

**Re-organization Meeting
July 10, 2018**

Opening

Call to Order

At 6:03 p.m. School Board President Mrs. Jessica Marelli called the July 10, 2018 Caesar Rodney School District Re-organization meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mrs. Marelli were Mr. William Bush, Mr. Dave Failing, Mr. Michael Marasco, Mr. P Scott Wilson and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Bush made a motion to adopt the July 10, 2018 agenda as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the June 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Board Re-organization

New Member Oath of Office

Mr. P. Scott Wilson took and subscribed to the oath of office of a school board member. The oath was administered by Mrs. Marelli, President of the Caesar Rodney School District Board of Education.

Election of President

Mr. Bush made a motion to elect Jessica Marelli to President of the Caesar Rodney Board of Education. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Election of Vice-President

Mr. Bush made a motion to elect Mr. Marasco to Vice-President of the Caesar Rodney School Board of Education. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Appointment of Superintendent of Schools as Executive Secretary of the Board

Mr. Bush made a motion to appoint Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald as Executive Secretary of the Caesar Rodney School District Board of Education. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Determination of Date and Time for Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board

Mr. Bush made a motion to hold its 2018-19 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board as follows:

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Day: 3rd Tuesday of the month

August 21, 2018	December 18, 2018	April 16, 2019
September 18, 2018	January 15, 2019	May 21, 2019
*October 23, 2018	February 19, 2019	June 18, 2019
November 20, 2018	March 19, 2019	**July 16, 2019

*Moved because of Teacher of the Year Banquet
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Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

2018-2019 Delaware School Boards Association Membership

Mr. John Marinucci, President of DSBA, was present to answer any questions from the Board. Discussion took place regarding how many school districts are currently members, the benefits on joining and the cost of membership. Mr. Marinucci stated there are presently 15 school districts as members. The membership fee is calculated on unit count. Benefits are having a unified legislative voice, support of other educational associations, communication and availability to be a member of the National School Boards Association (NSBA). Dr. Fitzgerald recommended the Board speak with other School Board members who are current DSBA members to see if they feel it is beneficial to join this association.

President Marelli tabled the motion to join the Delaware School Boards Association for 2018-2019. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Committee Appointments

The Board tabled all other committee appointments.

Resolution to continue Policies, Regulations and Practices of the Former Boards of Education

Be it resolved that this Board of Education of the Caesar Rodney School District continue the Policies, Regulations and Practices of its predecessor Board until such time that the Board of Education revises a policy or concludes that a Regulation or Practice is not an appropriate application of its Policy.

Mr. Bush made a motion to adopt the resolution to continue policies, regulations and practices of the former Boards of Education as presented on the agenda. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Action Items

Fiscal Matters

Proposed Tax Rates for FY19

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance/ Support Services, explained the Proposed Tax Rates for FY19.

Mr. Marasco made a motion to approve the Proposed Tax Rates for FY19 as presented. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Note to the Authorization: Issuance of a Bond Anticipation State of Delaware

Mr. Scott Kessel, Director of Business and Finance/ Support Services, explained the Bond Anticipation Note.

Be it resolved that the Caesar Rodney School District Board of Education authorizes the Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$5,535,915 to the State of Delaware representing the local share of the District projects partially funded by the FY2019 Bond Bill. The projects partially funded in the FY2019 Bond Bill are in support of (1) the additions and renovations to Caesar Rodney High School, (2) renovations to Fred Fifer III Middle School, F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School, Allen Frear Elementary School, W.B. Simpson Elementary School, W. Reily Brown Elementary School and (3) the construction of a new 600 student elementary school. The interest rate for the Bond will be 3.21%. The FY2019 Bond Bill approved the following funding for the Caesar Rodney School District:

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Renovations and Additions to Caesar Rodney High School	\$12,746,334	\$3,388,266
Renovations to Fred Fifer III Middle School	\$2,543,800	\$676,200
Renovations to F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School	\$2,672,096	\$710,304
Renovations to Allen Frear Elementary School	\$549,366	\$146,034
Renovations to W.B. Simpson Elementary School	\$592,737	\$157,563
Renovations to W. Reily Brown Elementary School	\$523,217	\$139,083
Construction of a new 600 student Elementary School	\$1,198,035	\$318,465

Mr. Bush made a motion to authorize the Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note as presented. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson and Marasco).

Discussion Items

Proposed Board Goals

Dr. Fitzgerald shared potential key priorities for the 2018-19 school year for Board consideration.

Executive Session

At 6:50 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to conduct interviews for the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).


At 8:41 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Personnel Matters

Mr. Marasco made a motion to appoint Tara Faircloth as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction with an effective date to be determined. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).

Adjournment

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Bush made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Marasco seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Marelli, Failing, Bush, Wilson, and Marasco).


Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary 2/17/18
Date