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

MAY 21, 2018
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; Madeline Johnson, Vice President; Cheryl Dennis; Robert Gilligan; Nello Paoli; 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 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORT / SECRETARY / SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes
A motion was made by Mr. Gilligan and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to recommend approval of the minutes of the April 23, 2018, regular meeting of the Board of Education. The motion was carried with 6 affirmative votes. Those in the affirmative were: Ms. Santiago, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Gilligan, Mr. Paoli, and Ms. Taschner. Mr. Stellini was absent.

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

District
Starfish Award – Mrs. Susan Wells
Presenters: Ms. Yvette Santiago, Board President
Dr. Victoria Gehrt, Superintendent

Delcastle
Introduction: Dr. Clifton Hayes, Principal

A. Life Saving Intervention
Presenter: Dr. Clifton Hayes, Principal
Shira K. Smith, 11th, Graphic Arts

B. Business Professionals of America National Winners
Presenter: Dr. Rita Vasta, Assistant Principal
Teacher: Nicole Dobbs, Business Technology & Delcastle’s Teacher of the Year
Amy Caceres – 10th, Business Technology
Axel Castro – 10th, Business Technology
Asucena Ayllon – 10th, Business Technology
Alan Castro – 10th, Business Technology
Isabel Castaneda – 11th, Business Technology
Janette Santiago – 11th, Business Technology

C. Penn Relay Track Presentation
Presenter: Dr. Rita Vasta, Assistant Principal
Head Track Coach: Carmella Anderson
Assistant Track Coaches: Jonathan Dickey
Samantha Kelly
Karvin Reeves
Four x 400 Relay Team
Ja'Vante Biddle – 11th, Information Technology
Brandon Foreman – 12th, Information Technology
Clarence Smith – 9th, Graphic Arts
Alif Spratling – 11th, Electrical Trades

D. First Alternative-To-College Career Fair
Presenter: Mr. Paul Rabinovitch, Assistant Principal
Warren Howell, Parent & Community Engagement (PACE) Coordinator

E. Superstars in Education
Presenter: Mr. Michael Kittel, Assistant Principal
Nathalia Princilus, Special Education Transition Coordinator
Lisa Cave, Specialized Transition to Employment Pathway (STEP) Instructor
Kathleen Denny – STEP Instructor
Tom Gears – STEP Instructor
Greta Humphrey – STEP Instructor
Susan Wells – STEP Department Chair

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Delcastle
Community Service Partnership – Nemours Prom Presentation
Presenter: Dr. Sarah Olsavsky, Assistant Principal
Nemours Partners: Heather Brady
Michelle Fulmer
Julie Regan
Faculty/Staff: Elizabeth Abell, Digital Media
Lisa Bainbridge-Scully, DFTA/Academy Cluster
John Collins, Auto Body
Tom Craft, Culinary Arts
Karla Dennison, Student Activities Coordinator
Nicole Dobbs, Business Technology
Tim Dorsey, Science
Dan Edelen, Welding
John Fitzgerald, Sheet Metal
Tom Gamber, Carpentry
Gary James, Culinary Arts
Gary Phillips, Digital Media
Lauren Pressey, Cosmetology
John Rypaczewski, Graphic Arts
Paula Tiberi, Cosmetology
Tony Tiberi, Auto Body
Susan Wells, Production & Imaging

District
Howard 1927 Building Renovation Project: Update
Presenters: Mr. Carl Krieman, Principal, ABHA Architects
Mr. Jerry Doherty, President, EDiS Company
Mr. Warren Ellis, Project Manager, EDiS Company
Ms. Kristin Caras, Project Manager, EDiS Company
NCCVT Vo-Tech Education Association  
Presenter: Mr. Donator Rufo, President  
No Formal Comments

FINANCIAL REPORTS
The motion was made by Ms. Taschner and seconded by Mr. Gilligan to to approve the Financial Reports for April, subject to audit. The motion passed unanimously.

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND CHANGE ORDERS
Howard 1927 Building Renovation Project: Change Orders
Mr. Timothy Kain, Director of Facilities Management & Special Projects, presented the following change orders to the Board for informational purposes only. No vote was necessary.

b. Change Order #11/Contract HHS-34: Specialty Finishes, LLC – Structural framing for light supports in auditorium in the amount of $17,006.00.
c. Change Order #12/Contract HHS-34: Specialty Finishes, LLC – Furnish and install Bilco door in the amount of $9,247.00.
d. Change Order #13/Contract HHS-34: Specialty Finishes, LLC – Furnish and install a Marvin sliding window per RFI 415 in the amount of $2,885.00.
e. Change Order #10/Contract HHS-20: Nickle Electrical Company – Work associated with ASI #60 in the amount of $17,740.00
f. Change Order #13/Contract HHS-32: Enterprise Masonry – PCO #23 Front elevation caulking and patching at column pedestals in the amount of $2,389.00.
g. Change Order #4/Contract HHS-35: North East Contractors Inc. – Room M028 south west corner of room built column because of existing drain pipe in the amount of $1,546.00.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Revisions to the 2018-2019 Student/Parent Handbook (2nd Reading)
Mr. Gerald Allen, Director of Personnel/School Operations, recommended that the revisions to the 2018-2019 Student/Parent Handbook that had been disseminated for a public comment period be approved. No comments were received during the public comment period. The motion was made by Mrs. Dennis and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the revisions to the 2018-2019 Student/Parent Handbook. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Castle County Collection Services for Delinquent Taxes – New Rates
Mr. Sean Sokolowski, Director of Business, presented the new collection fee rate that the County renegotiated with the agency that will be handling the collection of the delinquent taxes. Instead of the originally proposed rates of 7.74% for collections of delinquent taxes under 3 years old and 12.74% for collections of delinquent taxes over 3 years old, the new rate negotiated is 10.24% for all collections of delinquent taxes. The motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Paoli to approve the renegotiated rate. The motion was passed with 5 affirmative votes and 1 abstention. Those in the affirmative were: Ms. Santiago, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Gilligan, Mrs. Dennis, and Mr. Paoli. Ms. Taschner abstained.
NEW BUSINESS

Personnel
A motion was made by Ms. Taschner and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve personnel actions (including addendum, pg. 40a) as recommended:

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COACHING RECOMMENDATION
St. Georges Softball, Asst. Coach (1/2) Taylor Malantonio 2017/2018
St. Georges Football, Asst. Coach (1/2) DeAndre Davis 2018/2019

RESIGNATIONS
District Financial Secretary Cara Lightfoot-Merrill – Effective May 25, 2018
Hodgson Cafeteria Food Service Worker Shahnaj Akther – Effective May 14, 2018
St. Georges ELA Instructor Taylor Malantonio – Effective June 30, 2018
St. Georges IT/Programming & Design Inst. Donnell McNair – Effective June 30, 2018
Delcastle Mathematics Instructor Aaron Yamamoto – Effective June 30, 2018

RESIGNATION/COACHING
St. Georges Volleyball, Head Coach Charity Hart – Effective fall of school year
2018/2019

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCES
Howard Special Education Team Leader Tristan Spates – Effective May 9, 2018
St. Georges Instructional Paraeducator Deborah Mirto – Effective March 23, 2018
St. Georges Learning Support Coach Jennifer Rodgers – Effective May 16, 2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 8:13 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Taschner for the Board to go into Executive Session regarding legal matters, tax refunds, contract negotiations, and personnel. Mr. Gerald Allen, Director of Personnel and School Operations, Mr. Sean Sokolowski, Director of Business; and Dr. Victoria Gehrt, Superintendent, were present for the session. Barry Willoughby, an attorney for Young Conway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, and Dave Williams, an attorney for Morris James L.L.P, were also present.

Ms. Santiago reconvened the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date to Remember
Ms. Santiago asked that the Board to take time to review the Dates to Remember and School Activities.

ADJOURNMENT
The motion was made by Ms. Taschner and seconded by Mrs. Dennis to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.