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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Santiago called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REPORT / SECRETARY / SUPERINTENDENT**

**Minutes**

Before approving the September 25, 2017, minutes, Ms. Taschner requested that the minutes reflect that in the personnel the Senior Secretary position at Marshallton was a Secretary position that was changed to a Senior Secretary position. A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Gilligan to recommend approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2017, meeting of the Board of Education. The motion was carried with 6 affirmative votes (1 absent). Those in affirmative were: Ms. Santiago, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Gilligan, and Ms. Taschner. Mr. Stellini was absent.

**Correspondence - None**

**COMMUNITY/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**District**

**Starfish Award** – Ms. Pam Diksa and Ms. Tracy McMullen

Presenters: Ms. Yvette Santiago, Board President

Dr. Victoria Gehrt, Superintendent

**Hodgson**

**Introduction: Mr. Jerry Lamey, Principal**

**Jaden’s Angels**

Presenter: Dr. Jerry Lamey, Principal

Ms. Pam Diksa, School Nurse

Ms. Tracy McMullen, School Nurse

Mr. Kevin Szymanski, School Resource Officer

Kicara Lindsey, 12th, Health Information Technology

Jaden Gray, 9th

Crystal Boddy, Parent

Eric Gray, Parent

**Hurricane Relief Project**

Presenter: Ms. Christine Colihan, Assistant Principal

Ms. Lisa Jackson, Student Activities Coordinator

Ms. Marra Taylor, Social Studies Instructor

Mr. Michael Pollock, English Instructor
National Honor Society
Presenter: Dr. Michael Edge, Assistant Principal
   Ms. Kelly Bench, Social Studies Instructor
   Briya Miller, 12th, Technical Drafting & Design
   Vaughn Wood, 12th, Technical Drafting & Design

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Hodgson
CTE Blended Learning
Presenter: Mr. Michael Przywara, Assistant Principal
   Mr. Mike Paoli, Cosmetology Instructor
   Mr. Tim Brewer, Instructional Technology Coach

District
Omnibus School Safety Act
Presenter: Mr. Willie Patrick, Deputy Director, Comprehensive School Safety Plan Program
   Mr. AJ Schall, Director, Delaware Emergency Management Agency

Howard 1927 Building Renovations Project: Update
Presenter: Ms. Chandra Nilekani, President, ABHA Architects
   Mr. Jerry Doherty, President, EDiS Company
   Mr. Kevin Lucas, Senior Project Manager, EDiS Company
   Ms. Samara Hamilton, Project Manager, EDiS Company

NCC Vo-Tech Education Association
Presenter: Mr. Donato Rufo, President
   No Formal Comments

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Financial Reports for September; subject to audit. The motion was passed unanimously.

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND CHANGE ORDERS

Howard 1927 Building Renovation Project: Change Orders (Informational Only)
Mr. Timothy Kain, Director of Facilities Management & Special Projects, presented the following change orders for informational purposes. No vote was necessary.

- Change Order #1: Pennsylvania Flooring – Provide additional cement-based self-leveling underlayment in the amount of $23,625.00.
- Change Order #1: Specialty Finishes – Furnish and install whiteboards and tack boards at Annex to cover sections of existing walls identified after demolition in the amount of $14,973.00.
- Change Order #2: Plymouth Environmental Company – Removal and disposal of 1,438 square feet of lead glazed ceramic tile in bathrooms in the amount of $38,236.42.
- Change Order #2: Specialty Finishes – Patch and Paint walls in 1972 building related to the smart board installation in the amount of $13,283.00.
- Change Order #2: Enterprise Masonry – Tooth hallway brick and infill in the amount of $15,044.00
- Change Order #2: Pennsylvania Flooring – Installation of concrete-based self-leveling underlayment in 1st floor of main building (Rooms M107, M109, M138, M140 & M142) in the amount of $15,120.00.
• Change Order #3: Specialty Finishes – Supply and assemble seven portable white boards for Annex classrooms in the amount of $10,690.00.
• Change Order #3: Enterprise Masonry – Provide revised shelf angle at the auditorium egress stairway in the amount of $5,970.00.
• Change Order #4: Nickle Electrical – Added two fire alarm devices to fire pump controller per Fire Marshal requirement in the amount of $980.00.

Change Order #4 – Howard 1927 Building Renovation: Northeast Contractors, Inc./Metal Framing/Drywall/Plaster
Mr. Timothy Kain, Director of Facilities Management & Special Projects, presented change order #4 for approval. This change order is to furnish and install furring out walls in CM 103 & CM 202, furnish and install additional soffits and bulkheads, and furnish and install additional acoustical ceiling tile and grid in the amount of $88,599.00. The motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve change order #4. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bid Pac G – Fitness Equipment for Howard High School
Mr. Timothy Kain, Director of Facilities Management & Special Projects, presented Bid Pac G for approval. The recommendation was made that a contract for Fitness Equipment at Howard High School be awarded to the lowest bidder, Life Fitness, at $157,000.00. The motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve Bid Pac G. The motion was carried with five yeas (Ms. Santiago, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Gilligan, and Mrs. Dennis) and 1 nay (Ms. Taschner).

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

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies to be Reaffirmed (2nd Reading)
Dr. Gehrt presented the following Board Policies to the Board requesting approval to be reaffirmed:
• Policy #001 – School District Name and Legal Status
• Policy #002 – Board Organizational Meeting
• Policy #004 – Regular and Special Board Meetings
• Policy #004-1 – Public Comment at Board Meetings
• Policy #005 – Board Offices, Facilities and Service
• Policy #007 – Notification of Board Meetings
• Policy #008 – Voting Method at Board Meeting
• Policy #009 – School Board Powers and Duties
The motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to approve the reaffirmation of the above mentioned Board Policies. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

September 30th Unit Count
Mr. Sean Sokolowski, Director of Business, presented the preliminary estimates of the Unit Count to the Board for informational purposes only. No vote was necessary.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:13 p.m., Ms. Santiago made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue. Sean Sokolowski, Business Director, Gerald Allen, Director of Personnel/School Operations, and Dr. Victoria C. Gehrt, Superintendent, were all present for the session.

Ms. Santiago reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Personnel
A motion was made by Mrs. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Lynch to approve personnel actions (including addendum, pg. 50a) as recommended:

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| NEW APPOINTMENTS/DECLINED                              |                  |                   |           |
| Delcastle    | Custodian                                      | Scott Cross       |           |
| Howard       | Guidance Secretary                            | Mary Ann Stewart  |           |

COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

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Hodgson   | National Honor Society Advisor | Kelly Bench | 2017/2018
Hodgson   | Student Council Advisor | Marra Taylor | 2017/2018
Hodgson   | Student Council Advisor | Michael Pollock | 2017/2018
Hodgson   | Yearbook Sponsor | Randi Pro | 2017/2018

**DIGITAL & INSTRUCTIONAL LEAD TEACHERS**

Delcastle | Digital Content Lead Teacher | Olga Beaver | 2017/2018
Delcastle | Digital Content Lead Teacher | Joseph Evans | 2017/2018
Hodgson   | Digital Content Lead Teacher | Christine Baiocco | 2017/2018
Hodgson   | Digital Content Lead Teacher | Jill Yetter | 2017/2018
Hodgson   | Instructional Practice Lead Teacher | Kelly Bench | 2017/2018
St. Georges | Digital Content Lead Teacher | William Culver | 2017/2018
St. Georges | Instructional Practice Lead Teacher | Donna Poore | 2017/2018

**TEAM LEADER**

Delcastle | Special Education Team Leader | Jennifer Lyman | 2017/2018

**FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

District | Instructional Specialist | Justin Comegys – Effective October 17, 2017 | Addendum
Delcastle | Class B Maintenance | Efrain Rodriguez – Effective October 4, 2017 | Addendum
Delcastle | Custodian | Derrick Bethel – Effective October 9, 2017 | Addendum
Howard   | Cafeteria General Worker | Paula Cannon – Effective September 26, 2017 | Addendum

**RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

Delcastle | Spanish Instructor | Olga Beaver – Effective October 9, 2017 | Addendum
Howard   | Nurse Technician Instructor | Dorothy Hutt – Effective October 4, 2017 | Addendum
St. Georges | Secretary | Alesia Biddle – Effective October 2, 2017 | Addendum
St. Georges | Social Studies Instructor | Donna Poore – Effective October 16, 2017 | Addendum

**RESIGNATIONS**

Delcastle | Custodian | Rogelio Burton – Effective September 12, 2017
Howard   | Biology Instructor | Meghan Ciminello – Effective October 20, 2017

**RETIREMENT/SERVICE**

St. Georges | Secretary | Alesia Biddle – Effective January 1, 2018

The motion was passed unanimously.

**St. Georges’ Wellness Center**

Mr. Gilligan requested at the next Board meeting to have an update on the newly funded Wellness Center at St. Georges. He also suggested that some type of ceremony be held when the Wellness Center is ready to open to recognize and thank the many legislators who helped to secure the funding.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Dates to Remember**

Ms. Santiago asked that the Board take time to review the Dates to Remember.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Ms. Taschner and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Victoria C. Gehrt, Ed.D., Superintendent