

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

**January 24, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The following Board members were present for the School Board meeting, which was hosted by St. Georges Technical High School: John F. Lynch, Jr., President; John J. McMahon, Jr., Vice President; Arnetta McRae; and Mark Stellini. Robert Strong and Yvette Santiago were absent. Steven Godowsky, Superintendent, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

REPORT / SECRETARY / SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. McMahon and seconded by Ms. McRae to dispense with the reading and to recommend approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on Monday, December 20, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- Letter from Dr. Eleanor Smalley, Senior Project Director at Darden/Curry partnership for Leaders in Education, University of Virginia, thanking the District for its participation and commitment to the Executive Leadership Program for Educators. The District participated in this Wallace Foundation sponsored program from 2006-2008. A framed completion certificate was presented to the District from the University of Virginia and shared with the Board.
- Letter from Dr. Manera Constantine, Executive Director of the Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education, thanking Dr. Godowsky and Mrs. Demarest for attending an Advisory Council meeting and presenting an update on New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District programs.
- Letter from Secretary of Finance Thomas Cook to all superintendents regarding the implementation of the state's new First State Financial System. The implementation of the new system has been challenging, and Secretary Cook thanked the business managers and district business staff for making the best of the situation in this transition period.
- Dr. Godowsky made note of items in the Board's folder: a personnel addendum and Partnership Zone information.

RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS - St. Georges

Association of Builders & Contractors/ABC Partnership

Presenter: Eric Wells, Assistant Principal
Bob Blyman, HVAC Instructor
Lenny Graves, High Bay Instructor
Roger Seedorf, Coop Coordinator
Frank Hanson, Carpentry Instructor

Medical Assisting Blood Drive

Presenter: Eric Wells, Assistant Principal
Peg Enslen, Medical Assisting Instructor
Olivian Knight, 11th/ Medical Assisting
Katie Peel, 11th/Medical Assisting
Melanie Ferrell, 11th/Medical Assisting

Herff Jones Recognition

Presenter: Jerry Lamey, Assistant Principal
Debbie Tuson, Math Chair/Yearbook Advisor

National 4-H Dairy Conference

Presenter: Terri Villa, Principal
Logan Derrickson, 11th/Athletic Healthcare

Boys Soccer and Football Teams: State Tournament Participants

Presenter: Jerry Lamey, Assistant Principal
Justin Null, Soccer Head Coach
Josh Rickner, Soccer Assistant Coach
Frank Hanson, Soccer Assistant Coach
Captains: Collin Towner, 12th/Carpentry
Adam Pinder, 11th/Athletic Healthcare
Mark Semanski, 11th/Athletic Healthcare
JD Maull, Football Head Coach
Football Assistant Coaches: Dan Pritchard, Jeff Rodgers,
Jimmy Cullin, Kai Maull, Jeremy Springer, Dustin Creighton, Ronny Burton
Captains: John O'Neill, 12th/Electrical Trades
Stan Zulkowski, 12th/Electrical Trades
Robert Grundy, 12th/Web & Print Technology
Chris Henlon, 12th/Web & Print Technology

PUBLIC PRESENTATION – St. Georges

Learning Focused Strategies (LFS)

Presenter: Christine Colihan, Assistant Principal

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The motion was made by Mr. McMahon and seconded by Mr. Stellini to approve the Financial Reports for January, subject to audit. The motion was carried 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

Partnership Zone: Update

Dr. Godowsky referenced the official notification from Dr. Lowery provided in the Board Report notifying the District of the approval of Howard High School of Technology's Partnership Zone Transformational Intervention Plan. He also referred to the memo in the Board folder detailing Partnership Zone activities. A recommendation will be made for the new principal in the New Business-personnel portion of the meeting. Dr. Godowsky noted that the PZ allocation of \$200,000 was smaller than expected and requires the District to apply for the additional funding through a School Improvement Grant (SIG). Meetings are planned with the Association to develop a transfer plan and three faculty-based subcommittees have been formed. Dr. Godowsky will be scheduling meetings to build stakeholder and community support for Howard and the PZ Plan.

Proposed 2011-2012 District Calendar

The proposed 2011-2012 District calendar was disseminated for public comment immediately following the January Board of Education meeting. Revisions to this calendar were made based on an agreement with all New Castle County superintendents to create a more uniform calendar. The revised calendar represents the same calendar proposed by all New Castle County school districts and was recommended for approval by administration. A motion was made by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mr. McMahon to approve the revised 2011-2012 District Calendar. The motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Stellini and seconded by Ms. McRae to approve personnel actions, including addendum (page 79 a.), as recommended:

LOCATION	POSITION	NAME	EFFECTIVE
<u>NEW APPOINTMENT</u>			
Howard	Secretary	Linda Camponelli	01/18/11
Howard	Principal	Timothy Capone	TBD <i>addendum</i>
Howard	Biology Instructor--Temporary	Kelly Green	01/31/11 <i>addendum</i>
<u>FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE</u>			
Hodgson	Custodian	Mark Riley	01/03/11
<u>RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCES</u>			
Delcastle	English Instructor	Michelle Gamble	01/11/11
St. Georges	English Instructor	Carol O'Hara	12/13/10
Delcastle	Custodian	Paul Dixon	01/03/11 <i>addendum</i>
Hodgson	Secretary	Cheryl Clary	01/10/11 <i>addendum</i>
Hodgson	Custodian	Mark Riley	01/10/11 <i>addendum</i>
Marshallton	Secretary	Carol Smith	01/17/11 <i>addendum</i>
MAP	Instructional Paraeducator	Renee Bolen	01/03/11 <i>addendum</i>
<u>RECLASSIFICATION</u>			
District	Supervisor of Technology Reclassification from Acting Assistant Principal at Howard to Supervisor of Technology	MaryAn Scarbrough	01/05/11
<u>TRANSFER</u>			
Howard	Social Studies Instructor Requesting transfer from current teaching assignment as Computer Network Administration Instructor to Social Studies Instructor	Antonio Bianco	01/18/11

LOCATION	POSITION	NAME	EFFECTIVE
<u>RESIGNATION/COACHING</u>			
Hodgson	Wrestling, Asst. Coach	Joshua McGregor	12/20/10
<u>RETIREMENT/SERVICE</u>			
Delcastle	Physical Education/Health Inst.	Kathy Plumline	07/01/11
Delcastle	Instructional Paraeducator	Bonnie Spear	07/01/11 <i>addendum</i>

The motion was carried unanimously.

Board of Education Policy Manual Revisions

As part of phase one of a comprehensive review of the Board of Education Policy Manual, Dr. Zych presented to the Board several proposed policy revisions. The Board Policy Committee met on January 13, 2011, reviewed the proposed revisions, and recommended that they be posted for public comment. Any comments will be noted, and the revised policies will be brought before the Board in February for approval. A motion was made by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mr. Stellini to approve the posting of the revised Board of Education policies. The motion was carried unanimously. Dr. Zych stated that much more work needs to be done to prepare for the next phase of proposed revisions to be presented at the February Board meeting. The plan is to have all revisions completed in three phases.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dates to Remember

DSBA Information

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:08 p.m., the motion was made by Mr. McMahon and seconded by Mr. Stellini to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal issues. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch reconvened the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Mr. McMahon and seconded by Mr. Stellini to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

Steven H. Godowsky, Superintendent