

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 17, 2016, at the High/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 Educational Services; Mr. Scott Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and 8 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.

ACTION ITEMS
FINANCE ACTION

Mr. Smith, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 4 as listed below:

Tentative Budget for 2016/2017 School Year Approved

1. Approve the tentative budget for 2016/2017 School Year using the 2016/2017 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Debt</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016/17 Total Expenditures	\$36,731,525	\$584,448	\$1,449,241	\$38,765,214
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>2,087,823</u>	<u>584,448</u>	<u>436,832</u>	<u>3,109,103</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$34,643,702</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$1,012,409</u>	<u>\$35,656,111</u>

After approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law. A public hearing will be held at the New Providence High School Media Center, New Providence, New Jersey, on April 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2016/2017 School Year.

Adjustments in the Tentative 2016/2017 Annual School Budget Approved

2. Approve that the New Providence Board of Education include the following adjustments in the tentative 2016/2017 annual school budget that will be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for technical review:
 - Adjustment for enrollment: \$0
The District would utilize this adjustment, if received, for supplies and materials necessary for our additional students.
 - Adjustment for health care costs: \$263,145
The additional funds are included in the tentative budget and will be utilized to cover the additional increase in health benefit premium costs.
 - Adjustment for deferred PERS pension contribution: \$0
The District would utilize the adjustment, if received, for the purpose of paying any deferral PERS pension costs and/or the additional interest charges.
 - Adjustment for responsibility transferred: \$0
The District would utilize this adjustment, if received, for an increase or decrease of costs associated with the transfer of responsibilities.
 - Adjustment for banked cap: \$474,733
The District has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the tentative budget in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The adjustment to the base budget will be utilized to fund additional special education needs, curriculum and additional STEM related courses. The District intends to complete said purposes by June 2017.

Resolution Approved

3. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Providence Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, Policy #6471, School District Travel: Board of Education Employees and Members, covers the reimbursement process for travel expenses in accordance with New Jersey Statutes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with Policy #6471.

Authorize the Board Secretary to Publish Tentative 2016/2016 School Budget Approved

- 4. After Board approval of the tentative 2016/2017 school budget, authorize the Board Secretary to publish said budget as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

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

Mr. Testa commented that once the budget is approved tonight, the tentative budget will be hand deliver it to the county office tomorrow. We then wait for review and approval by the County. Once approved by the County, it has to be advertised in the newspaper. We will have the public hearing on April 28, 2016. The submission is just the first step in the process.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that with all the community sessions and the topics that were discussed, this budget begins the vision for the next five years. He appreciated everyone from the community, staff and the Board for this budget.

EDUCATION ACTION

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

- 1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approve the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding the following 2015/2016 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
Middle School:	6

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

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 3 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 2015/2016 school year:
 - a. Katherine DeVico, secretary II (12 month; 8 hrs/day), \$11,762 (base \$41,324), effective 3/21/16 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - b. Lisa Nemeec, school nurse, \$15,832 (base \$64,619), effective 4/18/16 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - c. Cindy MacKinnon, long-term substitute teacher, \$16,459 (base \$56,756), effective 3/29/16 thru 6/30/16
 - d. Claudio Gonzalez, long-term substitute teacher, effective 3/17/16, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$273.01 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$54,601)

Termination Approved

2. Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to terminate the employment of a certain employee, whose name is on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, effective 3/26/16, pursuant to the notice of termination clause contained in the employee's individual contract of employment.

Extended Leave for Samantha Goodstein Approved

3. Approve revised request:

Per Article X of the Agreement between the Board and the NPEA, approve the request for extended leave for Samantha Goodstein commencing 5/19/16 and

ending 6/23/16.

Dr. Miceli welcomed Lisa Nemecek, as our new school nurse at Allen W. Roberts School. She comes to us with experience as a nurse within the field, not so much a school nurse in perspective, but had experiences at Summit Medical Group, Mount Sinai, Morristown Medical Center and Hackensack Hospital prior to coming to us. He commented that she graduated undergrad at the University of Pennsylvania nursing school and received a masters at Drexel University. We are very pleased to have her aboard.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public for comments at 7:38 p.m.

Cameron Corey, Freshman at NPHS, Boyscout in Troop 63

Cameron commented that he is here to share information about his Boyscout Eagle project. On Saturday, April 2, he has organized a children's book drive in town. He is collecting new and gently used kids and young adult books for inner city youth. These books will get new life in reading rooms in Jersey City, Newark and Montclair. He is also building and painting new book shelves for the facilities. He is here tonight to give information and hopes to share the event and for contribution of books.

Cameron commented that New Providence High School has always been supportive of community service projects and is looking forward to the generosity of the community. He has worked for almost a year in working for this event to get approved and organized. With the help of other scouts, NPHS students, and community members, this will be a success. He is also hoping that his flyer will be approved and distributed throughout the District through the school email folders. This book drive is a great way to get students of all ages involved in community service and charitable giving. He commented that over the next few weeks, you will see his signs and posters throughout the town, and he would love to have his flyers distributed at the schools as well. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to talk about his project.

Mr. Hasenkopf thanked Cameron for his good work. He asked Cameron if he can email his flyer to Dr. Miceli.

There being no other comments from the public, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on March 17, 2016 at 7:40 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
- 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.

Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:24 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. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Cuccaro, and carried unanimously, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
3/17/16 Budget Submission Meeting