

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 27, 2012, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mr. Wolak.

Present on roll call were William Dibble, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, Nancy Opperthausen, Susan Vogel and John Wolak. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Deborah Feinberg, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and 4 members of the public.

Mr. Wolak led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Wolak read the following statement:

This is a public meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with PL 1975, Chapter 231, in that an annual notice was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

Whenever the business of the Board requires it to convene to Closed Session, the session will begin no later than 10:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the need for Closed Session, the Board will reconvene to the public portion of the meeting. At that time the Board will complete any other business that may be before it and the public will then be given an opportunity to be heard before the meeting is adjourned.

#### Comments

Mr. Wolak welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Dr. Miceli.

#### Superintendent's Report

1. Dr. Miceli reported that enrollment is currently 617 at the High School, 356 at the Middle School, 646 at Allen W. Roberts School, 648 at Salt Brook School, with 37 out-of-district, totaling 2,304 for the District. He noted that since June 30<sup>th</sup>, enrollment has increased from 2,281 to 2,304.
2. Dr. Miceli reported that since the Superintendent Forums were so successful last year, he is in the process of putting a plan together and scheduling dates for forums this year for the community and staff.
3. Dr. Miceli reported that during the summer, a Chinese education delegation expressed interest in meeting with New Providence School District to discuss a school exchange program. As part of the process, there was a delegation of twenty five Chinese principals who visited our high school and Allen W. Roberts School. They became familiar with our schools and exchanged concepts. It was interesting to learn that their priorities and values differ from ours. Dr. Miceli noted that despite the communication barrier, two bilingual students at Allen W. Roberts School did an excellent job assisting with the translating. It was a great opportunity for the students who also helped enhance the entire experience. Dr. Miceli plans to recognize these students with Certificates of Excellence at a future Board meeting. Dr. Miceli thanked the students for their participation. He also thanked Dr. Feinberg, Mrs. Searing, and the principals for their participation in the summer meetings, and all who participated in the process.
4. Dr. Miceli reported on the teacher evaluation process. Per State requirements, the District

established a committee. The committee members include Board member, Mrs. Vogel, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Feinberg, a parent participating through the PTA, teachers, and myself, with Mrs. Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Supervision, as chair. We hope to complete the process in October and submit documentation to the State.

5. Mr. Wolak suggested that the High School Curriculum Project update be discussed at the end of the meeting. All agreed.
6. Dr. Miceli reported for the Student Representative, Kyle Kroeger, who was unable to attend the meeting. The school year has gotten off to a great start. The staff and students look forward to working with the iPads in the classrooms. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming athletic events.

Dr. Miceli reported on the 2012 AP Awards. Eight students were named National Merit Commended Scholars; two National Merit Semifinalists; twenty AP Scholars with a 3 or higher on three or more exams; eleven AP Scholars with Honor, who earned an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scored 3 or higher on four or more of these exams; twenty AP Scholars with Distinction, who earned an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scored a 3 or higher on five of these exams; and finally, five National AP Scholars who earned an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scored a 4 or higher on eight of these exams. Dr. Miceli congratulated all on a job well done.

Mr. Casarico reported that ABC News will be at the High School next week to interview the staff and students about the District's most recent accomplishment, noted in the New Jersey Monthly Magazine, as being the #1 High School in the State.

### Public Hearing

Mr. Wolak opened the meeting to the public at 7:41 p.m.

There being no one from the public wishing to be heard, the President declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:42 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Opperthausser moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Business Meeting

August 23, 2012

Seconded by: Mrs. Vogel

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Opperthausser

Yea Mr. Hasenkopf

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Vogel

Yea Mr. Wolak

**ACTION ITEMS****Finance Action**

Mr. Krauss, in the absence of Mr. Smith Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 13 as listed below:

**Transfers Approved**

1. Ratify the action of the Superintendent in making the following transfers for the 2012/2013 school year:

<u>September 2012</u>		
From:		
Account	Description	Amount
11-000-222-100	Salaries- Media Specialists	\$ 31,000.00
11-000-291-270	Employee Benefits	108,600.00
11-120-100-101	Salaries- Grades 1-5	26,000.00
11-140-100-101	Salaries- Grades 9-12	40,000.00
11-204-100-106	Salaries- LLD Teacher Aides	55,600.00
11-230-100-101	Salaries- Basic Skills	52,000.00
		Total: \$313,200.00

To:		
Account	Description	Amount
11-000-216-100	Salaries- Related Services	\$ 11,200.00
11-000-218-104	Salaries- Guidance	1,600.00
11-000-219-105	Salaries- CST Secretaries	950.00
11-000-221-102	Salaries- Instruction	600.00
11-000-221-105	Salaries- Secretaries	1,000.00
11-000-223-102	Salaries- Instruction	500.00
11-000-251-100	Salaries- Business	9,800.00
11-000-261-100	Salaries- Maintenance	13,000.00
11-000-263-100	Salaries- Grounds	150.00
11-105-100-101	Salaries- Preschool	1,600.00
11-130-100-101	Salaries- Grades 6-8	9,000.00
11-190-100-500	Purchased Services	116,000.00
11-190-100-610	General Supplies	63,000.00
11-213-100-101	Salaries- Resource Rooms	28,000.00
11-213-100-106	Salaries- Teacher Aides	55,600.00
11-240-100-101	Salaries- ESL	1,200.00
		Total: \$313,200.00

**July and August Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Accepted**

2. After review, we hereby accept the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for July and August 2012. There is no major account or fund which has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Bills List Approved**

3. Approve the payment of bills listed for September 2012 in the amount of \$3,217,460.54.

**Amended 457(b) Documents Approved**

4. Approve to amend the governmental 457(b) plan documents of Fidelity Investments, Lincoln Investment Planning, Inc., MetLife, the Legend Group/Adserv and Valic.

**Tuition Refund Approved**

5. Approve the refund of a 2012/2013 preschool tuition deposit to Ms. Petses in the amount of \$260.00.

**Tuition Refund Approved**

6. Approve the refund of a 2012/2013 preschool tuition deposit to Tavaris Thomas in the amount of \$260.00.

**AWR PTA Donation Approved**

7. Accept the generous donation from Allen W. Roberts PTA in the amount of \$21,620.22, to renovate the Allen W. Roberts Media Center.

**AWR 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Donation Approved**

8. Accept the generous donation from Allen W. Roberts 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class in the amount of \$1,251.29, to renovate the Allen W. Roberts Media Center.

**Microsoft Donation Approved**

9. Approve the acceptance of the generous donation to the New Providence School District from the Microsoft Corporation of a DreamSpark software subscription, with an estimated value of \$7,990, with the condition that it is to be used exclusively for instructional purposes.

**2012/2013 UCESC Technology Services Approved**

10. Adopt the revised Resolution/Agreement for Nonpublic School Technology Services authorizing Union County Educational Services Commission to provide the required technology services for the New Providence Board of Education for the 2012/2013 school year.

**Apple Inc. 3-Yr. Lease Agreement Approved**

11. Approve a three (3) year lease agreement with Apple Inc. in the total amount of \$296,213.55, under state contract number A70259.

**Purchase of Volume Vouchers from Apple Inc. Approved**

12. Approve the purchase of volume vouchers from Apple Inc. in the total amount of \$62,500.00 in accordance with N.J. Statutes 18A:18A-5.

**MUJC Transportation 2012/2013 Annual School Year  
Route & Aide Cost Agreement Approved**

13. Approve the joint Transportation Route and Aide Cost Agreement in conjunction with Morris-Union Jointure Commission reflecting the bids and renewals for the 2012/2013 regular school year, as stated below:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Total Route Cost</u>	<u>Aide Per Diem Cost</u>
MU905	\$19,057.50	\$ 0
MU916	\$29,808.16	\$ 0
MU921	\$ 5,899.87	\$ 0
MU924	\$14,501.81	\$ 0
MU932	\$15,993.39	\$ 0
MU934	\$20,016.77	\$ 0
MU935	\$27,178.18	\$ 0
MU937	\$19,386.45	\$ 0
MU943	\$31,847.38	\$118.58
MU951	\$11,239.50	\$ 0
MU952	\$31,300.05	\$ 0
MU954	\$35,161.68	\$ 0
MU985	\$48,270.38	\$ 59.29
MU990	\$42,966.50	\$ 59.29

Seconded by: Mr. Hasenkopf

Mr. Krauss reviewed the finance items. On behalf of the Board, he thanked the Allen W. Roberts 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and the PTA. He also thanked Microsoft for their donation. He referenced Items #11 and #12 regarding the iPads, and stated that the parents will be responsible for covering the cost of insurance. Mr. Wolak confirmed that 500 iPads will go to the students. He added that the District covers the cost of insurance for the teachers' iPads. Mr. Hasenkopf asked about lease cycle and payment schedule. Mr. Testa responded the first lease payment is scheduled for January 2013. The lease cycle will follow the same cycle as the previous lease for the teachers' iPads.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Opperthausen
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf	<u>Absent</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Vogel
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Wolak	

**Facilities Action**

Mr. Krauss, in the absence of Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 4 as listed below:

**2012/2013 Integrated Pest Management Plan Approved**

1. Approve the 2012/2013 Integrated Pest Management Plan for the New Providence School District. (copies in the hands of each Board Member)

**AWR Disposal Approved**

2. Approve the disposal of miscellaneous items from Allen W. Roberts School that are no longer used or deemed necessary for school use.

**Special Services Disposal Approved**

3. Approve the disposal of an IBM typewriter from Special Services that is no longer used or deemed necessary for school use.

**Disposal of Surplus Property Approved**

4. Approve the following resolution:

**Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property**

**WHEREAS**, the District is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties.

**NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED** by the New Providence Board of Education as follows:

The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract.

The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.

The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4D, VIN #2FAFP71W3XX164099, and the odometer reading is 156,500
- 1992 Dodge Pick-up with plow, VIN #1B7KM36Z7NS577821, and the odometer reading is 54,491

The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

Seconded by: Mrs. Vogel

Mr. Krauss reviewed all facilities items. Mr. Testa noted that regarding Item #4, the surplus property will be posted on GovDeals from tomorrow through October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dibble inquired about the law regarding maximum use of the vehicles. Mr. Testa explained that there is no stipulation of useful life on maintenance vehicles. That only applies to vehicles that transport students. Mr. Testa reported that the auction is open to the general public starting tomorrow.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Opperthausen
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf	<u>Absent</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Vogel
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Wolak	

### Education

Mrs. Opperthausen, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 10 as listed below:

### 2012/2013 Out-of-District Enrollment Approved

1. Approve the enrollment of the following out-of-district student for the 2012/2013 school year, effective 9/5/12, on a tuition basis of \$14,613.

(1) junior

### Student Enrollment Approved

2. Approve the enrollment of Student #1515 in the Traumatic Brain Injury Class at Children's Specialized Hospital, provided by Union County Educational Services Commission, at a tuition cost of \$24,120, effective 9/6/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

### Student Enrollment Approved

3. Approve the enrollment of Student #1535 at the full-time session vocational program at Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School, at a tuition cost of \$12,000, effective 9/6/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

### Student Enrollment Approved

4. Approve the enrollment of Student #10924 at DLC-Warren, at a tuition cost of \$81,971, effective 9/5/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

**2012/2013 SPED Services Approved**

- 5. Approve Professional Education Services, Inc., to provide educational instruction services at a rate of \$39/hr, effective 9/4/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

**2012/2013 SPED Services Approved**

- 6. Approve inlingua Language Center to provide Spanish interpretation services for the Department of Special Services at a rate of \$80/hr, effective 9/13/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

**2012/2013 SPED Services Approved**

- 7. Approve Education, Inc., to provide educational instruction at a rate of \$47/hr, effective 9/18/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

**2012/2013 SPED Services Approved**

- 8. Approve the enrollment of Student #10692 at Shepard Preparatory High School, at a tuition cost of \$42,241.65, effective 10/1/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

**2012/2013 SPED Services Approved**

- 9. Approve Children’s Specialized Hospital to provide speech therapy services at a rate of \$282.24/session, and speech evaluations at a revised, reduced rate of \$542.78/session, effective 9/18/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

**2012/2013 SPED Services Approved**

- 10. Approve Creative Speech Solutions, LLC., to provide speech therapy services at a rate of \$95/hr, effective 10/1/12, for the 2012/2013 school year.

Seconded by: Mr. Hasenkopf

Mrs. Opperthauser reviewed the education items.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Opperthauser
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf	<u>Absent</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Vogel
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Wolak	

**Personnel Action**

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 5 as listed below:

**2012/2013 Personnel Appointments Chapter 116 Approved**

1. Approve the appointment of the following people with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools subject to the requirements of Chapter 116 of P.L. 1986 for the 2012/2013 school year:
  - a. Maureen Ludington, teacher, \$51,572, effective 9/1/12
  - b. Kristy McCauley, MS summer guidance, 1 day, \$328.07
  - c. Julie Spoerl, teacher, \$59,203 (base \$69,319), effective 10/15/12 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - d. Debra Kocot, therapist for summer IEP meetings, \$57.42/hr
  - e. John Luccarelli, boys soccer second assistant, \$4,452
  - f. Brigid Prufer, girls cross country head coach, \$6,184
  - g. Alexander Meyer, high school junior class advisor, \$960
  - h. Michelle Barone, high school senior class advisor, \$1,367
  - i. Alexis Jacqueney, high school freshman class advisor, \$773
  - j. Maureen Ludington, high school freshman class advisor, \$773
  - k. David Goldstein, high school model United Nations advisor, \$1,756
  - l. Renee Daniello, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - m. Kristin Jakubowski, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - n. Amelia Nagle, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - o. Kristy McCauley, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - p. Erin Brennan, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - q. Maureen Ludington, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - r. Jenna Stickle, SAT/PSAT proctor (paid from test fees)
  - s. Anthony Magliacano, game worker
  - t. Jessica Mullins, substitute teacher
  - u. Donna O'Meara, substitute teacher
  - v. Larissa Metalidis, substitute teacher
  - w. Salwa Eshak, substitute teacher
  - x. Mary Fevola, substitute teacher
  - y. Kathryn Van Doren-De Bolt, substitute teacher/teacher aide
  - z. Lindsay D'Amico, school psychologist, \$44,358 (base \$62,643), effective 11/27/12 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - aa. Carolyn Sonnet, teacher aide, not to exceed 1 hr/day, effective 9/5/12, \$14.27/hr.
  - bb. Susan Schachman, teacher aide, not to exceed 1 hr/day, effective 9/28/12, \$14.27/hr.

**Resignations Accepted**

2. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
  - a. Michael Zarabi, Psy.D., school psychologist, effective 10/26/12
  - b. Kelly Villa, teacher, effective 10/18/12

**2012/2013 Revisions Approved**

3. Approve the following revisions for the 2012/2013 school year:
  - a. Vincent Carangelo, teacher, from Step 4, Column III (\$55,488), to

Masters, Step 4, Column IV (\$57,758), effective 9/1/12, due to course credits

- b. Lindsay Nalepa, teacher, from Step 4, Column IV (\$57,758), to Step 4, Column V (\$59,925), effective 9/1/12, due to course credits
- c. Charles Carell, teacher, from Step 7, Column II (\$56,431), to Step 7, Column III (\$58,389), effective 9/1/12, due to course credits
- d. Aracely DiGirolamo, teacher, revise effective date from 10/15/12 (\$46,869), to 10/1/12 (\$49,836), (base \$54,879)
- e. Corey Arnold, from girls cross country head coach (\$6,184), to boys cross country head coach (\$6,184)

**Picarelli FMLA Approved**

- 4. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Michele Picarelli, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 1/29/13 and ending 5/6/13 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 12/31/12 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

**Carman FMLA Approved**

- 5. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Christine Carman, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 1/21/13 and ending 4/26/13 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. Approve an extended leave pursuant to Article X of the Agreement between the Board and the NPEA, from 4/27/13 through and including 6/30/13. (Based on 12/23/12 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

Seconded by: Mrs. Opperthausen

Mr. Dibble reviewed personnel items. He reported 28 appointments, 2 resignations, 5 revisions and 2 maternity leaves. Dr. Miceli commented that this completes the hiring for the school year.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Opperthausen
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf	<u>Absent</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Vogel
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Wolak	

**Board Policy**

Mrs. Vogel moved to approve Items 1 and 2 as listed below:

**Bylaws, Policies and Regulations Approved**

Approve Items 1 and 2 as listed below:



## Committee Reports

### 1. Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee:

Mrs. Opperthausen was happy to report on the positive feedback about the new teacher training and how successful the program has been. The committee is working on preparing for the hand-held initiative in the classrooms with training for the staff.

### 2. Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security Committee:

Mr. Krauss reported that the facilities look outstanding. The high school bleachers look terrific. Painting was completed during the summer. Mr. Wolak asked if Settembrino Architects came in yet to review the remaining portion of the bleacher upgrades. Mr. Testa responded not yet, but will be here later on in the year. He added that the barrier free ramps are the only components that remain with regard to the bleacher renovations.

### 3. Personnel, Management and Communication Committee:

Nothing additional to report at this time.

## Old Business

### Personalized Learning Initiative

Dr. Miceli reported that the iPad project has been a significant undertaking for all departments in the District. It includes many different elements of infrastructure, financing, curriculum and professional development. Dr. Miceli proceeded to update the Board on the progress of the Personalized Learning Initiative with the following timeline and details:

#### IPads/Instruction

- In June of 2012, 20 Apple Core Members were provided with iPads and participated in an introductory workshop. In July and August of 2012 all remaining teachers were given the opportunity to receive their iPad over the summer and attend a two hour iPad Basics session. Teachers were able to take their iPads home during the summer to become familiar with their use as well as with free resources available for instruction. Teachers were asked to sign a user agreement prior to receiving their iPad that detailed their responsibilities for care, maintenance, and acceptable use as well as responsibilities regarding loss and damage. The sessions took place on July 18<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>. The sessions were successful with 60 out of 68 teachers receiving their iPads and participating in the summer sessions.
- The iPad Core Group has participated in two full days of iPad training with Apple Specialists on September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>. These two days focused on the following content and concepts: productivity and creativity tools in iOS that enhance student engagement and impact curriculum development, creating and managing documents from the iWorks suite of apps, collaboration Tools, file Management and file Sharing.
- During the district's first PD day on October 8<sup>th</sup>, all high school departments will

participate in content area iPad workshops to become familiar and comfortable with the use of iPads, knowledgeable with basic and content area apps and resources, and to effectively integrate iPads into instruction.

- On September 20<sup>th</sup> Sandra Andersen, Department Head of Technology and Information Services “turned keyed” the concepts and content from the above workshops to K-12 technology specialists, media specialists and the head of the district’s Professional Development Committee, in order to provide ongoing professional development in the use of iPads in the classroom at the elementary and middle school levels.
- The New Providence School District Technology Department has enrolled all district purchased iPads in our Mobile Device Management (MDM) program to secure, monitor, and manage each device. Through the MDM, the HS technology staff is deploying pre-paid apps, and monitoring iPads.
- To date, a predetermined set of apps are being evaluated for teachers and students. The following prepaid and free apps have been deployed district wide to allow for consistency in training teachers with iPads:

<p><u>Prepaid</u> Pages Keynote iMovie iPhoto Penultimate GoodReader Notability</p>	<p><u>Free</u> Edmodo Skitch Qrafter BrainPop Evernote Dropbox</p>
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- Paul Casarico is surveying Core members in an effort to establish a roll-out building plan for faculty. This plan will include consistency in message, terminology and expectations for student use.
- In addition, the district has created a district Google domain in order to help support the mobile initiative and allow students and staff 24 hour access to their files and documents. Google Apps will provide communication and collaboration tools as well as gmail accounts for students to utilize on their iPads. At this time, teachers are in the process of being given access to the Google domain and students will be given access by December, 2012.

Professional Development

- iPad Professional Development for High School teachers will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup> during the after school monthly HS meeting. Teachers will begin working with their Department Heads as well as other Core members on learn a set of basic apps and explore possibilities for content-specific instruction.
- During October, iPad PD will continue during the district PD day on October 8<sup>th</sup> as well the first round of HS content area half day workshops.

### Infrastructure

- During the summer the upgrades to the wireless infrastructure were completed. This included increasing the density of Access Points (APs) from one for every two classrooms to one for every classroom. The auditorium and cafeteria now have 3 APs each.
- The hardware and software that manages the wireless network was upgraded.
- In 75% of high school classrooms we have installed video matrix switches to make it easy for teachers to connect an iPad to the classroom projector. The remaining 25% will be completed in October.
- The district's Internet bandwidth comes from two ISPs (Comcast & Verizon FIOS). Comcast was upgraded from a download speed of 50Mbps to 100Mbps. The Verizon FIOS connection is scheduled to be upgraded from a download speed of 50Mbps to 150Mbps in December.
- The pair of ISP load balancers that we currently have will be upgraded in December to accommodate the increase in bandwidth. These load balancers will also accommodate if needed additional increases in bandwidth.
- The MaaS360 MDM (Mobile Device Management) from Fiberlink is helping us efficiently manage the HS teacher iPads.
- We continue to troubleshoot issues when they arise on the wireless network to create a more stable environment for staff and students.
- Staff has been issued guidelines on upgrading iPads to IOS 6 and downloading other updates to their iPads

### Technology Committee

- The technology committee continues its monthly meetings focusing on all areas of implementation, PD, and user support. During our October meeting we have invited Mr. Casarico and Ms. Zirpoli to attend in order to ensure all stakeholders are up to date on all areas of implementation and to discuss further progress in the initiative.

### Insurance

- The cost will be \$49/ year, per unit
- The cost for teachers will be paid by the district (approximate cost of \$3,430/year)
- The insurance for student iPads will be paid by parents and will be collected via the same system that collects for student lunches.
- Coverage includes:
  - Theft (with a police report)
  - Unlimited accident claims
  - Accidental damage (including drops, spills, cracked glass, etc)

- Complete liquid damage coverage
- Power surge due to lightening
- Mechanical breakdown/wear and tear.
- Total 3 year cost for lease/purchase agreement for iPad is: \$345,291.66. The interest rate is 1.45%. The yearly for the cost of the lease is \$115,097.22.

That concluded Dr. Miceli's report.

Dr. Miceli commended Mr. Testa and Mr. Menard for negotiating a 1.45% interest rate for the lease. He also commended Mrs. Searing, Mr. Casarico, Mrs. Zirpoli, the staff, and teachers for the incredible amount of time they spent putting this project together.

Mrs. Searing was pleased to report that the project is going very well. We are following the plan we envisioned.

Mr. Wolak thanked Dr. Miceli for his comprehensive report. Additionally, he thanked Mrs. Searing, Mr. Testa, Dr. Miceli and Dr. Feinberg for their time and efforts making this project a success. Mr. Wolak commented that during Back-To-School night, he noticed the teachers made reference to their iPads and integrating the technology initiative. He was very impressed.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Krauss commented on an article he read about more high school students taking an ACT test instead of the SAT, and asked if this is something New Providence should look at in the future. Mrs. Opperthauser commented that the colleges require it. Mr. Wolak suggested looking into it.

#### **New Business**

No new business at this time.

#### **Public Hearing**

Mr. Wolak opened the meeting to the public at 8:04 p.m.

Mrs. Cheng 126 Hickson Dr.	Asked if the bandwidth is enough or does it need upgrading. She also asked about self-insuring the iPads.
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Dr. Miceli responded yes, the Technology department did the research last year during the pilot program. The bandwidth went from 50 to 100 mbs. Mr. Wolak responded that the more responsible route with potential loss is to go through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance vendor. Mr. Testa and the Technology Department did a great job identifying the vendors. To be able to supply each student with an insured device for a \$50.00 fee is quite an accomplishment.

Mr. Blair Dibble Frost Lane	Inquired about the transition process of the iPad from one group 6 to another.
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Dr. Miceli responded that the students will have the opportunity to purchase the device at the end of their senior year. The Technology Department will collect remaining devices and send

back to Apple, at which time the District would get a percentage back based on market price, and roll it into the next lease.

Mrs. Cheng  
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Repeated the same question as Mr. Dibble regarding passing on the iPads. She expressed concerns about rapidly changing technology.

Dr. Miceli reiterated that the iPads are leased for three years.

Mrs. Cheng asked Mr. Wolak how he knew for sure that our District does not give feel good grades. She also asked if the middle school students are prepared to enter high school.

Mr. Wolak responded that he does not know what Mrs. Cheng means by "feel good grades". The District grading procedure is implemented by each individual teacher. Each teacher follows the policy on grading. Dr. Feinberg noted that the policy is on the website. Mr. Wolak noted that the middle school students are adequately prepared to enter high school.

Mrs. Cheng continued to ask the same questions repeatedly relating to "feel good grades".

Mr. Wolak stated that he has answered her questions. Mr. Wolak noted, as Mrs. Cheng is already aware, that there are confidential pending student actions he cannot and will not discuss in an open public venue. He reminded Mrs. Cheng that she can continue to pursue other avenues that she has already pursued.

Mrs. Cheng disagreed with Mr. Wolak and stated that she is asking general questions. Mrs. Cheng accused Mr. Wolak of retaliation and discrimination.

Mr. Wolak responded that he has answered the questions multiple times, and under no set of circumstances is he discriminating or retaliating in any way. It is not his intention nor desire to do so. We can respectfully disagree.

There being no one else from the public wishing to be heard, the President declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

### Closed Session

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

1. This body shall on September 27, 2012 at 8:16 p.m. in the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, specific matters which may generally be described as follows:

- Student Matters - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Litigation Case #1582

2. The minutes of the discussion in closed session of the aforementioned matters may be disclosed to the public after final determination of action has been reached.

Mrs. Vogel seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

**Return to Public Session**

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:36 p.m. Mr. Wolak called the Board to order.

Members present were William Dibble, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, Nancy Opperthausen, Susan Vogel, and John Wolak.

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Krauss and seconded by Mr. Hasenkopf, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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James E. Testa  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
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