

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 15, 2016, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by Mr. Hasenkopf, Board President.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, and Mary Misiukiewicz. 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 twelve 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.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment numbers. The District enrollments are: 663 students at the High School, 362 at the Middle School, 681 at AWR, 671 at Salt Brook and 35 students out of district; for a total of 2,412, up three students overall.

Dr. Miceli reviewed the draft of the 2017/2018 School Calendar, which he had provided to all board members. He commented that if no one has any questions on the 2017/2018 School Calendar, he will send it to each of the Associations for approval. It will be on the agenda for approval at the January 30th board meeting.

All Board members agreed with the 2017/2018 School Calendar.

Presentation of Certificate of Excellence- Mr. Dinerman

The New Providence Board of Education would like to recognize the New Providence High School Girls Tennis team for excellence in the NJSIAA State Tournament. Would members of the team please come forward.

The team upset top-seeded Verona to win the sectional championship, 3-2. The team then advanced to the Group I overall championships where they beat last year's champion, Shore Regional in the semifinals and then previously undefeated Kinnelon in the Group I championship.

Congratulations to head coach Marc Willemsen, assistant coach Tracy Aroneo, and the girls on this fantastic achievement.

The varsity girls' tennis team consists of Katherine Ge, Ana Trajanovic, Stephanie Maluso, Mary Riccio, Caroline Maglares, Lauren Kang, Ashima Agarwal, Shreya Veenkat, Kathryn Denike, Miriam Hyde and Megan Aprill.

Dr. Miceli commented that tennis is a sport that you can win the sectional, keep going and compete to finally win and be the actual state champion. It is a very special and a once in a lifetime experience that you can remember for the rest of your lives.

Ana Trajanovic thanked Dr. Miceli, the Administration, and the Board for the experience especially from the three seniors on the team. She commented that it was very exciting and very challenging, but they made it and it was the greatest experience they will have.

Dr. Miceli commented that for the coaches, it was their first year and they won it all.

Coach Willemsen commented that there was a lot of talent on the team, and the girls did it all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting for the opportunity for public comments (on specific agenda items) at 7:40 p.m.

There being no comments, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting closed at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dinerman moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Business Meeting	November 17, 2016
Closed Session	November 17, 2016

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz
Roll Call Vote:

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

ACTION ITEMS
FINANCE ACTION

Mr. Krauss, in the absence of Mr. Smith, moved to approve items 1 through 5 as listed below:

Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Approved

1. After review, we hereby accept the Board Secretary and Treasurer report for November 2016. There is no major account or fund which has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Bills List Approved

2. Approve the payment of bills listed for December 2016, in the amount of \$2,494,587.84.

Generaous Donation to the NPHS Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund Accepted

3. Accept the generous donations to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund in the total amount of \$2,050.00.

Bond Interest Resolution Approved

4. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the legal voters of New Providence approved a bond proposal at a special election on September 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the bond proposal included the following statement:

The Board is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election. By resolution, the Board may appropriate interest earnings, capital reserves, or general fund surplus if needed for the projects; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education hereby approves the appropriation of bond interest earnings to the Project as approved by the legal voters of New Providence. In the event that the Project is funded fully, excess interest earnings will be handled as per State regulations; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of bond interest earnings shall be in effect for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 school years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to allocate bond interest earnings to the approved Project.

- 5. Approve the renewal of the Agreement between the Borough of New Providence and the New Providence Board of Education for professional cleaning services and related work for municipally owned buildings, at an annual cost of \$4,095.00, beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Mr. Testa commented that item #4 allows the District to use the interest earned on the bond proceeds for improvements to the 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

Absent Mr. Smith

FACILITIES ACTION

Mr. Krauss, in the absence of Mr. Smith, moved to approve items 1 through 3 as listed below:

Disposal of Miscellaneous Equipment from AWR Approved

- 1. Approve the disposal of miscellaneous equipment from Allen W. Roberts School, that is either damaged, in disrepair, or outdated, and no longer deemed useful for school needs. (EXHIBIT A)

Disposal of Miscellaneous Equipment form MS/HS Media Center Approved

- 2. Approve the disposal of miscellaneous audio-visual equipment from the Middle/High School Library Media Center, that is either damaged, in disrepair, or outdated, and no longer deemed useful for school needs. (EXHIBIT B)

Disposal of Technology Equipment Approved

- 3. Approve the disposal of technology equipment that is either damaged, in disrepair, or outdated, and no longer deemed useful for school needs. (EXHIBIT C)

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro
Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Hasenkopf

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Absent Mr. Smith

EDUCATION ACTION

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

2016/2017 HIB Investigations Approved

1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approve the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding the following 2016/2017 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
Middle School:	1, 2, and 3

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

Absent Mr. Smith

PERSONNEL ACTION

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

2016/2017 School Year 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 2016/2017 school year:

- a. Kelsie Kreitz, long term substitute teacher, \$30,832 (base \$54,569), effective 1/13/17 thru 6/30/17 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- b. Laurie Barletta, secretary II (12 month; 7.5 hrs/day), \$18,761 (base \$37,522), effective 1/2/17 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- c. Linda Lettera, teacher aide, \$12,204 (base \$20,758), effective 1/9/17, (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- d. Paul Irwin, Jr., girls winter track head coach, \$8,110
- e. Michael Gould, winter guard, assistant color guard instructor, \$1,078
- f. Amy Nagle, high school national honor society co-advisor, \$960
- g. Marissa DeNicola, teacher aide, \$12,204 (base \$20,758), effective 1/9/17, (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- h. Tracy Aroneo, long term substitute teacher, \$29,155 (base \$66,261), effective 12/22/16 thru 5/8/17
- i. Saltanat Holmes, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- j. Gina Snyder, substitute teacher/teacher aide

Request for FMLA for Gary Bremer Approved

- 2. Approve the request for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Gary Bremer, teacher, for a period of twelve weeks commencing 12/10/16 and ending 3/10/17 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 3/11/17 through and including 6/30/17.

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

Absent 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 Regulations on second reading:

Policies:

Policy No. 1230
(Mandated)

Superintendent's Duties
(Mr. Krauss)

(Revised)

Policy No. 1330 (Mandated)	Evaluation of School Business Administrator (New) (Mr. Krauss)	
Policy No. 2415.3 (Mandated)	Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
Policy No. 3218 (Mandated)	Substance Abuse (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 4218 (Mandated)	Substance Abuse (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 3232 (Suggested)	Tutoring Services (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
Policy No. 6111 (Mandated)	Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 6230 (Mandated)	Budget Hearing (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 6360 (Mandated)	Political Contributions (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 6422 (Mandated)	Budget Transfers (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 6470 (Mandated)	Payment of Claims (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 6830 (Mandated)	Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)

Administrative Regulations:

Regulation No. 3218 (Mandated)	Substance Abuse (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
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Regulation No. 3232 Tutoring Services (Revised)
(Suggested) (Mr. Krauss)

Regulation No. 4218 Substance Abuse (Revised)
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)

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

Policies:

Policy No. 1581 Victim of Domestic or Sexual Violence (New)
(Mandated) Leave
(Mr. Krauss)

Policy No. 3212 Attendance (Revised)
(Recommended) (Mr. Krauss)

Policy No. 4212 Attendance (New)
(Recommended) (Mr. Krauss)

Policy No. 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (Revised)
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)

Policy No. 8465 Hate Crimes & Bias-Related Acts (Revised)
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)

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

Absent Mr. Smith

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, had nothing new to report.

Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Krauss commented on the December 21st bond sale. It will all be completed online. The closing for the bonds will be in the middle of January.

Mr. Hasenkopf asked if it was an online auction.

Mr. Testa commented that the auction is online through Grant Street, LLC. The auction is open for fifteen minutes. He commented that he received training today and was able to observe the process. He commented that the District used Grant Street's services on the last bond sale.

Mr. Testa commented that the bidders cannot see what the lowest bid is, or how it is broken out in terms of the coupon rates. They can only see that they are not the lowest bidder and can continue to bid. So far, four broker houses have contacted Grant Street about the District's sale without having the bond sale advertised. He commented that we should have the bond rating on Monday.

Mr. Testa commented that he has a conference call on Tuesday of this week and hopefully the rating will come back positive. Our last Bond rating was a AA+, which we were very happy to receive. He commented that the meeting went well, so we are hoping to receive the same rating or better.

Personnel, Management and Communication

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Testa commented he will be swearing in a re-elected board member as well as a newly elected board member at the next board meeting. He commented that this is Mr. Hasenkopf's last official meeting. Mr. Testa wished Mr. Hasenkopf well and thanked him for his years of service. Mr. Hasenkopf will be recognized at the January 30th meeting.

Everyone thanked Mr. Hasenkopf for his service.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that it was a pleasure serving on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Miceli commented that he and Mr. Testa are collecting and discussing the 2017/2018 school budget information from all the schools. The plan is to meet with each of the committees to discuss the budget requests in January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public for any comments at 7:51 p.m.

Alexander Pereira, NPHS Student

Mr. Pereira commented on an email sent by the NPHS administration to the faculty, which in turn was communicated to the students regarding wiping out records on the student's iPads. The students are concerned that all their data will be gone, and sees this move as a waste of time and money. He asked the board and the administration if they had any information to give the students on this matter.

Dr. Miceli commented that everything will be communicated to the students. The information and details will be sent out after the midterms in a timely manner. The iPad initiative has been in place for a number of years. There have been concerns of students downloading information that is not educational and causes distractions to all. The administration has decided to wipe the iPads clean after midterms. All the data that the students have on their iPads that is educational will remain and will not be wiped out. The APP store will no longer be available to the students. The District will continue to monitor the activity the last two marking periods and will evaluate feedback at the end of the year.

Mr. Pereira commented that in Berkeley Heights schools, they use an app that can monitor the apps being downloaded by the students. He commented that this app is a much easier way to go about it, rather than completely wiping out all the data.

Dr. Miceli commented that the students should share any concerns or recommendation to the administration.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that iPads are district owned.

Mr. Hough commented that the student can apply/request that any educational relevant apps to be put back on their iPads.

Mr. Hasenkopf declared the public meeting closed at 7:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Dinerman moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on December 15, 2016 at 7:58 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:

- Student matters related to HIB
- 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.

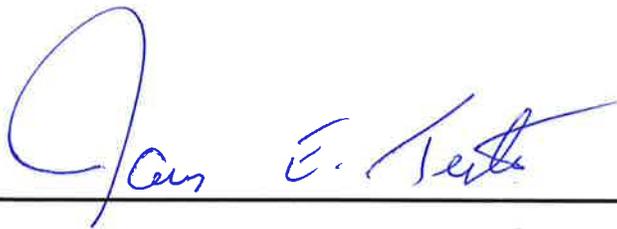
Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Hasenkopf called the Board to order.

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

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Dibble, seconded by Mr. Kruass, and carried unanimously, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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