

December 12, 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 December 12, 2013, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board Vice President, Mr. Dibble.

Present on roll call were William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, and Susan Vogel. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Educational Services; Dr. Paul Casarico, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and 3 members of the public.

Mr. Dibble led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Dibble 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.

#### Superintendent's Report

1. Dr. Miceli reported on enrollment for November: 656 students at the High School, 375 at the Middle School, 653 at Allen W. Roberts School, 665 at Salt Brook School, with 37 out-of-district, totaling 2,386 students. There were seven (7) additional students from last month.
2. Dr. Miceli reviewed the proposed 2014/2015 School Calendar in detail. Board members asked questions that were addressed by Dr. Miceli. The last day of school will be Friday, June 19, 2015. There will be three snow days built into the calendar instead of four. All Board members present agreed with the proposed calendar.
3. Dr. Miceli reminded everyone that the Reorganization Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 2, 2014.
4. The next Superintendent Forum will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> instead of January 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a notice on the web site. The forum will cover the new core content standards. It is important that all parents attend to understand the changes. The last forum will take place on March 12, 2014 at Salt Brook School. The topic will be school security.
5. Dr. Miceli introduced and welcomed the student representative, Ben Keller. Mr. Keller updated the Board on character education, athletics, college application process, fall play, club activities, and charity fundraising activities.

Public Hearing

Mr. Dibble opened the meeting to the public at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Opperthausen  
198 Pittsford Way

Congratulated the District for receiving national recognition. Also, she came to say goodbye to a good friend, Susan Vogel. Mrs. Opperthausen thanked her for all her hard work and commitment to the Board and the community. Mrs. Vogel is a wonderful and intelligent person and wishes her all the best.

There being no other comments from the public, the Vice President declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:47 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Vogel moved to approve the following Minutes:

Business Meeting	November 14, 2013
Closed Session	November 14, 2013

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss  
Roll Call Vote:

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

ACTION ITEMS

Finance Actions

Mr. Krauss, in the absence of Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 5 as listed below:

November Transfers Approved

1. Ratify the action of the Superintendent in making the following transfers for the 2013/2014 school year.

<u>November 2013</u>		
To:		
Account	Description	Amount
11-000-100-560	Transfer Fund- Charter Schools	21,457
11-000-100-562	Tuition, LEA in NJ	9,250
		Total: \$30,707

**November 2013**

From:		
Account	Description	Amount
11-000-100-566	Tuition, Private Schools	30,707
		Total: \$30,707

**December Bills List Approved**

2. Approve the payment of bills listed for December 2013, in the amount of \$3,069,955.01.

**NPHS Athletic Booster Club Donation Approved**

3. Accept the generous donation of one (1) 16 Bushel Poly Box Truck to the maintenance staff/department, from the New Providence High School Athletic Booster Club, with a total value of approximately \$275.00

**NPHS Class of 1960 McCarthy/Lieder Scholarship Fund Donations Approved**

4. Accept generous donations to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund in the total amount of \$2,600.00.

**November Board Secretary/Treasurer Report Approved**

5. After review, we hereby accept the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for November, 2013. There is no major account or fund which has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Seconded by: Mr. Hasenkopf

Mr. Krauss commented on the generous donations received for two scholarship funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Hasenkopf

Yea Mrs. Vogel

Absent Mr. Wolak

**Facilities Actions**

Mr. Krauss, in the absence of Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 and 2 as listed below:

**iPad Resolution Approved**

1. Approve the following resolution:  
 Approve the sale of iPads to the senior class, with a purchase price of \$198.00 per device.

**MS Donation Approved**

2. Accept the generous donation of miscellaneous school supplies for the New Providence Middle School, from Ms. Paniaqua, valued at approximately \$2,000.00.

Seconded by: Mr. Hasenkopf

Mr. Dinerman questioned if the purchase price is based on market value or District cost. Mr. Testa responded that the purchase price will cover the final lease payment cost to the District. The District will not make any profit on the purchase price.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Education Actions**

Mr. Hasenkopf moved to approve Items 1 through 5 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 2013/2014 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
High School:	4

**2014 NCLB Grant Application Approved**

2. Approve the acceptance of Fiscal Year 2014 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) LEA Consolidated Formula Grant Application, Title IA, Title IIA, and Title III in the total amount of \$77,947, for the period 7/1/13 through 6/30/14.

**2013/2014 Enrollment/Tuition Approved**

3. Approve the enrollment of Student #1241128 at First Children--Fanwood, at a tuition cost of \$41,968 for the 2013/2014 school year.

**Registered Nurse Approved**

4. Approve a registered nurse from Bayada for approximately (8) hours including transportation and the school day for Student #1241128 at a cost of \$51,240.

**2013/2014 Additional Field Trips Approved**

5. Approve the attached list of additional field trip destinations for the 2013/2014 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8.

Seconded by: Mrs. Vogel

Mr. Hasenkopf commented on item #5

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Personnel Actions**

Mrs. Vogel moved to approve Items 1 through 4 as listed below:

**2013/2014 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 2013/2014 school year:
- Lana Boyle, long term substitute teacher, \$31,284\*, effective 1/25/14 thru 6/30/14  

*1/25/14 to 1/31/14	Step 6; Col. IV	(base \$59,421)	Pro-Rated \$1,606
2/1/14 to 6/30/14	Step 7; Col. IV	(base \$61,690)	Pro-Rated \$29,678
  - David Curtin, winter track (boys/girls) first assistant, \$5,298 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - William Paris, home instructor
  - Adeline Celler, home instructor
  - Kristen Ciabrone, home instructor
  - Anita Murphy, substitute teacher aide
  - Brian Cooper, volunteer winter track coach
  - Kimberly Dreyer, substitute teacher/teacher aide
  - Danielle Crigler, substitute teacher/teacher aide
  - Victoria Menza, substitute teacher/teacher aide
  - Patricia LaForge, substitute teacher/teacher aide
  - Eric Zullo, substitute teacher/teacher aide

**2013/2014 Resignations Approved**

2. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
- Gary Roberts, first assistant winter track coach
  - Gary Roberts, first assistant spring track coach
  - Joan Kormash, intramural for students with special needs K-8 advisor

2013/2014 Appointment Rescinded

- 3. Rescind the following appointment for the 2013/2014 school year:
  - a. Michael Niedziejko, high school musical instrumental director

Raiti Unpaid Maternity Leave Approved

- 4. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Mary Ellen Raiti, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for the period commencing 4/24/14 and ending 6/30/14 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 3/27/14 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Roll Call Vote:

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

Board Policy

Mrs. Vogel, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Item 1 as listed below:

Approve Item 1 as listed below:

- 1. Approve the following Bylaws, Policies, and Administrative Regulations on first reading:

Bylaws and Policies:

Policy No. 7523 (Mandated)	School District Provided Technology Devices to Students (Mr. Hasenkopf)
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Seconded by: Mr. Hasenkopf

Mrs. Vogel reviewed the policy that is up for first reading.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Committee Reports1. Curriculum, Instruction and Technology:

Mr. Hasenkopf stated that the committee met on Monday. They discussed student/teacher ratios, forum results on foreign languages, PARCC, technology, and character education.

2. Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security:

Mr. Krauss stated that after the budget process is completed, the committee will begin work on a schedule for the next bond referendum.

3. Personnel, Management and Communication:

Nothing additional to report at this time.

Old Business

Dr. Miceli reminded the Board members about the upcoming Reorganization Meeting being held on January 2, 2014.

New Business

Mr. Krauss commented that the Borough received no bids on the liquor licenses. He reminded other Board members that the monthly enrollment report does not include charter and magnet students. Also, enrollment increased 3.7% from last year, after being listed as the #1 high school. Lastly, he stated that audit costs were reviewed and compared to surrounding districts. The Districts costs were on the low end. One reason for this is due to the staff doing a great job in keeping the financial records in excellent condition.

Mr. Testa commented on the recent ROD grant awards. He stated that the District submitted three grants related to technology upgrades that were not approved. He contacted the State and received an email that no technology grants were approved.

Public Hearing

Mr. Dibble opened the meeting to the public at 7:57 p.m.

Mrs. Opperthausen      Questioned why the policy up for first reading states that  
198 Pittsford Way      iPad insurance is not required.

Dr. Miceli responded that it is based on state law. The District cannot make it mandatory, only optional. The parents are responsible for the device.

Dr. Miceli stated that Mrs. Vogel will be invited back to a January meeting to celebrate and recognize her for her service to the Board and District.

There being no other comments from the public, the President declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Mrs. Vogel moved to adopt the following resolution:

1. This body shall on December 12, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, specific matters which may generally be described as follows:
  - Personnel
  - Student Matters
  - Student Matters: Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
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.

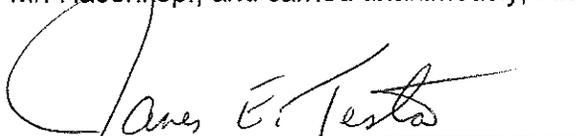
Mr. Krauss seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:14 p.m. Mr. Dibble called the Board to order.

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

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Vogel, seconded by Mr. Hasenkopf, and carried unanimously, Mr. Dibble declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



James E. Testa  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
12/12/13