

**Regular Meeting
May 17, 2016**

Opening

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. School Board President Mr. William G. Bush, IV called the May 17, 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, Mrs. Jessica Marelli, Base Liaison Col. Lisa Pike and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald. Mr. P. Scott Wilson arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to adopt the May 17, 2016 agenda as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush and Precourt). Absent: Mr. Wilson

Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Presentation

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Star Hill Elementary School

Mrs. Jean Allen, Star Hill Elementary School Assistant Principal, introduced Mrs. Teresa Fitchett, SBI Para who created a very successful mentoring program for students. Currently there are 71 mentors and 79 mentees. The mentors are supportive, kind, giving and appreciative of being part of the Star Hill family. Mrs. Fitchett introduced Mrs. Helen O'Brien, Star Hill mentor who mentors a 1st grade student, Josslyn Solomon. This is her 1st year of mentoring bright, brilliant, wonderful children.

Mrs. Fitchett introduced Ms. Deja' Hutson. This is her first year mentoring students and she loves the interaction and bond she has with the students. Ms. Hutson's mentee was not able to attend this meeting.

Mr. Reginald Quail was also introduced as a mentor and he appreciates Mrs. Fitchett and the mentoring program. Mr. Quail's mentee is Syncir Barlow.

Mrs. Nicole Kurz-McDowell, Star Hill Elementary School Principal, stated that they have received a garden grant for the mentoring program and owes a great deal to Mrs. Fitchett for spearheading the program. The students have just recently been planting flowers around the school and the mentees presented each board member with a potted flower.

John W. Marinucci, Ed. D., DSBA Executive Director

John W. Marinucci, Ed. D., DSBA Executive Director, stated to the Board that he has worked at Department of Education and various school districts. He explained that the DSBA turns 70 years old this year and began organizing boards in 1946. DSBA's future consists of advocacy and lobbying for school districts. DSBA has been working with NSBA offering new board member training and is focused on communication. Dr. Marinucci stated that school boards are stronger together than separate and asks to not judge DSBA on the past but on where they are going in the future.

Camden Wyoming Lions Club – Vision Screener

The Camden Wyoming Lions Club donated funding towards the purchase of a new vision screener for the Caesar Rodney School District. Mrs. Susan Hoffman, W. B. Simpson Elementary School Nurse and Ms. Colleen O'Brien, John S. Charlton School Nurse presented the District's new vision screener to the board and explained that the District screens over 3,300 students per year. The new vision screener cuts screening time from approximately 7 ½ minutes to 15 seconds for elementary students and works better for students that are non-verbal. Mrs. Hoffman also expressed that the Lions Club has been a huge supporter of Caesar Rodney's vision program throughout the years and has given glasses to schools for students that could not afford them.

Mr. Jim Baaden, Camden Wyoming Lions Club President, presented Dr. Fitzgerald with a check to be put towards funding for the new vision screener.

Recognitions

Kate Rochford – Delaware Dental Society Poster Contest Kent County Winner

Kate was unable to attend this meeting.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board:

- Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated Mike Marasco who was elected to fill Mrs. Heavner's vacant seat in July.
- Congratulations to all of our 95 Honor Cord recipients. They were recognized last night with a dinner and ceremony.
- Congratulations to the boy's tennis team. They took the conference title yesterday. The girl's tennis team were scheduled for today but were postponed.
- The golf team plays for the conference title on Friday afternoon at Baywood against Delmar and the girls' soccer team plays Indian River for the title Friday night at Milford.
- All of our teams are still in contention for their respective state tournaments and are just waiting on the weather.
- We have narrowed the list of architects down to three for the high school project – in no specific order they are Fern Clendaniel, Becker Morgan and StudioJAED.
- Dr. Fitzgerald updated the Board on the SAT's.
- Fifer and Postlethwait Middle School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m.
- The high school spring concert is also tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
- Postlethwait and Air Base Middle School both have concerts on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Dr. Fitzgerald reminded the Board that the Charlton Graduation is this Friday at 9:30 a.m.
- Representative Carney will be visiting the high school on May 27th at 9:00 a.m.
- On Tuesday, May 24th the Governor will be visiting W. B. Simpson at 1:20 p.m.
- Senior's last day is May 25th.
- High School Night of Jazz is May 25th.
- McIlvaine graduation is June 1st at the high school.
- Brown Living History Museum is June 2nd.
- Senior Awards Night is June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
- Graduation is June 4th at 10:00 a.m. – if you can please arrive by 9:30 a.m.

- Thank you to the Centennial Committee for the gala and their support this year and especially Ron Gough for all of his work. This is Ron's last Board meeting in its official capacity, however, we will bring him back on June 21st to be recognized.

School Board

Mrs. Precourt shared that she attended the State Board Meeting this month regarding ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

Mrs. Marelli shared that this is the Season of Concerts where 188 5th graders sing 6 full songs district-wide and said that Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Delong did a fantastic job and that the concert was amazing.

Mrs. Marelli also shared that W. B. Simpson Elementary School had their Volunteer Tea Appreciation where volunteers are invited into the school to be shown appreciation for all that they do.

Mrs. Marelli also received an e-mail from Department of Education stating that 4 Caesar Rodney High School students were going to China this summer. Congratulations to the students!

Mrs. Marelli stated that the Gala Committee did an amazing job.

Col. Pike wanted to highlight and thank Mr. Jason Payne, Mrs. Wendy Wallace and Ms. Jean Milette for pulling together a Kindergarten graduation ceremony at the hospital for a student that has been diagnosed with lymphoma and will be beginning chemo treatments. Col. Pike wanted to share a heartfelt thank you from the family to the wonderful community that cares about them so much.

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Administrative Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Kevin Long, Ed. D.	CRH	Assistant Principal	Resignation effective 6/18/2016.

2. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
David Chambers	DO	Community Relations Specialist	Appointment effective 5/16/2016.
Christopher Rice	DO	School Psychologist	Appointment effective 8/23/2016.
Kristi Hamilton	DO	Occupational Therapist	Appointment effective 8/23/2016.
Brynn Burke	DO	Speech Language Pathologist	Appointment effective 8/23/2016.
Caitlyn Webb	WRB	Grade 3	Appointment effective 8/23/2016.
Vanessa Hairston	WEL	Grade 4	Resignation effective end of SY 2015-16.
Phillip Karl	WBS	Grade 2	Resignation effective end of SY 2015-16.
Kathleen Nicholson	DO	Speech Language Pathologist	Resignation effective end of SY 2015-16.

3. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Kimberly Steele	MCI	Paraprofessional	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.
Nancy Wallace	MCI	Paraprofessional	Retirement effective end of SY 2015-16.

Tawanna Prophet-Brinkley	FMS	Paraprofessional	Resignation effective end of SY 2015-16.
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4. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Edward Catacutan	FNP	Custodian	Appointment effective 4/13/2016.
Joshua Boris	WRB	2 nd Shift Custodian	Resignation effective 5/5/2016.

5. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Stacy Seda	WRB	Clerk	Resignation effective 5/14/2016.

6. CREA Travel Requests

Name	School	Position	Action
Alaina Dunning	SHE	Teacher	To attend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State 5/25–29/2016.
Margaret Rose	SHE	Teacher	To attend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State 5/25-29/2016.
Linda Lyon	SHE	Teacher	To attend International Literacy Conference in Boston, MA 7/8-11/2016.
Terri Willis	CHA	Teacher	To attend Art Therapy: Integrating Creativity, Healing and Professionalism in Baltimore, MD 7/6-10/2016.

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

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve Personnel Matter A.6 as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush, Wilson and Marelli).

Routine Business

Student Travel

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
Technology Student Association (TSA) Leadership Training/Competition - National	Tuesday, June 28 through Saturday, July 2, 2016	Nashville, TN

Fred Fifer III Middle Students

Event	Date	Location
TSA National Conference	Tuesday, June 28 through Sunday, July 3, 2016	Nashville, TN
Six Flags America – Blue 8	Monday, June 6, 2016	Upper Marlboro, MD
Six Flags America – Gold 8	Tuesday, June 7, 2016	Upper Marlboro, MD

Allen Frear Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
National Zoological Park	Monday, June 6, 2016	Washington, DC

W. B. Simpson Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
5 th Grade Field Trip	Tuesday, June 7, 2016	Washington, DC

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. Caesar Rodney School District received a donation of 9 adult and 9 infant CPR mannequins from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System.
- b. The Camden Wyoming Lions Club donated funds to assist in the purchase of a new vision screener for W. B. Simpson Elementary School.
- c. F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School – Adopt A Family/Back Pack Program received a \$200.00 donation from Mr. Scott Golden.
- d. Caesar Rodney School District received a Chromebook donation from Dell for the CR Tech Expo.
- e. Caesar Rodney School District received a Chromebook donation from HCGI for the CR Tech Expo.
- f. Caesar Rodney School District received a Chromebook donation from Airwave Technology for the CR Tech Expo.
- g. Caesar Rodney School District received an Apple TV donation from Advantech for the CR Tech Expo.
- h. Caesar Rodney School District received a \$50.00 Amazon gift card donation from the Delaware Teacher Center for the CR Tech Expo.

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).

Policy Matters

2015-16 and 2016-17 School Choice Recommendations

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

3rd Reading Suicide Prevention Training Policy JLDBA

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the 3rd Reading Suicide Prevention Training Policy JLDBA 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. Heavner made a motion to accept the Budget/Fiscal Reports as presented. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Marelli, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Financial Position Report as of March 31, 2016

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the Financial Position Report as of March 31, 2016 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, were included for the Board's review.

Modification of Time

Mr. Jason Bonner, Supervisor of Transportation, briefed the Board on the necessity of a modification of start time at Star Hill Elementary School for the 2016-17 school year. The modification will consist of an 8:40 a.m. start time which will align with the other elementary schools which will increase instructional time at Star Hill Elementary School.

Executive Session

At 8:03 p.m. Mrs. Marelli made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to discuss CREA negotiations. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Heavner and Wilson).

At 10:12 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, Heavner and Wilson).

Adjournment

At 10:15 p.m. Mrs. Precourt made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Precourt, Heavner, Bush, Wilson and Marelli).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 6/20/12
Date