NEW CASTLE COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The following Board members were present for the School Board meeting, which was hosted by Hodgson Vo-Tech High School: Yvette Santiago, President; John F. Lynch, Jr., Vice President; Mark Stellini; Madeline Johnson; Cheryl Dennis and Robert Gilligan. Renee Taschner was absent. Victoria C. Gehrt, Superintendent, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Santiago called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT / SECRETARY / SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes
A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Stellini to dispense with the reading and to recommend approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Education, with correction noted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence - None

Mr. John Puican, from New Castle County offices, presented information about a program they are seeking schools to participate in called “Great Schools Clean Streams,” which is a countywide program.

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

District

Starfish Award
Presenters: Ms. Yvette Santiago, Board President
Dr. Victoria Gehrt, Superintendent
Don Meyer, Driver’s Education Instructor, Hodgson

Delcastle
Introduction: Dr. Jerry Lamey

State Soccer Coach of the Year
Presenter: Dr. Michael Edge, Asst. Principal
Mr. Nick Lyons, Coach/Math Instructor

HVT Ice Hockey Team – State Champions
Presenter: Dr. Michael Edge, Asst. Principal
Mr. Dan Hebert, Head Coach
Mr. Joe Italia, Asst. Coach
Mr. Ryan Hebert, Asst. Coach
Mr. Walt Landreth, Asst. Coach
Justin Italia, Captain (12th, Business Tech)
Niklas Cook, Asst. Captain (11th, CNAP)
Nick Demarco, Asst. Captain (10th, Plumbing)
Project Lead the Way (PLTW) – Academy of Manufacturing Students
Emphasizing the “E” in STEM
Presenter: Mr. Michael Przywara, Asst. Principal
           Mr. Tyrone Thompson, Academy Instructor
           Connor Fuenty, 10th          Brianna Pavkovich, 10th
           Fernando Garcia, 11th       Tyler Mason, 11th
           James Fitzgerald, 12th      Marvin Smith, 12th

Ceremony for Former Principals
Presenter: Dr. Jerry Lamey, Principal
           Mr. Joseph Ambrosino
           Dr. Steven Godowsky
           Mr. Gerald Allen
           Ms. Annemarie Linden
           Dr. Jerry Lamey

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Hodgson
Novice Teacher Professional Development
Presenter: Ms. Christine Colihan, Asst. Principal

Conclusion: Dr. Jerry Lamey
Dr. Lamey recognized Mrs. Lisa Jackson for setting up and organizing the Eagles Nest for dinner

District

NCC VO-TECH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Presenter: Donato Rufo, President
No formal report this month.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Gilligan to approve the Financial Reports for February, subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously.

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND CHANGE ORDERS - None

REPORTS: PRINCIPALS / DIRECTORS / SPECIAL
Discussions were held regarding Board members' comments on, and inquiries into, the monthly administrative reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 District Calendars (2nd Reading)
At February’s Board meeting, the Board approved for posting the proposed 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 District Calendars. No comments were received. There is one correction to be made changing the “offices open” to “offices closed” for August 26, 2016.
The motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to approve the 2016-2017 & 2017-2018 District Calendars. The motion was carried unanimously. The 2016-2017 District Calendar will be submitted to DOE as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Gilligan to approve personnel actions (and addendum, page 32 a.) as recommended:

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COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

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FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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Hodgson  Instructional Paraeducator  Megan Baker  02/22/16  addendum
Hodgson  Mathematics Instructor  Barbara Casarino  02/22/16  addendum
Hodgson  Social Studies Instructor  Edward Sobocinski  02/03/16  addendum
Howard  CNAP Instructor  Dawnn Dickerson  02/29/16  addendum
St. Georges  Mathematics Instructor  Kevin Stark  03/07/16  addendum
St. Georges  Social Studies Instructor  Jessica Bell  02/01/16  addendum

RESIGNATION
Delcastle  Hall Monitor  Jerry Van Dusen  03/04/16
Del. Skills Ctr.  Finance & Contracts Coordinator  Susanna Smith  03/18/16  addendum

RETIREMENTS/SERVICE
Delcastle  Senior Secretary  Marie Celano  07/01/16
Hodgson  Science Instructor  Amelia Quillen  07/01/16

The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed Revisions to 2016-2017 Student/Parent Handbook (1st Reading)
The motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to post the recommended changes to the 2016-2017 Student/Parent Handbook. Dr. Gehrt explained the addition of the mandated Suicide policy to the handbook. This copy was provided by our attorney Dave Williams and has been reviewed by the Board Policy Committee. The Board will be asked to consider for approval the recommended changes to the Student/Parent Handbook at the regular April Board meeting, pending comments received. The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed Holiday Schedule for Twelve-Month Employees
The motion was made by Mrs. Dennis and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Holiday Schedule for Twelve-Month Employees for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was carried unanimously.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember
Ms. Santiago asked that the Board review the Dates to Remember and the School Activities schedule. She made note of items in their folder for review: a special CTE Edition Newsletter for Winter 2016 and a new monthly newsletter subscription for Board members. A correction was noted that the April Board meeting will be at St. Georges.

DSBA Information
Mr. Lynch referred to DSBA meeting minutes that had been provided for their information. He informed the Board that he is chairing a nominating committee to select officers for next year.

Board Goals
- Define Community So We Can Communicate More Clearly: Mr. Lynch & Ms. Tascher
- Develop a Process for Increasing Board Communications: Ms. Santiago, Mr. Stellini, Mrs. Dennis
Ms. Santiago reported continued progress with committee’s communication efforts.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:03 p.m., the motion was made by Mrs. Dennis and seconded by Ms. Johnson to go into Executive Session to discuss the Hearing Officer’s report on a student expulsion and to review personnel recommendations for 2016-2017. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Santiago reconvened the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Hearing Officer’s Report
The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer’s reports, hearing transcript, and administration recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Stellini and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to accept the Hearing Officer’s recommendations to expel student #032116M for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year with alternative placement. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Mrs. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Stellini to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Victoria C. Gehrt, Ed.D., Executive Secretary