

**Regular Meeting
February 16, 2016**

Opening

Call to Order

At 7:02 p.m. School Board President Mr. William G. Bush, IV called the February 16, 2016 Caesar Rodney School District Regular School Board 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, Lt. Col. Michael Phillips and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to adopt the February 16, 2016 agenda as presented. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Marelli, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Presentation

Recognitions

Advanced Placement Scholars

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2014-15 AP Scholars and presented them with certificates. Mr. Daniel Lopez, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as the 2014-15 AP Scholars: Johnny Bui, Grace Collins, Kirsten Grismer, Lauren Grismer, Doris Hartung, Reeti Parikh, Olivia Pleasanton, Sammantha Ponsell and Siwa Versnel. 2014-15 AP Scholars not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Sameeh Bajwa, Sarah Baker-McEvelly, Jeanette Beers, Nicolette Beers, Richard Conk, Katlin Cooper, Wylie Darden, Byron Edwards-Coope, Justain Frankos, Christopher Gravelle, Gary Gray, Timothy Haugh, Kathryn Holden, Jessica Howell, Mikayla Humiston, Miranda Hunt, Krista Jarrell, Kaitlin Josefowski, Jessica Leczner, Dyshere Logan, Christine Marks, McKenzie Melvin, Jayden Mosley, Marianna Nuzzo, Matthew Nuzzo, Rahul Patel, Shivani Patel, Sarah-Rachael Posley, Clay Radford, Andrew Rahe, Matthew Rosal, Alison Ruggiano, Zoe Scruggs, Jonathan Simon, Brandon Smith, Jacob Stackable, David Szczechura, Sarah Szczechura, Jonni Tran, Abigail Wearden, Grace Wilt, Andreas Wix, Jared York and Conner Zaia.

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2014-15 AP Scholars with Honor and presented them with certificates. Mrs. Amanda Mazzola, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as the 2014-15 AP Scholars with Honor: Ashish Bachavala, Julia Boaman, Aaron deBloois, Tyler Gross, Issybella Lang, Hailley Loper, Cyrus Shanehsaz and Madison Wahlsten. 2014-15 AP Scholars with Honor not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Matthew Anderson, Michael Canning, Sean Connor, Ananya Garg, Thomas Krug,

Sherry Kumar, Snehil Kumar, Riley Lust, Hannah Mihok, Jonathan Moore, Cassandra Primo, Sean Scanlon, Bailey Toman, Kyle Weaver and Emily Wiegert.

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2014-15 AP Scholars with Distinction and presented them with certificates. Mr. Larry Friend, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as AP Scholars with Distinction: Anirudh Narayanan, Channah Mills, Liam O'Connor, and Laura Wagner. 2014-15 AP Scholars with Distinction not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Bryna Alden, Emily Booth, Julie Carpenter, Francesca Cheatham, Joshua Diehl, Logan Dunn, Joy Ford, Julia Haynes, Alexandra Kessler, Daniel Krewson, Dhruv Kumar, Matthew Lee, Clare Mangubat, Vincent Mangubat, Devin Miller, Rebekah Mills, Efe Ozturkoglu, Akil Patel, Kush Patel, Ryann Perez, Caroline Phillips, Caitlin Purcell, Allison Rossi, Caleb Siebach, Ana Tegtmeier, Nathaniel Twining and Leanne Voshell.

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2014-15 National AP Scholar and presented her with a certificate. Mr. Larry Friend, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following student as the 2014-15 National AP Scholar: Channah Mills.

A recess from 7:13 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. was called for pictures with the AP Scholars.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board:

- Congratulations to all of our AP award winners, parents and teachers for their hard work. Each year the number grows.
- Congratulations to the five students that received nominations to the Service Academies: Andrew Stant, Gary Gray, Channah Mills, Michael Canning and Kendall Lewis. Channah Mills has also received a nomination to the Presidential Scholars Program.
- We have 185 (out of 430) juniors attending our SAT Prep Program on Saturday's in preparation for the State-wide SAT.
- This coming Friday at 1:00 p.m. Dover Air Force Base Middle School will officially be recognized as a State Recognition School. The event will be held at Dover Air.
- Dr. Fitzgerald reported that our third grade Allen Frear Chinese Immersion students received rave reviews from the governor's cabinet and a great article was in the Sunday Delaware State News.
- Congratulations to Megan Szabo who was recognized at the NEA Foundation Gala on Friday, February 12th with the California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence.
- Congratulations to Maureen VanOrman who was selected as the Henlopen Conference Swim Coach of the year two years in a row!
- Dr. Fitzgerald attended a meeting of the equalization committee last Friday. The District should be alright for the upcoming year. The concern is that if they unfreeze the current formula without any re-assessment all Districts in Kent County will be impacted negatively.
- Met with Representative Yearick and representatives from the Food Bank on Friday regarding possible ways we can support the Food Bank. Our Supervisor of Child Nutrition, Paul Rodgers, is working with the Food Bank to see how we can be supportive.
- In honor of our centennial celebration the high school partnered with Dover Downs and collected over 2,272 pounds of food which they dropped off on Wednesday, February 10th.
- For our 100th day of our 100th year all elementary school students received pencils.
- Dr. Fitzgerald, along with other superintendents met today with the State Police, FBI, Homeland Security and DOE to receive an update and review the procedures.
- Thank you to Ken Starke and our maintenance crew for coming in on their day off to make sure that the parking lots would not be a problem this morning.
- Interim reports for the 3rd marking period will be available next Wednesday, February 24th.
- The filing deadline for school board is 4:30 p.m. on March 4th with the election being held on May 10th.

School Board

The board had no communications at this meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to discuss the 2015-16 Secretarial Meet and Confer. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

At 8:23 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Personnel Matters

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the 2015-16 Secretarial Meet and Confer as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Administrative Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Darren Guido, Ed. D.	DO	Supervisor of Instruction	Appointment effective 2/22/2016.

2. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
David Pearson	FNP	Dean of Students	Appointment effective 2/8/2016 (re-assigned from Science).
Shannon Siler	FNP	Science	Temporary appointment effective 2/8/2016.
Patrick Casey	WBT	Mental Health Counselor	Temporary appointment effective 1/25/2016.
Berneda Hayward	CRH	English	Temporary appointment effective 1/25/2016.
Lisa Kane	CRH	Science	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.
Timothy Finley	FNP	Math	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.
Vesteria O. Mears-Wilson	FMS	Exceptional Children	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.
James Harrison	FNP	Exceptional Children	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.
Sharon P. Voshell	FMS	English	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.
Brian C. McCrae	AFE	Grade 4	Resignation effective 2/20/2016.
Melissa Christensen	WRB	Grade 4	Resignation effective end of SY 2015-16.
Aida Otin-Buira	WRB	Spanish Immersion	Resignation effective end of SY 2015-16.

3. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Andre Matthews	WBT	Student Support	Temporary appointment effective 1/26/2016.
Brenda Behrens	WBT	Special Education	Temporary appointment effective 2/1/2016.
Donald Williams	CHA	Special Education	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.

4. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Kimberly Summerfield	DO	Financial Secretary Transportation	Appointment effective 2/22/2016.

5. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
David Lowary	FNP	Custodian 1 st Shift	Transfer from 2 nd shift to 1 st shift effective 2/1/2016.
Matthew Melchondia	AFE	Custodian 2 nd Shift	Appointment effective 1/19/2016.

6. Child Nutrition Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Susan Gurney	FMS	3.5 hr. General Worker	Appointment effective 1/11/2016.

7. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Activity	Position	Action
Alex Carter	CRH	Baseball	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Jared Lelito	CRH	Baseball	Jr. Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Jeff Gravatt	CRH	Baseball	Jr. Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Richard Szvitch	CRH	Baseball	Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
John Newman	CRH	Golf	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Matthew Faircloth	CRH	Lacrosse/Boys	Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Peter Moran	CRH	Lacrosse/Boys	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Robert Walters	CRH	Lacrosse/Boys	Jr. Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Debra Yingling	CRH	Lacrosse/Girls	Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Cristine Perry	CRH	Soccer/Girls	Jr. Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Darrell Gravatt	CRH	Soccer/Girls	Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Dwayne Lavender	CRH	Soccer/Girls	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Scott Myers	CRH	Soccer/Girls	Jr. Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Emily Jump	CRH	Softball	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Brian Berns	CRH	Spring Weight Program	Training	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
James Harvey	CRH	Tennis/Boys	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Zach Taylor	CRH	Tennis/Girls	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
James Toliver	CRH	Track	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Kenneth Begor	CRH	Track	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Mike Tucci	CRH	Track	Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Calvin McDonald	CRH	Track	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Karine Thibault Scott	CRH	Track	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Tammy Geidel	CRH	Track	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Lauren Ruskey	CRH	Softball	Jr. Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Ashley Szewczyk	CRH	Lacrosse/Girls	Varsity Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Conrad Steele, Jr.	CRH	Lacrosse/Girls	Jr. Varsity Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
John Fuchs	ABM	Baseball	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Christine Bevenour	ABM	Soccer/Girls	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Franklin Victory	ABM	Soccer/Girls	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Melissa Wich	ABM	Softball	Asst Coach (2)	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Candace Tillinghast	ABM	Softball	Asst Coach (2)	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.

Krista Durbano	ABM	Track/Co-ed	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Mark Hill	FMS	Baseball	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Mario Orlando	FMS	Baseball	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Alex March	FMS	Soccer/Girls	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Charles Wilt	FMS	Soccer/Girls	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Danielle Smith	FMS	Softball	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Gwen Clark	FMS	Softball	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Allison Gerni	FMS	Track/Co-ed	Asst Coach (2)	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
John Wright	FMS	Track/Co-ed	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Tammy Kelly	FMS	Track/Co-ed	Asst Coach (2)	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Sean Armstrong	FNP	Baseball	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Ken Lott	FNP	Baseball	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Jeff Kelly	FNP	Lacrosse	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Michael Warren	FNP	Soccer/Girls	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Tim Finley	FNP	Soccer/Girls	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Dustin Weller	FNP	Softball	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Keith McCarthy	FNP	Softball	Asst Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
James Harrison	FNP	Track/Co-ed	Asst Coach (2)	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Kendra Moritz Rosner	FNP	Track/Co-ed	Asst Coach (2)	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.
Oscar Walker	FNP	Track/Co-ed	Head Coach	Recommended for Spring Sports SY 2015-16.

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

Routine Business

Student Travel

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
Marine Biology Class Trip	Wednesday, March 23, 2016	Baltimore National Aquarium Baltimore, Maryland
FFA	Friday, March 4, 2016	PA Horse World Expo Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
National Cheerleading Competition	Monday, April 11, 2016 through Wednesday, April 13, 2016	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Cross Country Team - ESPN Track Competition	Thursday, October 6, 2016 through Monday, October 10, 2016	Orlando, Florida
Speech and Debate Team Competition	Thursday, March 31, 2016 through Saturday, April 2, 2016	University of PA Philadelphia, PA

Allen Frear Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
Longwood Gardens	Wednesday, April 6, 2016	Kennett Square, PA

Mcllvaine Early Childhood Center Students

Event	Date	Location
Salisbury Zoo	Wednesday, April 27, 2016, Thursday, April 28, 2016 and Friday, April 29, 2016	Salisbury, Maryland

Star Hill Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
4 th Grade to Smithsonian Museums	Wednesday, June 1, 2016	Washington, D.C.

W. Reily Brown Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
3 rd Grade Classes to participate in the Beyond Recycling Lesson	Tuesday, March 22, 2016	Longwood Gardens Kennett Square, PA

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

Gifts to Schools

- a. W. B. Simpson Elementary School received 3 Kindles (including hard back cases and zipper cases for transport) from Dave and Alyssa Sweeney.
- b. F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School received a \$1,000.00 donation from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program.
- c. Caesar Rodney High School received a \$500.00 donation from CPD Energy Corporation.
- d. Caesar Rodney High School received a \$500.00 donation from NJ Energy Corporation.
- e. The Tier III Gifted Education and Enrichment Program received a donation of \$125.00 worth of gold fish and nets to the aquaponic tanks from The Fish Bowl.
- f. Major George S. Welch Elementary School received (4) Wobble Chairs, (6) Air Stability Wobble Cushion and (4) Bath Rugs from Donor's Choose via Kim Warriner.
- g. Caesar Rodney School District Elementary School libraries received books from Carson Scholars Fund donated by Dr. and Mrs. Richard B. Taylor.
- h. Star Hill Elementary School received a donation of a CPR Training Unit to be used by the school nurse from Townsend Bros. Inc.
- i. Star Hill Elementary School received a \$1,000.00 donation from the Exxon Mobile Education Alliance Program.

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve Gifts to Schools as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson). Mrs. Precourt commented that the businesses and community members were wonderful to the District with their contributions.

Policy Matters

2015-16 and 2016-17 School Choice Recommendations

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve 2015-16 and 2016-17 School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

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).

Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2015

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2015 as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Approval to use "Rainy Day Fund" to begin the construction process

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve use of "Rainy Day Fund", after written confirmation that the funding be returned, to begin the construction process. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Discussion Items

Presentation

StudioJAED presented a power point to update the Board on the John S. Charlton School construction project.

Directors' Reports

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

Executive Session

Dr. Fitzgerald informed the Board that there was no need for this Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 9:38 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 3/22/16
Date