

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 15, 2016 at the HS/MS Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by Board President, Mr. Hasenkopf.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, 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; Ann Marie Inzano, Interim Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision, and three 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.

Superintendent's Report on Enrollment

Dr. Miceli reported on the most recent enrollment numbers compared to projected:

- High school- Projected 668 students, Actual 665 students
- Middle school - Projected 362 students, Actual 362 students
- Allen W. Roberts- Actual numbers are 637 students
- Salt Brook School- Actual numbers are 649 students

Total projected numbers for the elementary schools was 1,269 students. The actual registered number of students is 1,286. There was a late surge when tracking through InfoSnap since August 10th, with 34 more students registering, of which 25 of them being elementary students.

Mr. Krauss commented on the realtor analysis of closings between August 1 to September 12, 2016 in New Providence. He said that 28 homes closed, 22 of them were four bedroom homes, with a selling average time of 30 days at above selling price. Most of those homes probably are families with school age children. The selling price in New Providence is 33% less than Chatham's average home.

Mr. Hasenkopf thanked Dr. Miceli and Mr. Krauss.

Mr. Hasenkopf welcomed Mr. Maciag to present his college visits this past summer.

Summer College Visits Presentation - Mr. Maciag

Mr. Maciag commented that this summer he was able to visit 20 colleges over a five week period. His travels took him to Vermont, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. His first weeks kept him close to home on some day trips to local colleges as he worked to build support for a college

fair the high school will be holding in March of 2017. He commented that he visited many well known colleges like Middlebury, UVM, Quinnipiac, U Conn, U Hartford, Sacred Heart and Trinity Gettysburg, while also finding hidden gems such as Champlain and Green Mountain College.

Mr. Maciag commented that if he had to identify two themes of the summer, it would be Project Lead the Way and Sustainability. PLTW was the focal point of conversation that led to other topics, educating Deans, college Presidents and admissions counselors was a high priority.

Topics of discussions were:

- Transformative teaching and real life problem solving:
 - Alignment Common Core
 - Next Generation Science Standards
 - Standards (not just Science standards but ELA standards as well)

- Partnership between AP and PLTW
 - Sustainability (GMC, Middlebury Biofuel) carbon footprints of the campus but also of the students Student driven
 - LEED certified buildings Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
 - Green Mountain Articulation Agreements with UVM Law School and Massachusetts School of Art and Design Architecture and Sustainability Rural small campus that packs a powerful punch. Students interested in those types of topics do not have a hard time adjusting.
 - Outlawing the sales of water bottles on campus. In one institution they give students and staff a refillable water bottle to use and they police each other. Continues to be an expanding idea.

Mr. Maciag commented that no matter what a student's post high school plans are, environmental consciousness is becoming increasingly important. Connecticut colleges had a theme of pre-freshman experiences, internships, study abroads and giving back through service. He commented that when one college's president at an institution heard he was on campus, he came out to find him, ending up with an hour long discussion of Project Lead the Way. The college President admitted that prior to their meeting, he was on our district high school website and was very impressed of what he had seen. Mr. Maciag commented that in Pennsylvania, he visited places like Gettysburg, Messiah, Elizabethtown, East Stroudsburg and Immaculata Health fields.

He commented that as we continue to evaluate what else we can do to help prepare our students for college life, we should continue to increase opportunities for students to be environmentally conscious and help them understand their individual carbon footprint. He found that each college placed a different value on his visits, but there was one direct concrete benefit he noticed in the 15/16 school year, a college waived their application fee for those in attendance due to his visit to the college. He commented that as he spoke with various admissions counselors, many of them check our website, pull our file and see who is or has applied. All are positive. It brings New Providence to the forefront of what they are doing.

Mr. Maciag commented what they are working on to enhance the overall impact for our students, such as:

- Hosting a college fair on March 14, 2017
- Unofficial alumni network to help with seniors
 - Senior exit information (80 out of 166 just under 50%); Build a network connection

- College visits on website
- Increase invitations to college hosted programs
- Tours of facility

He commented that by putting these various components together we can build a support structure around these visits. In four years he has been able to visit 97 colleges during the summers. This total does not include colleges that he visited on his own or other visits throughout the school year. Colleges continue to be in awe and grateful for the efforts that are being made. Colleges say it speaks volumes not just to the process, but to the right fit, sending quality students.

Mr. Maciag thanked the Board and Administration for the opportunity to be the messenger of the District.

Mr. Dinerman asked how many admissions counselors he meet at each college, and if he had any informal contact with them.

Mr. Maciag commented that there are about three admissions counselors that he meets, sometimes more at each college he visits. Guidance tries to stay in touch and not loose the connection.

Mr. Dinerman asked if we have any capability to track the counselors.

Mr. Maciag commented that besides a business card file, he uses Access as a database, but more importantly, he makes a conscious effort to stay in contact with them. He makes sure that we are on the forefront of the admissions database file.

Mr. Smith asked what are the attributes that colleges look for, if there is a difference between the large and small college, the kind of student they are looking for.

Mr. Maciag commented that depending on their major, they are looking for a quality student, academically, with a certain skill, a problem solver, and one who is involved and engaged in their school community.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that the lists of schools Mr. Maciag visited are mostly Liberal Arts colleges, do they ask about our STEM program and what we are doing.

Mr. Maciag commented that once he talks about Project Lead the Way, then STEM comes up. The colleges are environmentally conscious, involved and engaged, so they want their incoming students to be the same. They have heard of Project Lead the Way, but they didn't understand the rigor of the program. Once he explained how the program worked, and the rigor of the program, they realized the thought process and therefore the quality of the students that are benefitting from it.

Dr. Miceli thanked Mr. Maciag for his presentation.

Mr. Hasenkopf reviewed the completed and ongoing Board Goals for the 2015/2016 school year.

Mr. Hasenkopf asked each committee chairperson to review their 2015/2016, as well as comment on the 2016/2017 Committee Goals.

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology- Mrs. Cuccaro, Chairperson

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that most of the goals were completed, several are ongoing. The World Language online course offering will continue to be reviewed as part of the 2016/2017 goals. She reviewed the 2016/2017 Board and Committee Goals.

Mr. Dibble entered the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security- Mr. Smith, Chairperson:

Mr. Smith commented on the list of goals that were completed for the 2015/2016 school year. He commented on the 2016/2017 Board Committee Goals. He commented that we continue to work on the shared services opportunities and additional revenue resources as well as the ongoing monitoring on safety and security needs. The addition will be the Bond Referendum process and the completion of the construction for the next school year.

Personnel, Management and Communication- Mr. Dibble, Chairperson

Mr. Dibble commented on the goals that were identified and completed. For the 2016/2017 goals, the committee have an annual reset of previous goals, including to monitor all staff.

September 27, 2016 Bond Referendum Update

Mr. Smith commented that everyone is following along with the plan in getting out to vote. He commented that the community seems to know what is going on, not too many concerns and is going well. There are more meetings between now and September 27th. He commented that they met with the TAP who wanted to interview the District. We are hoping for the best.

Mr. Dinerman asked if there were a lot of questions.

Mr. Testa commented that there were a few on how much debt we have and basic bond debt questions.

Dr. Miceli commented that the flyer was sent with additional details. He commented that we will post enrollment numbers tomorrow. He stated that the road show is to inform people of the bond. He commented that at the AWR PTA meeting, there were about seventy people with many enrollment questions. We answered all the questions with as much information and data as possible. He commented that at the AWR back to school night, the parents got to see the classroom with the large number of students and had dialogue with the teachers. There were a number of families that helped at the meetings and back to school night.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that it was a good opportunity for discussion on class size and the modifications of the policy in the student-teacher ratio.

Dr. Miceli commented that there were a lot of new parents with their first child in kindergarten or first grade. It was a good opportunity to answer a lot of their questions. He commented that he talked about the reading specialist as well as the change in the policy regarding class size. A lot of folks thought that there is still a lot that can be changed and we told them that nothing is off the table, but for our purposes right now, we cannot change the current bond referendum plan.

Mr Krauss commented that most people are concerned of the amount of the bond. The cost to an average household is \$65.00 per year. That is based upon the assessment of the property in New Providence last year. The assessment next year will most likely be more, therefore, the cost per household could be less then anticipated.

Mr. Krauss asked Mr. Testa if everything is all set for election.

Mr. Testa commented that yes; the sample ballots will be mailed approximately ten days prior to the election.

Review of the Tentative September 29, 2016 Agenda

Dr. Miceli reviewed the tentative agenda for the September 29, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Miceli commented that he will do a quick overview of the PARCC assessment results from the spring and in November there will be a full assessment report.

Mr. Smith commented that the agreement with Morris-Union Jointure for swimming is a back up facility.

Mr. Testa commented that the District is still working on the agreement with Berkeley Aquatics.

Mr. Smith commented it's good to see that a New Providence student, Kathleen Joyce, is benefitting from our senior internship program. She interned in our school, substituted in our school and now she will be teaching at Allen W. Roberts.

Dr. Miceli commented that when she finished her internship program, the teachers she worked with said she was ready to become a successful teacher.

Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting closed at 8:18 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Dinerman moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall, on September 15, 2016 at 8:24 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:

- Personnel
- Litigation
- 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.

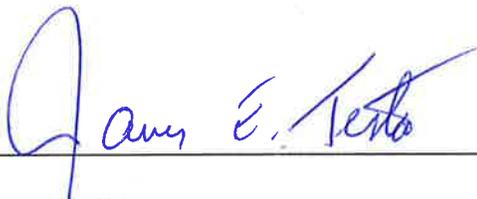
Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:18 p.m. Mr. Hasenkopf called the Board to order.

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

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Dinerman and seconded by Mr. Krauss, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



James E. Testa
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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