.
- As we reflect upon the challenges and successes of this last school year we can take pride in our graduates and accomplishments of our students and teachers. We were awarded two recognition schools, a green ribbon school, our students received over 3 million dollars in scholarships this past year and were accepted into some of the most prestigious programs and colleges around the country; our immersion programs are thriving as is our Leader in Me program which has gone from Brown to Stokes and will begin at Fifer next year. We have begun laying the foundation for inquiry-based learning in our elementary schools and have done a great deal of community outreach for our students. Once again our test scores have been at or near the top of the state.

- Dr. Fitzgerald had the pleasure of announcing the new wing of McIlvaine is near completion and will be ready to go for the next school year. 2020 seems to be the next target year for CR. We expect work to be completed on the high school, the new Air Base school will open as well as our new elementary school.
- Dr. Fitzgerald took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Precourt for her devotion and dedication to this district.
- Dr. Fitzgerald shared some important dates: July 11th at 6pm at the District Office will be our reorganization meeting and July 18th at 7pm for our regularly scheduled meeting.

School Board

President Bush recognized Cheryl Precourt and appreciated all of her work on the Board of Education. Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Marasco and Cheryl Precourt commended Caesar Rodney High School on their graduation preparations.

Action Items

Personnel Matters

Vice President Marelli made a motion to appoint Kristina Failing as the Principal of F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School effective July 1, 2017. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Vice President Marelli made a motion to approve the recommendations for Administrative Contract Renewals/Non-Renewals. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

The following Personnel Matters were presented for Board approval:

1. Administrative Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Derek Prillaman	PMS	Principal	Resignation effective 7/1/2017.

2. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Victoria Grimes	NHS	Elementary	Retirement effective end of SY 2016-17.
Kimberly McKenney	CRHS	Mathematics	Resignation effective end of SY 2016-17.
Carmen Campos Luzuriaga	MCI	Spanish Immersion	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Andres Garcia Arranz	WRB	Spanish Immersion	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
George Price, Jr.	CRHS	Mathematics	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Celia Moran	AFE	Teacher	Leave of absence effective for SY 2017-18.
Shelia Cowherd	WRB	Teacher	Resignation effective end of SY 2016-17.
Christopher Warga	SHE	Grade 5	Resignation effective end of SY 2016-17.
Maegan Proctor	CRHS	Social Studies	Resignation effective end of SY 2016-17.
Kristen Martin	JSC	School Psychologist	Resignation effective end of SY 2016-17.
Andrea Sierra	CRHS	Spanish	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Li Su	CRHS	Chinese	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Crystal Nagyiski	PMS	Science	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.

Emily Rosaio	FMS	Art	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Chris Rice	DW	Psychologist	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Megan Burawski	WBS	Nurse	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Nicole Harper	MCI/DW	Nurse	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Lisa Winter-Peterson	JSC	Nurse	Appointment effective 8/22/2017.
Erin Stock	MCI	Kindergarten	Resignation effective end of SY 2016-17.

3. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Dina Stamm	JSC	Paraprofessional	Resignation effective 10/1/2017.

4. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Dale Street	JSC	Chief Custodian	Appointment effective 5/22/2017.
Aaron Collins	AFE	1 st Shift Custodian	Transfer effective 6/12/2017.
Tyrone Shine	AFE	2 nd Shift Custodian	Appointment effective 6/5/2017.

5. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Lori Hatch	CRHS	Secretary	Appointment effective 6/5/2017.

6. CREA Travel Requests

Name	School	Position	Action
Kathleen Stephan	JSC	Teacher	To attend Project Search, Pocono Manor, PA 7/24/17-7/28/17.
Lisa Christy Betts	JSC	Teacher	To attend Project Search, Pocono Manor, PA 7/24/17-7/28/17.

Vice President Marelli 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 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Routine Business

Gifts to Schools

The following donations were presented for Board approval:

- W. Reily Brown Elementary School received a \$3,000.00 donation from Scholastic Reading Club/ The Patterson Family Foundation for their Scholastic Book Parent Involvement.
- W. Reily Brown Elementary School received a \$50.00 donation from the Dover Lioness Club for Braille books.
- W.B. Simpson Elementary School received \$50.00 from B&B Education Music Service, Inc.
- W.B. Simpson Elementary School received \$50.00 from George & Barbara Pettyjohn.
- W.B. Simpson Elementary School received \$150.00 from Michael & Sherry Kijowski.
- CR High School received \$250 in gift certificates from JC Penney Hair Salon for the SAT Prep Course.
- CR High School received \$812.50 in coupons from Chick-Fil-A for the SAT Prep Course.
- CR High School received \$50.00 in gift certificates from Texas Roadhouse for the SAT Prep Course.
- CR High School received \$50.00 in gift cards from Camden Walmart Supercenter for the SAT Prep Course.

Vice President Marelli made a motion to approve Gifts to School as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Policy Matters

1. 2017-18 School Choice Recommendations

2017-18 School Choice Recommendations were included for the Board's review and approval.

Vice President Marelli made a motion to approve School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

2. 1st Reading Homeless Students Regulations: JLG, JLG-R1, JFABD, JFABD-R

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Mrs. Tamara Toles- Torain, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, explained the Homeless Students Regulations and proposed changes.

Vice President Marelli made a motion to approve Homeless Students Regulations: JLG, JLG-R1, JFABD, JFABD-R as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Fiscal Matters

1. Budget/Fiscal Reports

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

Vice President Marelli made a motion to approve the Budget/Fiscal Reports as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Facilities Matters

Mr. Ken Starke, Supervisor of Facilities Management, explained the contracts for Fred Fifer III Middle, F. Niel Postlethwait Middle and Caesar Rodney High School. President Bush asked about our current procedures in place thinking about the recent incident at Sussex Technical High School. Mr. Starke and Mr. Kessel confirmed that CRSD is quite organized with their facilities paperwork, always following the correct procedures and there should be no concerns.

1. Contracts for Roof Inspection Services for Fifer Middle III School, F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School and Caesar Rodney High School

The following contracts are included for the Board's review and approval.

- a. Professional Roofing Services, Inc.- Fred Fifer III Middle School: \$24,000
- b. Professional Roofing Services, Inc.- F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School: \$4,000
- c. Professional Roofing Services, Inc.- Caesar Rodney High School: \$8,000

Vice President Marelli made a motion to accept the Contracts for Roof Inspection Services for Fifer Middle III School, F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School and Caesar Rodney High School as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

2. Contract for Roof Replacement for F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School

- a. Wilkinson Roofing & Siding: \$327,890.00

3. Contract for Roof Project for Fred Fifer III Middle School

- a. D.A. Nolt: \$905,763.00

4. Contract for Roof Replacement for Caesar Rodney High School Auditorium

a. CTA Roofing: \$161,000

Vice President Marelli made a motion to accept the Contracts for Roof Replacement for F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School, Roof Project for Fred Fifer III Middle School and Roof Replacement for Caesar Rodney High School Auditorium as presented.

Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

5. Peliminary Education Specification, Schematic Design for Additions and Field Layout for Caesar Rodney High School

Studio JAED presented the Peliminary Education Specification, Schematic Design for Additions and Field Layout for Caesar Rodney High School. Discussion regarding the position of fields took place. Studio JAED will continue to revise the specific details of the field layout with Board suggestions as the project moves forward. Studio JAED will need to submit these by July 3, 2017.

Vice President Marelli made a motion to accept the Peliminary Education Specification, Schematic Design for Additions and Field Layout for Caesar Rodney High School as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Discussion Items

Mr. Joseph Hartman was congratulated on becoming the new CREA President by President Bush.

A. Directors' Reports

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

Vice President Marelli commended Dr. Christine Alois, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, for the numerous grants we have received.

Presentations

Recognitions

Cheryl Precourt was recognized for her Board of Education term which concluded on June 20, 2017. Several speeches and accolades were given for Mrs. Precourt.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 8:54 p.m. Vice President Marelli made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

 2/11/17
Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary Date

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