

**Work Session
February 28, 2022**

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:12 p.m. School Board President Michael Marasco called the February 28, 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: Dr. Joyce Denman, and Mr. Dave Failing. Lt. Col. Michael Mariotti and Mrs. Laurie Sisk from Dover Air Force Base were also present. Mr. P. Scott Wilson was not present.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Marelli made a motion to adopt the February 28, 2022 agenda as presented. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with one absent (Marasco, Marelli, Denman, and Failing).

Action Items

Routine Business

1. Student Travel

The following Student Travel was approved:

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
ProStart Culinary Competition- Prostart Culinary Program students	Wednesday, 3/16/2022	Wilmington, DE

Ms. Marelli made a motion to approve Student Travel as presented. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with one absent (Marasco, Marelli, Denman, and Failing).

Discussion Items

2021-22 SY Updates and School Supports

Dr. Fitzgerald notified the Board that the Governor announced today that the executive order for mask-wearing in K-12 schools and on school buses will be lifted effective Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. Wearing a face mask will now be optional for any student or staff member. There will no longer be a need for staff members to be tested or vaccinated. The state supports optional mask-wearing. Delaware Public Health (DPH) has given the school districts some guidelines if they choose to use them.

Dr. Denman asked if testing will still be offered. Dr. Fitzgerald stated yes it will still be available. Dr. Denman stated we hope people will continue to get vaccinated. The Board will continue to monitor.

President Marascao asked about contract tracing. Dr. Fitzgerald stated it is no longer responsibility of the district. He recommends the Board review the five-page document from DPH. These are not mandated, but we can share them with our families.

Ms. Marelli asks about providing face masks. Dr. Fitzgerald stated we will support those who wish to have a mask and we will continue to have sanitation/cleaning stations available. We will continue to do the precautionary measures we have in place.

President Marasco asked how this affects the base. Lt. Col. Mariotti stated DDOE policy is still in effect at the federal level. Their planning teams are working on this. The state is ahead of the federal side. All base contractors are still required to be masked indoors. He is open to feedback from the Board.

President Marasco asked about CREA and the teachers staffed at the base. Dr. Fitzgerald stated we must follow the federal regulations for those working on the base. Dr. Fitzgerald stated he contacted DIAA and stated those teams who come to participate indoors must wear masks. Outdoor activity doesn't require them. Dr. Fitzgerald stated we will put a statement out once the Board approves the draft statement. Mr. Failing stated he would be surprised if the base staff would not comply. Lt. Col. Mariotti stated we are trying to have optional mask-wearing and we should have some movement over the next few weeks heading towards the same as the district. President Marasco read aloud the draft statement. Dr. Fitzgerald clarified the state has the contract and is offering COVID testing. It is provided by the state and not by the district. We are simply providing the location.

Mr. Failing met with an architect firm, Dr. Jason Bonner, Mr. Jim Pennewell, and they identified the direction we were going for the future. He stated we are committed to completing the certificate of necessity (CN) and providing those modifications to finish Magnolia Middle School (MMS). He added the architect firm stated we have done a good job with the current maintenance of our buildings but there is still work that can be done regarding growth. He continued to share that there is even more growth coming to the district.

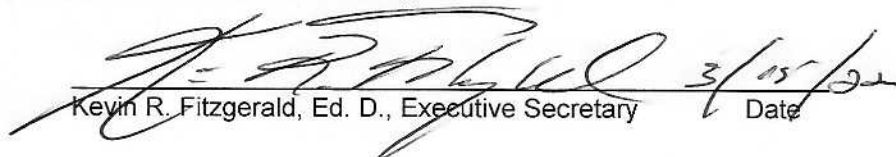
Dr. Denman gave kudos to the performers of Guys and Dolls and stated the singing was awesome even with their masks on. Mr. Failing and President Marasco stated everyone was terrific including the staff that performed. We have a lot of talent in our district. They added the technology and the sound was great.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 6:35 p.m. Ms. Marelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0 with one absent (Marasco, Marelli, Denman, and Failing).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 3/05/22 Date