

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

**February 22, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

The following Board members were present for the School Board meeting, which was hosted by Delcastle Technical High School and held at the Thomas B. Sharp Center: Yvette Santiago, President; John F. Lynch, Jr., Vice President; Renee Taschner; Mark Stellini; Madeline Johnson; and Cheryl Dennis. Robert Gilligan 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 Ms. Taschner and seconded by Mr. Lynch to dispense with the reading and to recommend approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2016, held on February 8, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion was carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- Letter from the Department of Education indicating the Secretary of Education has certified the District's September 30, 2015, enrollment and "actual unit count."

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

District

STARFISH AWARD

Presenters: Ms. Yvette Santiago, Board President
Dr. Victoria Gehrt, Superintendent
Linda Castelow, Delcastle Para-Educator

Delcastle

Introduction: Dr. Clifton Hayes

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

Presenter: Ms. Sarah Olsavsky, Asst. Principal
Delaney Duricek, 10th, Graphic Arts
Leslie Garcia, 10th, Graphic Arts

BRANDING THE SCHOOL & INCREASING SCHOOL PRIDE

Presenter: Mr. Michael Kittel, Asst. Principal
Jewel Lemons, Facilities Chief
Michael Robinson, Night Facilities Chief
Linda Castelow (Para-Educator) for School Store
Susan Wells (Production & Imaging Instructor) for School Store
John Rykaczewski, Graphic Arts Instructor

**DFHU (Delaware Field Hockey Umpires) ASSOCIATION
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD / FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**

Presenter: Dr. Rita Vasta, Asst. Principal

Jeffrey Hewes, Athletic Director
Jordan Bader, Head Coach
Melissa Dobbs, Assistant Coach
Team Captains:
Megan Hynson, 11th, Carpentry
Kara Perrine, 12th, Business Tech
Lauryn Seese, 11th, Culinary Arts

Blue Hen Flight A Soccer Coach of the Year

Presenter: Mr. Paul Rabinovitch, Asst. Principal
Todd Lehman, Boys Head Soccer Coach

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Delcastle

PROJECT W.I.N. (What I Need)

Presenters: Dr. Clifton Hayes, Principal
Olga Beaver, Spanish Instructor
Audrey Hansen, English Instructor
Amanda Powell, Spanish Instructor
Samantha Lopez, College Access Program
William Marshall, College Access Program
Joseph Scott, College Access Program
Crystal Tilghman, College Access Program

Students:

Aneliz Ordorica-Campos, 10th, Cosmetology
Adolphus Fletcher, 12th, Graphic Arts

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HOWARD 1927 BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT: UPDATE

Presenters: Ms. Chandra Nilekani, President
ABHA Architects

Mr. Jerry Doherty, Snr. Vice President
EDiS Company

CNCC VO-TECH WELLNESS CENTERS: UPDATE

Presenters: Ms. Julie Chiquoine, Nurse Practitioner/Center Coordinator,
Delcastle School-Based Health Center

Ms. Kate Dubroff, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Center
Coordinator, Hodgson School-Based Health Center

NCC VO-TECH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Presenter: Donato Rufo, President

No formal report this month.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Financial Reports for January, 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 - None

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to approve personnel actions (and addendum, page 31 a.) as recommended:

| LOCATION | POSITION | NAME | EFFECTIVE |
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| <u>NEW APPOINTMENT</u> | | | |
| Delcastle | Instructional Paraeducator- -Temporary | Erin Denny-Huynh | 02/22/16 |
| St. Georges | Instructional Paraeducator- -Temporary | Lauren Glazewski | 02/22/16 <i>addendum</i> |
| St. Georges | Instructional Paraeducator- -Temporary | Sally Hines | 02/22/16 <i>addendum</i> |

COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

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| Delcastle | Baseball, Head Coach | David Battafarano | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Baseball, Asst. Coach | Aaron Yamamoto | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Baseball, Asst. Coach | Donato Rufo | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Mike Albertson | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Nate Cecelia | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Jared Santak | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Jordan Santak | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Softball, Head Coach | Anthony Webb | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Softball, Asst. Coach | Margaret Battafarano | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Softball, Asst. Coach | Angela Guida | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Softball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Kevin Madigan | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Girls Soccer, Head Coach | Todd Lehman | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Girls Soccer, Asst. Coach | Melissa Dobbs | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Girls Soccer, Asst. Coach | John Fitzgerald | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Lacrosse, Head Coach | Corey Shepherd | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Lacrosse, Asst. Coach | Ryan Scott N/A | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Lacrosse, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Alex Farmer | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Spring Track, Head Coach | Carmella Anderson | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Spring Track, Asst. Coach | Samantha Kelly | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Spring Track, Asst. Coach | Jonathan Dickey | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Head Coach | Christopher Moxley | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Asst. Coach | Bryan Moxley | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Asst. Coach (1/2) | Roger Rolfe | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Asst. Coach (1/2) | Douglas Amalfitano` | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Joseph Kruemmer | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | J. T. Laws N/A | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Baseball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Shawn Pacana | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Head Coach | David Morrow | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach | Ronald Boxer | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach | Chris Saienna | 2015/2016 |

| LOCATION | POSITION | NAME | EFFECTIVE |
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| <u>COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS</u> <i>(continued)</i> | | | |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Alan McMillan | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Paige Meddings | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Cherie Merced | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Fran Saienni | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Softball, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Peter Veasey | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Boys Lacrosse, Head Coach | Robert Lawruk | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Boys Lacrosse, Asst. Coach | Ross Millius | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Boys Lacrosse, Asst. Coach | Joaquin Flores | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Boys Lacrosse, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Michael LaFashia | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Lacrosse, Head Coach | Morgan Rispoli | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Lacrosse, Asst. Coach (1/2) | Patrick Henry | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Lacrosse, Asst. Coach (1/2) | Alysha Brannon | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Lacrosse, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Marra Taylor | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Soccer, Head Coach | Nicholas Lyons | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Soccer, Asst. Coach | Timothy Davis | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Girls Soccer, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Krista Varnes | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Golf, Head Coach | Adam Talley | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Spring Track, Head Coach | Megan Baker | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Spring Track, Asst. Coach | Darrell Lockhart | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Spring Track, Asst. Coach (1/2) | Ammar Corbin | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Spring Track, Asst. Coach (1/2) | DuMaine Corbin | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Spring Track, Asst. Coach | Jennifer Holdsworth | 2015/2016 |
| Hodgson | Spring Track, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Zack Williams | 2015/2016 |
| Delcastle | Golf, Head Coach | Marty Baeriswyl | 2015/2016 <i>addendum</i> |
| Delcastle | Golf, Asst. Coach, Volunteer | Cameron Davis | 2015/2016 <i>addendum</i> |

RESIGNATION

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| Howard | School Psychologist | Eric Randolph | 02/05/16 |
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RESIGNATION/COACHING

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| Delcastle | Golf, Head Coach | Michael Lemon | 12/03/15 |
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RETIREMENT/SERVICE

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| Del. Skills Ctr. | Certified Nursing Assistant Inst. | Mary Ellen DiCesare | 07/01/16 |
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The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposed 2016-2017 (Revised) & 2017-2018 (New) District Calendars (1st Reading)

The motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Stellini to approve for posting the proposed revised 2016-2017 & new 2017-2018 District Calendars. The calendars have been reviewed and approved by the District Calendar Committee through Mary An Scarbrough who chaired the committee. Committee member Kathy Demarest briefly highlighted some of the changes. Committee members were Leah Anderson, Carrie Barber, Neena Burnett, Kathy Demarest, Sue Gosney, Jim Hill, Jerry Lamey, Deborah Mirto, Carol O'Hara, Sarah Olsavsky, Shanta Reynolds, Donato Rufo, and Terri Villa. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval to Proceed with Lease

Dr. Hale presented the District's request for the Board to approve allowing the District to proceed with executing a lease on property for relocation of the Delaware Skills Center. The relocation is due to the planned renovation of the Howard 1927 Building. Dr. Hale presented information on the proposed building for possible lease, and he and Mr. Wells answered questions. Dr. Gehrt, Dr. Hale, and Mr. Wells have toured the building and area and are satisfied.

The Board was assured that the District's attorney would be negotiating with the owner of the building. The District recommends the Board approve moving forward with negotiations and obtaining a 5-year lease with option to renew. The motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Lynch to approve the District moving forward on executing a lease on property for relocation of the Delaware Skills Center. The motion was carried unanimously.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember

Ms. Santiago asked that the Board review the Dates to Remember and please note on your calendars. The Skills/USA Banquet is March 22 and the Secretary of Education Scholars Awards Dinner is April 18. Notify Judy if you would like to attend. Also Ms. Santiago noted February 24 is the DSBA Legislative Committee meeting and April 13 is the DSBA Annual Meeting. Responses are needed if you would like to attend.

Ms. Santiago mentioned to also check out at the end of the report a list of school activities.

DSBA Information

DSBA meeting minutes are provided in the Board Report.

Mr. Lynch announced the new Executive Director of DSBA, Dr. John Marinucci, who is expected to do an excellent job and has excellent qualifications.

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 progress with committee's communication efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Ms. Taschner and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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