

March 28, 2013

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 28, 2013, 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, Robert Dinerman, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, Adam Smith, 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; and approximately 43 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 to the meeting. He announced that Mr. Dinerman will be presenting 27 Certificates of Excellence to the students tonight.

Superintendent's Report

1. Dr. Miceli reported that as of today, kindergarten enrollment for next year at Salt Brook School is 72, and 64 at Allen W. Roberts School. Overall, as of the end of February, enrollment at Allen W. Roberts School is 650, Salt Brook School 650, Middle School 356 High School 617, with 44 out-of-district students, with a total of 2,317 students. The District is up 3 students.
2. Dr. Miceli welcomed Mr. Hess to report on the NAMM Foundation. Mr. Hess explained that NAMM is The National Association of Music Merchants. The Foundation recognized New Providence School District for its outstanding commitment to music education with a *Best Communities for Music Education* designation. New Providence joins 307 districts across the country to receive the prestigious distinction for 2013. Mr. Hess presented the certificate given to him by the Foundation, to the Board. Mr. Hess thanked the students and parents for the role they played in this achievement. He also thanked the Board of Education for establishing and supporting this culture for the students, affording them the opportunity to earn this honor. Dr. Miceli thanked Mr. Hess and congratulated the students and staff on their achievement. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff that is committed to music education. Dr. Miceli thanked the entire community on this national designation.
3. Student Representative, Kyle Kroeger, presented the student report. As for athletics, the winter season has come to a close. The girls' basketball team led the way with a 22-5 overall record and will bring home the conference banner. Three wrestlers reached the regional stage of individual competition. The boys' track team was very successful behind state champion Mike Closs in the pole vault and Chris Aresco placing 5th in the 800m race. The girls' indoor track team shows a lot of

promise and should have a great year next year. Everyone is excited that Spring sports have begun. The boys' lacrosse team seems to have the most returning talent with its underclassmen. They are looking to build on last year's record breaking season. March also brought us the amazing production of *Beauty and the Beast*. The weekend before the show, the cast had a character breakfast which entertained young and old alike by bringing about feelings of Disney World. The production was an amazing success. Each performance grew upon the audience. The NPEF partnered with the faculty of New Providence and the basketball teams to put on the March Mayhem fundraiser. The girls' team beat the guys in a tight game. The event included a buffalo wing eating contest and a free throw contest for the younger kids. It was a fun night for all. The integration of the iPad had been incredibly successful with the underclassmen. College decisions are almost all in now. Seniors are now weighing their options between many fine schools, such as UPENN, Columbia, Vanderbilt, Navy, Michigan, Miami, Notre Dame, Villanova, Lehigh, Northwester, Boston College, William and Mary, Washington, St. Louis, Northeastern and Texas. These are all quality schools and we have the Board members to thank for providing us with such a great education, including so many extra curricular activities.

Dr. Miceli thanked Mr. Kroeger for his comprehensive student report.

Mr. Wolak introduced Mr. Dinerman to present the Certificates of Excellence to the students.

Presentation of Certificates of Excellence

Mr. Dinerman presented Certificates of Excellence to the following students for being awarded a Gold Key (First Place) by the Scholastic Art Awards: **Sierra Bagish, Joshua Cohen, Lorelei Dugan, Miguel Lorenzo, Margaret Lust, Zachary Neidich, Emily Sartorius, and Zain Stedman**. He then presented Certificates to **Eric Roper, Will Roper, Tori Ortega, Miriam Hyde, Christian Venturella, Johan Sweldens, Arnina Zeng, and Annie Zhou**, for being selected for the *New Jersey Music Educators Association*, (CJMEA), 2013 Regional Music Ensemble. Mr. Dinerman presented Certificates of Excellence to **Nicholas Xu, Jonathan Sales, Jamie Currie, Eric Roper, James Nicholson, Alicja Rypien, Katherine Barrasso, Sarah Hern, and Jade Navarro**, for being selected for a New Jersey 2013 All-State Music Ensemble. Finally, Mr. Dinerman presented Certificates of Excellence to **Nicholas Xu and Eric Roper**, for being selected for a 2013 All –Eastern Music Ensemble. Mr. Dinerman congratulated the students for their achievements and awards. He stated that the New Providence takes pride in providing opportunities for young musicians to fully develop their musical potential within the school program. He encouraged the students to continue with their arts education. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Wolak stated this is a tremendous tribute to the students and parents. He was very proud of the students' many achievements.

Public Hearing

Mr. Wolak opened the meeting to the public at 7:58 p.m.

There being no one from the public to be heard, Mr. Wolak closed the meeting to the public at 7:59 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Vogel moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Work Session	February 11, 2013
Closed Session	February 11, 2013

11-150-100-320	Purchased Prof. Services	3,000.00
12-000-260-730	Capital- Equipment	2,160.00
12-140-100-730	Capital- Equipment	6,198.00
12-402-100-730	Capital- Equipment	20,000.00
		Total: \$116,206.00

February 2013 Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Accepted

- After review, we hereby accept the reports of the Board Secretary for February 2013, and Treasurer of School Moneys for February 2013. There is no major account or fund which has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12a. Sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

March 2013 Bills List Approved

- Approve the payment of bills listed for March 2013, in the amount of \$3,297,852.58.

2013/2014 Pomptonian Food Service Agreement Approved

- Approve the Food Service Management Agreement with Pomptonian Food Service for the 2013/2014 school year. The service (management) fee is .04 per meal, with a district profit of \$35,000.00.

Donation to AWR Approved

- Approve the generous donation of \$125.00 from Mr. Mallya through Morgan Stanley's Annual Appeal Campaign to be used for Allen W. Roberts School Character Education Program.

Seconded by: Mr. Hasenkopf

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Hasenkopf

Yea Mrs. Vogel

Yea Mr. Wolak

Facilities Action

Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 3 as listed below:

Donation To HS Track Team Approved

- Approve the generous donation of high jump standards and a canopy tent to the high school track team, from the New Providence Athletic Booster Club, valued at \$1,960.70.

Settembrino Architects to Update LRFP Approved

- Approve Settembrino Architects to update the District's Long Range Facility Plan in the amount of \$5,000.00, in accordance with New Jersey Statute; 18A:18A-5.

Donation to HS Cafeteria Approved

3. Approve the generous donation of a TV to the high school cafeteria, from Mr. Barth, valued at \$1,500.00.

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Mr. Smith commented on the generous donation to the schools from Mr. Barth and the Booster Club.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Education

Mr. Hasenkopf, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 11 as listed below:

Superintendent's HIB Recommendations Approved

1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approve the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding the following 2012/2013 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
Middle School:	15, 16, 17, and 18
Allen W. Roberts:	5 & 6
Salt Brook:	4 & 5

NPSD 3-Yr. Tech Plan Approved

2. Approve the New Providence School District Three-Year Technology Plan (7/1/13 thru 6/30/16), facilitate and support the implementation of the Three-Year Technology Plan, and authorize submission of the Three-Year Technology Plan to the NJ Department of Education, as per Superintendent's Memo #12, copies in the hands of each Board member.

FY 2013 IDEA-B Amended Application Approved

3. Approve the submission of amended Fiscal Year 2013 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA-B) Consolidated Grant Application, in the amount of \$474,088, for the period 9/1/12-8/31/13.

Educational Instruction Services Approved

4. Approve Uncommon Thread for functional behavioral assessments at a rate of \$125/hr, effective 3/28/13, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Enrollment Approved

5. Approve the enrollment of Student #10590 in the Somerset County Alternative Academic High School Program, effective 3/11/13, at a tuition cost of \$17,160, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Enrollment Approved

6. Approve the enrollment of Student #1661 at the Shepard Preparatory High School, effective 3/13/13, at a tuition cost of \$16,384.64, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

MUJC Tech Evaluations Revised Rate Approved

7. Approve Morris-Union Jointure Commission to provide Assistive Technology Evaluations at a revised rate of \$350/hr, effective 3/13/13, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Educational Instruction Services Approved

8. Approve Berkeley Heights Schools to provide Related Services in the amount of \$1,904 for Student #11014, effective 3/18/13, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Enrollment Approved

9. Approve the enrollment of Student #11014 in the Berkeley Heights School District elementary LLD class, effective 3/18/13, at a tuition cost of \$9,450, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Educational Instruction Services Approved

10. Approve Dr. Brian Friedlander to provide Assistive Technology evaluations at a rate of \$1,000/evaluation, effective 3/28/13, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Educational Instruction Services Approved

11. Approve Caldwell Pediatric Therapy Center for occupational therapy evaluations at a cost of \$520/evaluation and a \$90/hour, one-way travel fee, if needed, effective 3/28/13, for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year.

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Mr. Hasenkopf commented on the 3-year technology plan. There is a solid plan to develop and integrate. Dr. Miceli noted that this is a continuation of the initiative in place with the iPad. While this plan is not currently required by the Department of Education, the District is currently going through the process with the State to determine if some of the plans and regulations are going to continue or be revised. It is important that we document our efforts and have a plan in place.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mr. DibbleYea Mr. KraussYea Mr. DinermanYea Mr. SmithYea Mr. HasenkopfYea Mrs. VogelYea Mr. Wolak**Personnel Action**

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 7 as listed below:

2012/2013 Appointments 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. Kelly Wolfe, playground/lunchroom aide, \$1,185 (base \$4,230), effective 4/15/13 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- b. Jacqueline Ciaramello, playground/lunchroom aide, \$1,185 (base \$4,230), effective 4/15/13 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- c. Rebecca Bucossi, long term substitute teacher, effective 4/3/13, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$278.77 (prorated Step 3, Column I, base of \$51,572) (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- d. Chet Parlavecchio, boy's lacrosse second assistant, \$4,452
- e. Priscilla Barletta, girl's spring track first assistant, \$5,627
- f. Alexander Meyer, girls spring track first assistant, \$5,627
- g. Nicholas Sommo, volunteer baseball coach
- h. Morgan Guest, volunteer girls lacrosse coach
- i. Priscilla Barletta, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- j. Jacqueline Boverly, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- k. Douglas Capra, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- l. Stacy Dixon, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- m. Michele Hajjar, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- n. Maryann Hartonowicz, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- o. Teddy Niedzielski, substitute teacher
- p. Nicole Nizzardo, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- q. Allyson Perkins, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- r. Susan Truppa, substitute teacher/teacher aide/home instruction

Resolution Approved

2. Adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the New Providence Board of Education to withhold the 2013/2014 employment and adjustment increment of Denise Moser; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approves same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the withholding of the employment increment and adjustment increment of Denise Moser for the 2013/2014 school year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Denise Moser's salary for the 2013/2014 school year shall be based on the 2012/2013 salary guide.

King Unpaid Maternity Leave Approved

- 3. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Kathryn King (Ambruoso), teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 9/3/13 and ending 11/25/13 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 11/26/13 through and including 1/22/14. (Based on 6/15/13 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

Pressman Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave Approved

- 4. Approve the request of Allison Pressman, teacher, (currently on maternity leave), for an extended unpaid child-rearing leave for the 2013/2014 school year, effective 9/1/13 through 6/30/14.

Kauffman Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave Approved

- 5. Approve the request of Jaclyn Kaufmann, teacher, (currently on maternity leave), for an extended unpaid child-rearing leave for the 2013/2014 school year, effective 9/1/13 through 6/30/14.

2013/2014 Game Workers Fees Approved

- 6. Approve the fees upon the recommendation of the Superintendent for the 2013/2014 school year for New Providence Game Workers.

Resignations Approved

- 7. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
 - a. Jacquelyn Sheridan, teacher, effective 6/25/13
 - b. Lisa McCrea, teacher aide, effective 7/1/13, due to retirement

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Mr. Dibble noted there are eighteen appointments, two resolutions, two leave of absences, and two resignations. Dr. Miceli reviewed the resignations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Item 8 as listed below:

Teacher’s Recognition Week Resolution Approved

Mr. Dibble read the following Teacher’s Recognition Resolution into the record:

- 8. Approve the following resolution in observance of Teacher Recognition Week
May 5th through May 11th.

WHEREAS, the week of May 5th through May 11th has been declared Teacher Recognition Week throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the faculty of the schools of the New Providence District continue to provide excellent instruction, tutoring, encouragement, counseling and understanding to the students who pass through their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the regular educational programs, many of the staff provide advice, direction, coaching and sponsorship to extra-curricular activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education acknowledges with pride and sincere appreciation the efforts of all of the teachers on its staff; and

**BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED** that the members of the Board extend to these teachers their best wishes for the future, firm in the belief that they will always perform in the same fine fashion.

APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH 2013, and signed by order of the New Providence Board of Education.

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Board Policy

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

Bylaws, Policy and Regulation Approved

- 1. Approve the following Bylaws and Policies on second reading:

Bylaws and Policies:

1. Policy No. 6480
(Mandated)

Purchase of Food Supplies **(Revised)**
(Mr. Smith)

2. Policy No. 8505 (Mandated)	School Nutrition (Revised) (Mr. Smith)
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2. Approve the following Bylaws and Policies on first reading:

Bylaws and Policies:

1. Policy No. 2415 (Mandated)	No Child Left Behind (Revised) (Mr. Hasenkopf)
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Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Mrs. Vogel noted that the second reading policies have already been reviewed. In the first reading, regarding NCLB, a paragraph was added to comply with State changes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Committee Reports

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

Mr. Hasenkopf gave an update on the Technology Plan. Also, there will be a few new of items coming to the committee.

Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Smith noted that the budget is complete. It was voted on and approved by the Board at the last Board meeting. The committee will be discussing negotiations in closed session.

Personnel, Management and Communication

Mr. Dibble reported that the committee met tonight to discuss non-union personnel salaries and contracts. The committee will meet again before they report back to the Board.

Old Business

No additional old business to report at this time.

New Business

No additional new business to report at this time.

Public Hearing

Mr. Wolak opened the meeting to the public at 8:08 p.m.

There being no one from the public to be heard, Mr. Wolak closed the meeting to the public at 8:09 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the following resolution:

1. This body shall on March 28, 2013 at 8:10 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 related to Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying:
Litigation #1582 and #1121400
 - Personnel
 - Negotiations
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.

Mr. Dibble seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:23 p.m. Mr. Wolak called the Board to order.

Members present were Mr. Dibble, Mr. Dinerman, Mr. Hasenkopf, Mr. Krauss, Mrs. Vogel, Mr. Smith and Mr. Wolak.

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Hasenkopf, and seconded by Mr. Dibble, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

James E. Testa, Board Secretary
March 28, 2013