Opening

Call to Order

At 6:03 p.m. School Board Vice President Mr. Michael Marasco called the August 13, 2019 Caesar Rodney School District Special Meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Vice President Marasco were Mr. Dave Failing, Dr. Joyce Denman, Base Liaison Col. Michael Morales and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald. President Jessica Marelli and Mr. P. Scott Wilson were absent.

Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Failing made a motion to adopt the August 13, 2019 agenda as presented. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 3-0 (Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Executive Session

At 6:06 p.m. Mr. Failing made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which is to conduct interviews for a Principal at Star Hill Elementary and Assistant Principals at F. Niel Postlethwait and Fred Fifer III Middle schools. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 3-0 (Marasco, Failing, and Denman).

Mr. P. Scott Wilson was present for the Executive Session.

At 8:27 p.m. Mr. Failing made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson and Denman).

Action Items

Appointment of the Principal at Star Hill Elementary School

Dr. Denman made a motion to appoint Katie Fitzgerald as the Star Hill Principal with an effective date to be determined. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson and Denman).

Appointment of the Assistant Principal at F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School

Mr. Failing made a motion to appoint Freeman Williams as the F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School Assistant Principal with an effective date as soon as possible. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Appointment of the Assistant Principal at Fred Fifer III Middle School
Mr. Failing made a motion to appoint Keith Wisher as the Fred Fifer III Assistant Principal with an effective date of as soon as possible. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Appointment of School Constable

Mr. Mickie (Mick) Price gave his background information and experience to the Board. He stated he is excited to start the next phase of his career.

Mr. Failing made a motion to appoint Mick Price as a School Constable with an effective date of as soon as possible. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Adoption of the 2019-2020 Key Priorities

Discussion took place on the possible Key Priorities for the upcoming school year. Dr. Denman suggested to re-word item #7.

1. To provide equitable access to rigorous courses in all content areas.
2. To continue capital projects and construction projects across districts.
3. Explore long term infrastructure and programming needs of the district.
4. To successfully implement the constable program.
5. To ensure that all students who attend district schools for three consecutive years will perform at or above grade level or demonstrate consistent, adequate progress on individual goals.
6. To provide social, emotional and mental health support to students by expanding access to resources and services.
7. To initiate programs through the State's Opportunity grant that positively impact the English Language Learners students as well as those that live in high poverty.
8. To continue to work with state agencies and local daycare providers to meet the needs of Pre-Kindergarten students.

Mr. Failing made a motion to adopt the 2019-2020 Key Priorities as discussed. Dr. Denman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Adjournment

At 8:39 p.m. Dr. Denman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Failing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Marasco, Failing, Wilson, and Denman).

Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary Date

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