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The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015, in the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mr. Hasenkopf.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, and Adam Smith. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Deborah Feinberg, Interim Assistant Superintendent; James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision and 0 public.

Mr. Hasenkopf led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Hasenkopf 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.

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.

The following notice was posted on March 2, 2015:

The New Providence Board of Education will hold a **Special Meeting** on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, to discuss the 2015/2016 tentative budget.

Discussion Item:
2015/2016 Tentative Budget

Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, commented on 2015/2016 Tentative Budget.

- Debt Service Aid is lower than last year
- Utilizing approximately \$177,000 less surplus than last year
- 6.4 Full time positions
- 4 STEM advisor positions added, 1 in high school, 1 in middle school and 1 in each elementary schools
- Online Latin course added
- 2 assistant coaches; one in soccer and baseball
- Estimating a 13% increase health/dental benefit premiums
- Approximately 77% of the budget covers the cost of salaries and benefits

Mr. Smith commented that there is a projected increase of 1.77% in budget expenses and a 2.345% tax levy increase, which equates to an increase of 2.59% or \$193.00 to the average home.

Mr. Smith commented that overall, it is a great budget.

Dr. Miceli commented that he was pleased for the approval and support of the Finance Committee on the budget.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked why there were new coaches.

Dr. Miceli commented that in girls soccer there is one less coach than the boys soccer team and there will be approximately 20 additional players totalling 80 girls for the 2015/2016 season.

Dr. Miceli commented that in baseball, they need to add one additional coach to the varsity level because of safety issues.

Mr. Dibble commented that we have been fortunate to be able to have just the one coach, but will be really good to have the extra coach for varsity baseball.

Mr. Krauss commented that we do not have many capital projects because of the possible bond referendum, but we do have \$25,000 for replacing musical instruments.

Mr. Hasenkopf asked if the STEM advisers were for K-12.

Dr. Miceli responded yes and once the budget is approved, it will be posted.

Mr. Testa commented that on March 16, the budget will be submitted for approval. The county takes 2-3 weeks to review and approve, then it will be published in April for the budget presentation at the April 27th board meeting.

Dr. Miceli commented that there are 60 students interested in the online Latin course, but will only offer to 29 students; one section to begin the course offering.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if we have to pay for the online course.

Dr. Miceli responded that we will pay \$18,000 for 29 students.

Mr. Dinerman asked if we pay for the online Financial Literacy course.

Dr. Miceli commented that we pay for the software, but we have our own teacher.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that he appreciated all the work the committee has put into the budget.

Mr. Dibble commented that he is looking forward to the Budget presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public at 7:15 p.m. for comments.

There being no one from the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Hasenkopf declared this public portion of the meeting closed at 7:16 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on March 10, 2015 at 7:17 p.m. in the New Providence High/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:

- Personnel

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. Cuccaro seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

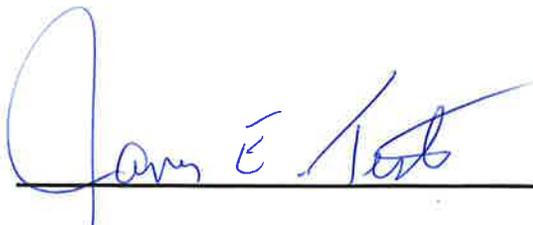
Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Hasenkopf called the Board to order.

Members present were Mrs. Cuccaro, Mr. Dibble, Mr. Dinerman, Mr. Hasenkopf, Mr. Krauss, Mrs. Misiukiewicz and Mr. Smith.

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Dinerman, seconded by Mr. Dibble, and carried unanimously, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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