

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 15, 2015 at the HS/MS Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by 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; Scott Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision, and 18 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.

This work session is a public meeting of the Board of Education and no Board action will be taken. The Board will convene to Closed Session no later than 10:00 p.m.

COMMENTS

Dr. Miceli commented that a notice went out to the community, with a copy to all Board members. He commented that this past summer, Superintendents of Chatham, Millburn, Berkeley Heights, Summit, and New Providence talked about a wellness series for parents and students for all five communities. He commented that the Municipal Alliance works closely with Mr. Chango, staff, and students during the course of the year offering different discussions for parents and students with respect to substance abuse and other mental issues. Most districts take this on individually and offer the same workshops to parents. Dr. Miceli commented that the five communities decided to form a consortium, so parent groups in all the districts can work together and offer these types of seminars collaboratively. On October 20th, Summit will take the lead, offering a discussion on Substance Abuse that will take place at Summit High School. Families and community members of all five districts are invited. He commented that over the course of the year, an agenda will be sent out to the communities listing each of the different high schools hosting a different presentation. The districts will continue to work collaboratively to offer those kind of workshops to parents and students. Finally, Dr. Miceli commented that it will be a great partnership between the districts providing greater resources to the communities.

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Dr. Miceli commented that he will report on enrollment, Professional Development Day, National Merit Semifinalists/Commended Scholars, and, hopefully, will have some information on the PARCC results.

Mr. Smith commented on the Finance items.

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Mrs. Cuccaro commented on the Education items.

Dr. Miceli commented it is not a full monitoring year for NJQSAC, just a submission of the Annual Statement of Assurances. He commented that he met with Mr. Testa, Mrs. Searing, and Mr. Hough to walk through the Statement of Assurances, identifying and formatting all the indicators for the Board to approve.

Dr. Miceli commented that the District received a State waiver last year.

Mr. Dibble commented on the Personnel items.

Dr. Miceli commented that there are a number of programs that were developed at Allen W. Roberts School due to additional Title I funding from the State. He thanked Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Searing for the development of the additional programs. He commented that we received more money than anticipated, this year for Allen W. Roberts School.

Mr. Krauss commented on Board Policy that will be up for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees had nothing to report at this time.

Dr. Miceli commented about a meeting at MUJC regarding PARCC. In a couple of weeks, they will start releasing information to districts, and hopes to have student reports and data by Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if we would have to further dissect the results.

Dr. Miceli commented he is anticipating that student reports can be sent out immediately and can utilize the data right away. He commented that we might have to spend time understanding the data due to this being the first time we are seeing results from this type of test

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public at 8:32 p.m.

Leslie Corey, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Corey commented on the academic integrity of the school. She commented the first line in the student handbook "everyone must act with personal integrity" is not being upheld for the students and teachers. She commented that we teach our students not to lie, cheat, or steal, especially in an academic arena. She commented of a situation on an assignment that occurred several weeks ago. The question asked, "Mrs. Hornstein's class is the best class of the day"---true or false. She pointed out on her handout example that her son received 0 out of .5 points for choosing false. Mrs. Corey commented that he was penalized for academic integrity, which he believed was an opinion question. She commented that this translated over to Power School as a loss of points on the homework assignment. She continued to say that in this case, we are telling the students to lie in order to get points. This goes against the policies of the school district, specifically when it says that everyone must act with personal integrity. She commented that it isn't about the .5 points, but could be, and in the long run can affect their GPA. She commented that this occurred ten times throughout her son's academic career, at Salt Brook, Middle School, and High School. She commented last year there was a similar situation in the

Middle School, which they tried to solve at that level, but obviously not in the High School level. She commented that she proposes not allow questions like these to be given to the students because it opposes the standards that are asked of the students to have academic integrity and penalized if they are upholding those standards.

Mr. Hasenkopf thanked her for her comments.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Hasenkopf moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall, on October 15, 2015 at 7:40 p.m., in the New Providence High/Middle School, 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 HIB

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.

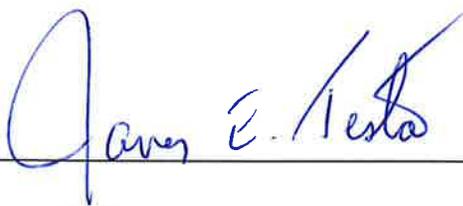
Mr. Dinerman seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:29 p.m. Mr. Hasenkopf called the Board to order.

Members present were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, David Hasenkopf, Mr. Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz and Adam Smith.

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Dibble and seconded by Mr. Dinerman, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



James E. Testa
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
10/15/15

