

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on April 27, 2015 at 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 of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and 62 members of the 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, 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.

The following notice was posted on February 27, 2015:

The New Providence Board of Education Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the New Providence High/Middle Cafeteria, 35 Pioneer Drive, **has been cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center.**

**Presentation of the Golden Apples for Union County Teacher Recognition Program:**

**Kathryn Eckes - New Providence High School**

Mrs. Lauren Zirpoli, High School Principal recognizes Kathryn Eckes as a teacher of Language Arts for all levels at the high school, including British Literature. She commented that she has inspired her students and congratulated Kathryn Eckes as the High School Teacher of the Year.

**Kristen Schmidt - New Providence Middle School**

Mr. Scott Hough, Middle School Principal recognizes Kristen Schmidt for her outstanding teaching and commented that it is a great honor to be nominated by her colleagues. He

commented that Kristen has received high esteem from her students, colleagues and parents. Mr. Hough congratulated Kristen Schmidt.

#### **Brandee Conover - Allen W. Roberts School**

Mrs. Gina Hansen, Principal, Allen W. Elementary School, recognizes Brandee Conover as teacher of the year for AWR. She commented that she started at AWR as a kindergarten teacher and became the Media Specialist. Mrs. Hansen commented Mrs. Conover has been nominated by students, parents and colleagues. She comments that Mrs. Conover does everything in the district for the past 15 years with a smile. Mrs. Hansen congratulated Brandee Conover.

#### **Joanne Catlett - Salt Brook School**

Mrs. Jeannie Drexinger, Salt Brook School Principal, recognized Joanne Catlett and congratulated her as Salt Brook School Teacher of the Year; she invited four of her students to speak for her.

Isabelle Marenberg, Lydia Voss, Hannah Perra-French and Maclaine Barre-Quick commented that Mrs. Catlett starts her class with a smile and says "so little time so much to do". They commented that she is kind, dedicated to her students and has a whimsical sense of humor. She is fun and enjoyable and helps them step out of their comfort zone. They commented that Mrs. Catlett is their language arts and social studies teacher, which teaches them life lessons. They listen more because they have fun in her classroom.

#### **Presentation of the 2015/2016 Proposed School Budget - Public Hearing**

Mr. Smith thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that the budget process has been on-going since last fall, starting at the school level with the department heads and principals.

Mr. Smith started his presentation with a Mission Statement, which is:

In partnership with students, parents and community, the mission of the New Providence School District is to educate all students to meet high academic standards and to prepare them to be responsible citizens in the dynamic global society of the 21st century.

Mr. Smith commented that to follow the mission the following were to be met:

- Five Year Goals
  - Review all district operations and further shared services with other school districts
  - Ensure that all educational facilities are designed to foster learning in a safe and healthy environment that reflects and supports the 21st century learning culture.
  - Use information systems to promote achievement, communicate with the public and facilitate parent/teacher communication in a comprehensive and cost effective manner.
  - Review programs and services to Special Education students to ensure provision in the least restrictive environment.

- District Philosophy
  - K-12 experience: to prepare students to be ready by graduation
  - Framework for success: to provide students the framework to achieve and utilize success
  - Shared Commitment: with parents and community to promote excellence

Mr. Smith commented that the board's budget goal was to stay within the state's cap requirements and maximize operational efficiencies, while maintaining the culture of the District. The 2015/2016 proposed budget is \$35,441,996, which is a tax levy increase of 2.345%. The 2015/2015 Proposed Budget consists of:

- Classroom Instruction
- Instructional support Services
- General Administration
- School Administration
- Business/Technology Services
- Operational/Maintenance of Facilities
- Transportation services
- Employee Benefits
- Capital Expenses

Approximately 78% of the budget is for employees' salaries and benefits, which includes an estimated 13% increase in health/dental benefit premiums. Employee contributions for 2014/2015 was \$926,000, and estimated \$1,300,000.00 for the 2015/2016 school year.

Mr. Smith commented that the State does not put a cap on Special Education tuition costs for districts. He stated that state aid will remain at the same level as 2014/2015. He commented that our budgetary cost per pupil is still below the surrounding towns of Madison, Summit and Berkeley Heights.

Mr. Smith commented that the Board tries to do their best to keep the cost as low as possible and provide the best for our students.

Mr. Hasenkopf thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation and also thanked Dr. Miceli, Mr. Testa and the Finance Committee for their hard work with the cooperation of all parties for a cost effective budget with the best educational opportunities for the children of New Providence.

### **COMMENTS**

Mr. Dinerman asked what items were not able to be included in the budget that can be implemented for next year.

Dr. Miceli commented that all top priorities of the District were included for this year's budget.

Mr. Smith commented that all priorities were met, but some were not. He commented that there are the addition of STEM clubs.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that the District will offer an online Latin course as a follow up on the Financial Literature online course.

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public on the Proposed 2015/2016 Budget at 8:20 p.m

**Felicia Cheng, New Providence Resident**

Mrs. Cheng thanked Mr. Smith for the presentation and commented that it was a wonderful presentation. She commented that Mr. Smith mentioned items that cannot be controlled but can be managed. She asked what the STEM Department head will do since we already have a Math, Physics and Science teacher.

Mr. Smith commented that STEM is a new position bringing Science, Math, Technology and Industrial Arts together with a framework on STEM. STEM is all across the country and this new position is not a new department but a coordination and development of new curriculum.

Mr. Smith commented that there are too many parts of the budget to itemize. Copies of the proposed budget are available tonight for your review.

Mrs. Cheng asked if the Science and Math department head will report to the STEM department head.

Dr. Miceli commented that no, the STEM department head will be part of the team.

Mrs. Cheng commented on the 1.7% increase on expenditures. She questioned if the teachers' get increases at 1.8 or 2% and does anyone receive any raises?

Mr. Smith commented that yes, salaries are projected to increase roughly 2%.

Mr. Testa commented that that the net increase figure also includes retirements.

**Larry Corsi, New Providence Resident:**

Mr. Corsi commented he has a statement looking back from his notes that:

- 2011/2012- 0% increase
- 2012/2013- 1.55%
- 2013/2014- 2.00%
- 2014/2015- 2.17%
- 2015-2016- 2.59%

He commented that this is trending the wrong way and the reasons why are that there are the expenditures that cannot be controlled? Many people in this town are on a fixed income and this is a disaster. What is the status of out of district special education students, is there a way to save money by keeping them in-district? Please explain if it can be economical.

Dr. Miceli commented that we have a number of programs in-district that service the special education population and they are:

- Pre-School Autism program (full and half day)
- Learning Language/Disabled K-12
- Paid tuition from out of district students that come here for our special education programs

Dr. Miceli commented that certain students required services out of district and the state establishes the tuition rates.

Mr. Corsi questioned page 1 of the budget, Charter School at a 9.1% increase.

Mr. Testa commented that we have no students that attend Charter Schools, the 9.1% is for all out of district special education tuition costs, including the Magnet School.

Mr. Corsi asked about employee benefits expense being up drastically from 2013/2014 on page 4. He asked to clarify.

Mr. Testa commented that the expense includes a carry over purchase order from 2013/2014 school year. The insurance carrier did not bill on time, so it was not paid until the 2014/2015 school year. It was a timing issue.

Mr. Corsi asked about page 5, teachers' salaries, increases 2.3%.

Mr. Testa commented yes, but includes the new STEM position.

Mr. Corsi asked how much the District has in reserve .

Mr. Testa commented that it was 1.7%, or approximately \$507,000. The State only allows districts to have a maximum of 2%.

**Cecil Seth, New Providence Resident:**

Mrs. Seth commented she was interested in STEM items. She asked if there were more clubs in the elementary and high school levels.

Dr. Miceli commented that there will be an elementary STEM club, which when the advisor is hired will coordinate with the principals. At the high school, the administration took a look at the clubs and re-aligned them to expand upon our STEM initiative.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that STEM will be K-12.

Mrs. Seth asked if the significant of the new clubs will include STEM content.

Dr. Miceli replied yes, also the teacher will research and partnership with the community and local industries. This person will also create new electives over time.

Mrs. Seth asked, will there be Computer Science next year.

Dr. Miceli replied, not known at this time as master scheduled are not completed.

Mr. Hasenkopf declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:34 p.m.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment numbers. The District enrollments are: 659 students at the High School, 377 at the Middle School, 666 at AWR, 642 at Salt Brook and 35 students out of district; for a total of 2,379.

**Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Self Assessment Grade Reporting**

Dr. Feinberg reported that on September 22, 2014 we submitted to the NJDOE the self assessment study. The NJDOE matches all reports to what we have submitted and she reported that there were no discrepancies in January as posted and we performed very well last year.

Mr. Hasenkopf asked if this was annual compliance that is reported annually.

Dr. Feinberg commented yes, we self assess and submit in the fall and after a few months we receive their findings.

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public on any agenda items at 8:36 p.m

**Larry Corsi, New Providence Resident:**

Mr. Corsi asked if the District has any HIB programs for students and do we have a reporting process.

Dr. Miceli answered yes to both questions.

Mr. Corsi commented about a “STOPIT” programs that many districts utilize and is very effective. He suggested we look into it.

Dr. Miceli thanked Mr. Corsi for his comments.

Mr. Hasenkopf declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:39 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Krauss moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Special Meeting	March 10, 2015
Closed Session	March 10, 2015

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Smith

Mr. Dinerman moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Business Meeting	March 16, 2015
Closed Session	March 16, 2015

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss  
Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Closed Session	March 30, 2015
Business Meeting	March 30, 2015
2 <sup>nd</sup> Closed Session	March 30, 2015

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro  
Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Abstain</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Smith

**ACTION ITEMS**

**FINANCE ACTION**

Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve items 1 through 9 as listed below:

**Transfers Approved**

1. Ratify the action of the Superintendent in making the following transfers for the 2014/2015 school year.

**March 2015**

From:		
Account	Description	Amount
11-000-261-100	Salaries, Maintenance	\$5,000.00
11-000-262-520	Insurance- Property	4,700.00
11-000-263-100	Salaries, Buildings & Grounds	10,000.00
11-000-270-515	Contracted Services- Trans.	50,000.00
11-000-291-270	Employee Benefits	87,000.00
11-190-100-610	General Supplies- Instruction	57,100.00
11-204-100-106	Salaries, Teacher Aides	30,000.00
11-230-100-101	Salaries, Basic Skills	29,050.00
		Total: \$272,850.00
To:		
Account	Description	Amount
11-000-216-100	Salaries, Related Services	\$34,700.00
11-000-230-331	Legal	87,000.00
11-000-261-610	General Supplies- Maintenance	5,000.00
11-000-262-490	Utilities- Water	3,100.00
11-000-262-621	Utilities- Natural Gas	38,000.00
11-000-270-161	Salaries, SE Transportation	5,000.00
11-000-270-162	Salaries, Transportation	8,000.00
11-000-291-290	Other Employee Benefits	57,000.00
11-150-100-320	Purchased Prof. Services	2,050.00
11-402-100-100	Salaries, Athletics	33,000.00
		Total: \$272,850.00

**Proposed 2015/2016 School Budget**

- Adopt the Proposed 2015/2016 School Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union, New Jersey, to approve the 2015/2016 school district budget as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015/16 Total Expenditures	\$35,441,946	\$489,299	\$1,448,610	\$37,379,855
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>2,200,942</u>	<u>489,299</u>	<u>123,713</u>	<u>2,813,954</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$33,241,004</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$1,324,897</u>	<u>\$34,565,901</u>

**Maximum Expenditures for the 2015/2016 School Year Approved**

- Approve the maximum expenditures for the 2015/2016 school year as follows:

Public Relations Costs	\$ 11,554.00
Legal Services	\$100,000.00
Student Recognition Awards	\$ 9,000.00

**Revised Maximum Expenditure for the 2014/2015 School Year Approved**

4. Approve the revised maximum expenditure for the 2014/2015 school year as follows:

Legal Services                      \$265,402.00

**Resolution Approved**

5. Approve the following resolution:

The Board of Education approves establishing a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$69,500.00 for the 2015/2016 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2014/2015 school year is \$69,000.00, of which, \$35,797.13 has been spent and \$8,478.68 encumbered to date.

**Board Secretary Reports Approved**

6. After review, we hereby accept the reports of the Board Secretary for March 2015, and Treasurer of School Moneys for March 2015. 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.

**Bills List Approved**

7. Approve the payment of bills listed for April 2015, in the amount of \$3,271,026.90.

**Mr. Marzane's Donation Accepted**

8. Accept the generous donation of \$100.00 from Mr. Marzane to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Replacement for Voided Check Approved**

9. Replacement for voided check(s):

<u>Voided Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Replacement Check #</u>
343891	9/22/14	\$298.00	11-000-262-610-01	9947

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman  
Roll Call Vote:

     Yea      Mrs. Cuccaro

     Yea      Mr. Hasenkopf

     Yea      Mr. Dibble

     Yea      Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dinerman                      Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz  
Yea Mr. Smith

**FACILITIES ACTION**

No Facilities Items for Board approval at this time.

**EDUCATION ACTION**

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve item 1 as listed below:

**Silvergate Prep to Provide Educational Instruction Approved**

- 1. Approve Silvergate Prep to provide educational instruction for Student #1838 at a rate of \$50/hr, for the 2014/2015 school year.

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro                      Yea Mr. Hasenkopf  
Yea Mr. Dibble                      Yea Mr. Krauss  
Yea Mr. Dinerman                      Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz  
Yea Mr. Smith

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 8 as listed below:

**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 2014/2015 school year:
  - a. Anthony Penna, Jr., long-term substitute teacher, effective 4/29/15, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$284.17 (prorated Step 3, Column I, base of \$52,572) (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - b. Amy Hartman-Ohlson, substitute teacher
  - c. Brigitte Mullins, substitute teacher/teacher aide
  - d. Christopher Pollard, substitute teacher

**Resignation Accepted**

2. Accept the resignation of the following employee:
  - a. Kathleen Lutkenhouse, Supervisor of Special Services, effective 7/31/15, due to retirement

**2015/2016 Employee Holiday Schedules Approved**

3. Approve the following 2015/2016 Employee Holiday Schedules:
  - a. 12 Month (EXHIBIT A)
  - b. 10/10.5 Month (EXHIBIT B)

**Game Workers Fees Approved**

4. Approve the fees upon the recommendation of the Superintendent for the 2015/2016 school year for New Providence Game Workers. (EXHIBIT C)

**Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Cathy Rinko-Weidner Approved**

5. Approve the request for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Cathy Rinko-Weidner, secretary, for the following days--3/6/15 (1/2), 3/30/15 (1/2), 4/9/15 (1/2), and 4/13/15 (1/2).

**Maternity Leave for Tracey Blanchard Approved**

6. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Tracey Blanchard, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 10/23/15 and ending 1/25/16 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 1/26/16 through and including the last day of the second marking period. (Based on 10/12/15 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

**Maternity Leave for Alexis Jacqueney Approved**

7. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Alexis Jacqueney, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for the period commencing 10/8/15 and ending 11/27/15 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 9/9/15 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

**Extended Unpaid Leave for Jennifer May Approved**

8. Approve the request of Jennifer May, teacher, (currently on maternity leave), for an extended unpaid child-rearing leave for the 2015/2016 school year, effective 9/1/15 through 6/30/16.

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman  
Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Year</u> Mr. Hasenkopf
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Smith	

**BOARD POLICY**

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve items 1 and 2 as listed below:

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

**Bylaws and Policies:**

Policy No. 8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (Revised)
(Mandated)	(Mr. Krauss)

**Administrative Regulations:**

Regulation No. 8630	Emergency School Bus Procedures (Revised)
(Mandated)	(Mr. Krauss)

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

**Bylaws and Policies:**

Policy No. 5200	Attendance (Revised)
(Mandated)	(Mr. Krauss)

**Administrative Regulation(s):**

Regulation No. 5200	Attendance (Revised)
(Mandated)	(Mr. Krauss)

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro  
Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Hasenkopf
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dibble	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Smith	

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

There is nothing to report.

Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, commented that negotiations continue and hopes to finalize contracts before the end of the school year.

Personnel, Management and Communication

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, commented that the committee met last week to review appointments and tenure status of employees. He commented that there will be evaluation tool for coaches and co-curricular, which is currently in committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Testa asked which of the Board Members were marching at the Memorial Day Parade.

Mrs. Cuccaro, Mr. Dinerman, Mr. Hasenkopf and Mr. Smith commented that they will be marching.

Dr. Miceli reminded everyone of the last Strategic Planning Session on Public Relations and Communications on May 5th at 7p.m.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that this is the last one is looking forward to the session

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public at 8:46 p.m. for comments.

**Mrs. Felicia Cheng, New Providence Resident:**

Mrs. Cheng commented that as a special ed parent she disagrees with what Dr. Miceli commented about Mrs. Lutkenhouse. She questioned how she was hired in the first place.

**Lisa Barre-Quick, New Providence Resident**

Mrs. Barre-Quick commented that a letter was sent to the board in support of Ms. Musynske and would like them to take it into consideration. She thanks Dr. Miceli and the Board for all the fantastic decisions and actions the board decides on on behalf of our kids. She comments that they hope they take her letter and the other 25 letters that were sent to the board in support of Ms. Musynske and consider when making the decision regarding Ms. Musynske. She commented that she trusts that they will make the right decision for the District.

**Maclaine Barre-Quick, New Providence student**

Ms. Barre-Quick commented that Ms. Musynske is a great teacher and should not be let go. She is very caring about all her students, engages them fully and explains the subjects to everyone and makes us feel smart.

**Hannah French, New Providence student**

Ms. French commented that Ms. Musynske encourages her students to succeed and wants the best for them. The school is a better place with her.

**Lydia Voss, New Providence student**

Ms. Voss commented that she does not understand the budget, but would like to keep Ms. Musynske in the District. She commented that she plays volleyball and would like to have her as her coach.

Mr. Hasenkopf thanked everyone for their support and comments.

Mr. Hasenkopf addressed Mrs. Cheng before she spoke, he commented that her comments made previously were inappropriate, and to please have good taste and good judgements in her comments.

**Mrs. Felicia Cheng, New Providence Resident**

Mrs. Cheng commented she wanted to respond to Mr. Hasenkopf. She commented that if someone can stand up and comment how much a teacher has changed their life, as a parent I can also stand up and comment how an administrator changed my life for the worst. She commented that if you don't like her answer that is too bad. She commented that she can do it here in public or in the newspaper.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that Mrs. Cheng is entitled to a response, but there are appropriate ways to provide your response.

Mrs. Cheng commented that she only has a longer response, which she cut short. She commented that she disagrees with Dr. Miceli and questions how someone can be let go in the first place with so many people talking about how she is a good teacher. She commented that she can talk about an administrator who changed her life. She commented that Mr. Hasenkopf can stop her at anytime.

Mrs. Cheng read her letter in response to the District attorney's letter dated March 27, 2015.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that this is a personal letter.

Mrs. Cheng commented that this is a letter to me, therefore, I am responding. The District just sent me a letter for no reason.

Mr. Hasenkopf and Mrs. Cuccaro commented that she has sent the letter to the Board.

Mrs. Cheng commented that this is a letter that is not related to her current due process complaint.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that this is a legal matter.

Mrs. Cheng commented that a letter was sent to her that denied her records.

Dr. Miceli commented that this is a confidential matter and this it is not appropriate to address in a public meeting.

Mr. Dinerman thanked the students for coming in support of their teacher. He asked them to thank their parents for letting them speak up and supporting what they believe in.

**Isabelle Marenberg, 8th grade student- New Providence**

Ms. Marenberg commented that Ms. Musynske is a great teacher who challenges you and explains to you for as long as you need it. She commented that she takes her time with everyone, making sure you understand the subject. She noted that she would appreciate the consideration of keeping her and that her students are very sad.

Mr. Hasenkopf thanked Ms. Marenberg for her comments.

**Donna Zane, New Providence Resident**

Mrs. Zane commented that she has a son in Ms. Musynske who does not express himself, but wrote a letter to the Board to reconsider their position on her.

Mr. Hasenkopf declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on April 27 at 9:01 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:

- Litigation
- Student Matters
- 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.

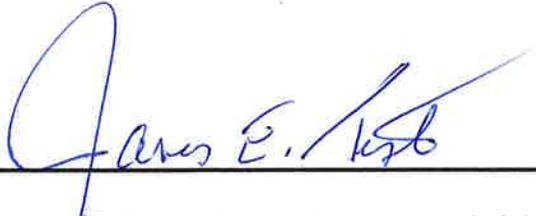
**Return to Public Session**

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:10 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. Dibble, seconded by Mr. Dinerman, and carried unanimously, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James E. Testa", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
4/27/15 Board Meeting