

Special Meeting August 5, 2014

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:03 p.m. President Mr. William Bush called the August 5, 2014 Caesar Rodney School Board Special Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mr. Bush were Vice-President Mrs. Melody Heavner, Mrs. Cheryl Precourt, Mr. Scott Wilson, Mrs. Jessica Marelli and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to adopt the August 5, 2014 Special Meeting agenda as presented. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Marelli, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 Work Session Minutes. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to approve the July 8, 2014 Re-Organization Minutes. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Precourt, Bush, Heavner and Wilson).

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush, Heavner and Marelli).

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Executive Session

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

At 7:10 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

Appointment of Supervisor(s) of Instruction

Mrs. Marelli made a motion to appoint Mrs. Tara Faircloth and Dr. Jessilene Corbett as Supervisor(s) of Instruction with a 1-year contract and effective date to be determined. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Heavner, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Presentations

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StudioJAED on Certificate of Necessity

Pam Babuca and Philip Conte, representing StudioJAED, discussed how the District's enrollment exceeds capacity, building capacity analysis, maintenance needs 5 – 7 years out and scope of work needed for a Certificate of Necessity. They presented a State of Delaware analysis and a District-wide forecast with the biggest bubble at the elementary level. Proposed building additions and new construction included sitework and additions at McIlvaine Early Childhood Center, 2-22,000 square foot each additions at the end of the wing to include 14 classrooms at F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School and Fred Fifer III Middle School, a 10 classroom addition, maintenance storage building, bleacher replacement, 2 turf fields and a 9th grade academy at the Caesar Rodney High School and a new elementary school on Banning/Briarbrush Road. The presentation included a District wide budget summary and recommended solutions.

Caesar Rodney School District Website/SchoolWires

Mr. Ryan Fuller introduced Caesar Rodney's new website (www.crk12.org) which went live August 5, 2014. Mr. Fuller demonstrated the features of the new website and gave an overview of information that has been uploaded and stated that the website is still a work in progress. Mr. Dan Farley expressed his appreciation of the hard work and commitment that Mr. Fuller and Mr. Charlie Steward have dedicated to creating the new website.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald congratulated the following:

- Congratulations to Tara Faircloth and Jess Corbett for being appointed Supervisor(s) of Instruction.
- Congratulations to Ada on getting married. I know this had been postponed due to illness so we are happy that there were no illnesses this time.

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following:

- We received a visit from Colonel Robert Brady, Department of Defense's Associate Director for Financial and Business operations, came to check out Air Base Middle School and Welch Elementary School. Colonel Brady thought that the buildings were the best kept older buildings in the Department of Defense.
- The base is currently going through the process of replacing the boilers and with that comes the necessary abatement. All should be well for the start of school.
- The Success Academy started today with 273 students.
- Band camp and athletics start next week.
- On Monday the 18th McIlvaine will have Passport to Kindergarten from 5:30 – 7:00.
- Allen Frear family and friends will be held on the 18th from 4:00 – 6:00.
- New teachers arrive on the 18th and a luncheon will be held at the high school cafeteria at 11:30 a.m.
- The base is conducting a deployment activity for the teachers and staff on August 20th.
- The Department of Elections has requested that the district-wide Parent Information Night for 1st – 5th graders originally scheduled for September 9th be moved back to September 8th to accommodate the primary elections being held on the 9th.
- There may be a need for a board meeting on August 26th.

School Board

Mrs. Heavner shared that she and Mrs. Precourt attended the Summer School Graduation and that Mrs. Elvina Knight was a guest speaker.

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Administrative Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Heather Calkins	CHA	Assistant Principal	REVISION: Resignation effective 7/13/2014.
Jennifer Hallman	CHA	Assistant Principal	Appointment effective 8/4/2014.
Brook Fuchs	MECC	Assistant Principal	Appointment effective 7/21/2014.
Dr. Michael Noel	DO	Director of Human Resources	Appointment effective 7/21/2014.
Brook Castillo	MECC	Principal	Appointment effective 7/1/2014.
Chester Cox	SH	Principal	Resignation effective 8/17/2014.

2. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Shannon Knauss	CRH	Social Studies	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Sarita Herrera-Dandridge	CRH	Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Nichole Beckius	WEL	Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Danielle Gentile	DW	School Psychologist	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Steven Adamson	DO	School Psychologist	Temporary appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Kim Webb	MECC	Kindergarten	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Heidi Clark	CHA	Autism	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Kendra Moritz	CHA	Autism	Transfer effective 8/20/2014.
Lori Gordon	CHA	Autism	Transfer effective 8/20/2014.
Victoria Attanasio	CHA	Autism	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Nichole Opdyke	WBT	Exceptional Children	Transfer effective 8/20/2014.
Krista Esposito	WBT	Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Rebecca Hamilton	WBT	Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Kirstin Voshell	WRB	Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Shaun Strickland	CRH	English/Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Brienna Faust	DW	Speech Pathologist	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Anastasia Iannacone	MECC	Kindergarten	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Beth Schmidt	MECC	Special Education/Pre-K	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Anne Coleman	SH	Exceptional Children/Gr.4	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Colleen Williams	WBS	Grade 3	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Kim Popp	ABM	School Nurse	Transfer effective 8/20/2014.
Dan Candeloro	CRH	Driver's Education	Transfer effective 8/20/2014.
Amber Cahall	SH	Grade 4	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Michelle Webb	FMS	Music	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Allison Gerni	FMS	Social Studies/Exceptional Children	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Debra Yingling	CRH	Physical Education/Health	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Samir Gibrial	CRH	Arabic	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Phillip Karl	WBS	Grade 2	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Dawn Evans	WBS	Grade 4	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Stephanie Thompson	CRH	Math	Appointment effective 8/20/2014.
Ashley Newman	SH	Grade 4/Exceptional Children	Resignation effective 6/30/2014.
Lisa Lewis	WRB	Grade 5	Resignation effective 6/30/2014.
Caitlin Stalker	FRE	Library/Media Specialist	Resignation effective 6/30/2014.
Kathleen Klecan	FRE	Grade 1	Retirement effective 6/30/2014.
Kristie Noyes	DO	School Psychologist	Transition from STD to LTD effective 6/20/2014.
Abbey Spector	DO	Speech Pathologist	Resignation effective 6/30/2014.
Sarah Lawrence	WRB	Grade 1	Resignation effective 6/30/2014.

3. Secretarial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Tandi Cook	CRH	Secretary	Appointment effective 7/28/2014.
Julie Lewis	CRH	Financial Secretary	Transfer effective 7/15/2014.
Cynthia Antal	SH	PT Clerk	Resignation effective 7/18/2014.
Gabriela Vazquez	MECC	PT Clerk	Resignation effective 8/1/2014.

4. Custodial Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Randall Cook	WRB	Custodian	Appointment effective 7/21/2014.

5. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Position	Activity	Action
Duwane Sandlin	CRH	Director	Summer Band Camp	Recommendation effective 7/14/2014.
Vanessa Sandlin	CRH	Assistant	Summer Band Camp	Recommendation effective 7/14/2014.
Kevin McCarthy	CRH	Assistant	Summer Band Camp	Recommendation effective 7/14/2014.
Rebecca Schroeder	CRH	Specialist	Summer Band Camp	Recommendation effective 7/14/2014.
Drew Balcerak	CRH	Specialist	Summer Band Camp	Recommendation effective 7/14/2014.
Dan Robinson	CRH	Specialist	Summer Band Camp	Recommendation effective 7/14/2014.

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

Routine Business

Gifts to Schools

- a. John S. Charlton School received a Quantum 600 Power Chair valued at \$9,574.75 and a stroller valued at \$100.00 from Scott and Janet Butler.
- b. The Caesar Rodney School District received a \$500.00 donation from the Walmart Foundation's Local Community Contribution Program to be used towards 2014 Rider Pride Day.

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

Policy Matters

2014-15 School Choice Recommendations

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve 2014-15 School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Marelli, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

2014-15 Key Priorities

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to adopt 2014-15 Key Priorities as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush, Wilson and Marelli).

2nd Reading Social Networking Policy GBEC

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve 2nd Reading Social Networking Policy GBEC as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush, Wilson and Marelli).

1st Reading Staff Conduct with Students Policy GBEBB

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve 1st Reading Staff Conduct with Students Policy GBEBB as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush, Wilson and Marelli).

1st Reading Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy GBA

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve 1st Reading Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy GBA as presented. Mrs. Marelli seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Heavner, Marelli, Bush, Precourt and Wilson).

Executive Session

Dr. Fitzgerald stated that there was no need for an Executive Session because of a meeting held earlier.

Adjournment

At 8:49 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush, Heavner and Marelli).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 8/19/14 Date