

**Regular Meeting
January 19, 2016**

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:03 p.m. President Mr. William G. Bush, IV called the January 19, 2016 Caesar Rodney School District Regular meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mr. Bush were Vice-President Mrs. Melody Heavner, Mrs. Cheryl Precourt, Mr. P. Scott Wilson, Mrs. Jessica Marelli, Base Liaison Lt. Col. Michael Phillips and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to adopt the January 19, 2016 agenda and addendum as presented. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Marelli, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Executive Session

At 6:05 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to conduct interviews for the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction position. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

At 7:34 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush, Heavner and Marelli).

Personnel Matters

Mr. Wilson made a motion to table the appointment of a Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction pending further discussion during the **VIII. Executive Session**. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Wilson, Marelli, Bush, Heavner and Precourt).

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Presentation

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Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School

The Stokes Singers performed "Ring in the New Year" and "Balafon" on their glockenspiels for the Board.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board:

- Happy New Year!
- Congratulations to Air Base Middle School who has been named as a recognition school for the second time.
- Congratulations to Megan Szabo who has been nominated for the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. The award ceremony will be on February 12th in Washington, DC.
- Thank you to Mrs. Precourt for attending the Legislative breakfast last Friday and the MLK Jr. Breakfast yesterday.
- Congratulations to Dyshere Logan, a senior at CRHS, who was recognized at the breakfast as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. 2016 Achievement Award Recipient. Dyshere, who is active with the community, plans on attending NYU and studying medicine.
- Thank you to our Legislators for their attendance and for their support. As I stated we are proud of the education that our students receive and proud of the educational opportunities available to all students in Kent County.
- I was joking earlier today when I quoted Game of Thrones by saying Winter is Coming! To say the least winter has finally arrived.
- We are making plans for a potential storm this weekend. Reminder to the Board and parents that Monday is an in-service day so school will be closed.
- Dr. Fitzgerald reminded the board that this is exam week for high school students, which also signals the end of the 2nd marking period. We have reached the halfway mark for the school year.
- January 26th is the District Spelling Bee which W. B. Simpson will be hosting. The Spelling Bee will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Report cards will be issued on February 3rd.
- Also on February 3rd the high school is hosting AP/Dual Enrollment night.
- Our next Board meeting will be on February 16th at the Caesar Rodney High School where we will recognize our AP scholars.

School Board

There were no comments made by the school board during this meeting.

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Brandi Diaz	CHA	Exceptional Children	Temporary appointment effective 1/11/2016.
Andrea Andrews	WBS	Grade 2	Temporary appointment effective 1/4/2016.
Heather Childers	WEL	ALT	Appointment effective 1/4/2016 (transfer from teacher at WBS).

Dawn Harmon	FMS	Dean of Students	Appointment effective 1/11/2016 (re-assigned from Exceptional Children).
Nicole Shuba	FMS	Exceptional Children	Temporary appointment effective 1/11/2016.
Carolyn Burris	WBT	Exceptional Children	Retirement effective 1/4/2016.
Patricia Foltz	FNP	Social Studies	Retirement effective end of SY2015-16.
Ann Line	CHA	School Nurse	Retirement effective end of SY2015-16.
Pamela Hill	WRB	Grade 3	Retirement effective end of SY2015-16.
Melissa Boyd	WRB	Exceptional Children	Resignation effective 1/23/2016.

2. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Holly Demko	MCI/EIP	Student Support	Temporary appointment effective 12/21/2015.
Laura Nadel	SHE	Student Support/PT	Temporary appointment effective 12/21/2015.
Caryn Scott	WBT	Special Education	Temporary appointment effective 12/7/2015.
Austin Rains	CHA	Pool	Temporary appointment effective 1/4/2016.
Jason Andrews	CHA	Special Education	Temporary appointment effective 1/4/2016.
Matthew Roseti	WBT	Special Education	Resignation effective 12/23/2015.
Jennifer Howard	CHA	Special Education	Resignation effective 1/9/2016.

3. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Laura Pomatto	DO	Financial Secretary	Appointment effective 1/11/2016.
Nicole DeWitt	SHE	Clerk	Appointment effective 12/14/2015.
Stacy Seda	WRB	Clerk	Temporary to regular appointment effective 12/7/2015.
Natosha Rivera	DO	Secretary	Resignation effective 1/9/2016.

4. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Michael Semans	CHA	Chief Custodian	Appointment effective 1/11/2016.
Carl Donophan	WRB	Custodian Fireman	Retirement effective 1/16/2016.

5. Child Nutrition Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Joan Page	WRB	4 hr. General Worker	Appointment effective 12/14/2015.
Susan Gurney	FMS	3.5 hr. General Worker	Appointment effective 1/11/2016.

6. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Activity	Position	Action
Dean Johnson	CRH	JV Wrestling	Head Coach	Recommendation effective 12/1/2015.
Sara Herrera-Dandridge	CRH	Service Organizations	Blue/Gold Sponsor	Recommendation effective 12/1/2015.

7. CREA Travel Requests

Name	School	Position	Action
Alex Carter	CHA	Teacher	To attend Be the Best Baseball Coaches Convention 1/29-31/2016 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
Jeffrey Gravatt	CRH	Teacher	To attend Be the Best Baseball Coaches Convention 1/29-31/2016 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve Personnel Matters A.1 through A.7 as presented on the agenda. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Wilson, Bush, Heavner and Precourt).

Routine Business

Student Travel

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
Senior Class Trip for Literature Students	Thursday, May 26, 2016	Hershey Park Hershey, PA
Boys Lacrosse	Wednesday, March 30, 2016	Worcester Prep School Berlin, MD
CR Plant Science Pathway Students Class Trip	Friday, May 20, 2016	Longwood Gardens Kennett Square, PA

F. Niel Postlethwait Middle Students

Event	Date	Location
7 th and 8 th Grade Band to a Shorebirds Game	Wednesday, June 1, 2016	Salisbury, MD
7 th and 8 th Grade Chorus to a Shorebirds Game	Tuesday, May 31, 2016	Salisbury, MD

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve Student Travel as presented on the agenda. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Wilson, Bush, Heavner and Precourt).

Gifts to Schools

- a. Caesar Rodney School District Visiting Teachers received a donation of 10 passes to Killen's Pond Water Park, 10 passes to Fort Delaware and Fort Mott and 12 admission passes to Killen's Pond, Trap Pond and Lums Pond from DNREC.
- b. Star Hill Elementary School's Title I Program received a \$200.00 donation from The Round Table Club of Camden-Wyoming.
- c. Allen Frear Elementary School received a subscription to "Scholastic Storyworks" for 25 copies (a class set) for Mrs. Bailey's 2nd grade classroom from Donor's Choose Organization.
- d. Welch Elementary School received a five piece drum set including 4 cymbals from Ed Anderson.
- e. Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School received a \$25.00 donation toward the purchase of buckets for an Interest Cluster.

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

Policy Matters

2015-16 School Choice Recommendations

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve 2015-16 School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Wilson, Bush, Heavner and Precourt).

Fiscal Matters

Budget/Fiscal Reports

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

Discussion Items

Directors' Reports

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

Executive Session

At 7:59 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to continue discussion in reference to the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction candidates and:

- A. Conduct interviews for the Head Varsity Softball Coach position.
- B. Discuss CRSA contract negotiations.

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

At 9:40 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Wilson, Bush, Heavner and Precourt).

Personnel Matters

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to appoint Darren Guido, Ed. D. as Supervisor of Instruction with an effective date to be determined. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Wilson, Bush, Heavner and Precourt).

Mr. Wilson made a motion to appoint Gerald Jester as the Head Varsity Softball Coach. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion failed 2-2-1 (For: Wilson and Heavner - Against: Bush and Precourt - Abstain: Marelli).

At 9:42 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to go back into Executive Session. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1 (For: Marelli, Bush, Heavner and Precourt - Against: Wilson).

At 10:05 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0 (For: Marelli, Bush, Heavner and Precourt - Absent: Wilson).

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to appoint Skye Boris as the Head Varsity Softball Coach effective immediately. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0 (For: Heavner, Marelli, Bush and Precourt - Absent: Wilson).

Adjournment

At 10:10 p.m. Mrs. Heavner made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0 (For: Heavner, Marelli, Bush and Precourt – Absent: Wilson).


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

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Date

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