

Work Session January 24, 2022

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:08 p.m. School Board President Michael Marasco called the January 24, 2022, Caesar Rodney School District Work Session to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to President Marasco were Vice President Jessica Marelli, Board Members Mr. Dave Failing, Dr. Joyce Denman, Mr. P. Scott Wilson, and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Marelli made a motion to adopt the January 24, 2022 agenda and addendum as presented. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Discussion Items

2021-22 SY Updates and School Supports

Dr. Fitzgerald gave an update on the district's current COVID statistics. The John S. Charlton School remains as the most staff out and their student attendance rate is 55%. Other schools make the district's average 85% for student attendance. Staff numbers have reduced for all other schools.

President Marasco asked for an update on transportation. Dr. Fitzgerald stated there were no issues today. In the last two weeks, the transportation issues have been getting much better and he hopes this continues.

President Marasco asked for a nursing update. Dr. Fitzgerald stated we have hired two additional nurses and we hope to have them in place by the first week of February. We are more staffed in this area and have more nurses available than ever before. We also have many applicants for nursing positions. We are hopeful this trend continues. Dr. Fitzgerald continued to state the recent vaccination clinic numbers will be forthcoming.

President Marasco mentioned the clean teams throughout the district. Dr. Fitzgerald shared we are conducting two-hour cleaning in our buildings and using contractor services to assist.

Dr. Fitzgerald shared the KN95 masks have arrived and will be distributed to schools this week. Staff and students in grades six and above will receive a supply. Those who want the masks will be given one. Dr. Denman asked why we are being so passive with distributing them. Dr. Fitzgerald explained after the Department of Public Health (DPH) discussion and consulting the chiefs throughout the state, we do not want to hand them out and have them discarded. If requested, students and staff will be given a mask.

Special Session

Executive Session

At 6:25 p.m. Ms. Marelli made a motion to move into Executive Session. The purpose of which is to interview for the Assistant Principal at Magnolia Middle School. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

At 8:25 p.m. Dr. Denman made a motion to out of Executive Session. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Appointment of Magnolia Middle School Assistant Principal

Dr. Denman made a motion to appoint Takiyah Benson as the Assistant Principal at Magnolia Middle School with an effective date to be determined. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

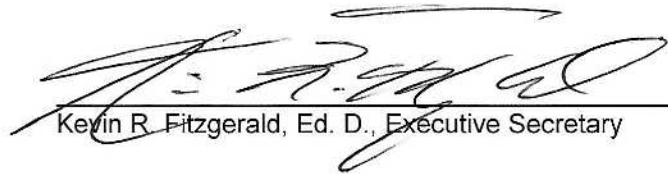
Superintendent Search

President Marasco stated Mr. John Marinucci of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) would be a good resource to explore for finding a new district superintendent. Mr. Failing added that the Board is a part of this group and we should utilize this resource. President Marasco stated this is not to discount our Human Resources (HR) department, but it is a good resource for the Board to utilize at this time.

Mr. Failing made a motion to engage NSBA to work with us and the HR department in the new superintendent search. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Adjournment

At 8:29 p.m. Failing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0 (Marasco, Marelli, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).



Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 2/15/22
Date

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