

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 30, 2017, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mr. Smith.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, Adam Smith and Joe Walsh. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Educational Services; 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 31 members of the public.

Mr. Smith led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Smith 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 12/1/16:

The New Providence Board of Education Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, **has been cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.** in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive.

Mr. Smith welcomed everyone. He commented that we are halfway through the school year and starting the third marking period.

Mr. Smith commented that we are going to start the meeting with a resolution to recognize a Board member, Mr. David Hasenkopf.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Smith commented, on behalf of the Board, it was a pleasure to honor Mr. Hasenkopf for his leadership, dedication and the positive impact he had on the District for the past six years, two of those years as Board President. It is a not an easy job and Mr. Hasenkopf did an exemplary job.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the following resolution and read it into record:

Resolution in Recognition of Board Member David C. Hasenkopf

- WHEREAS,** David C. Hasenkopf has ended his service on the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence after faithful service over the last six years; and
- WHEREAS,** the members of the Board of Education are cognizant of the fact that Mr. Hasenkopf has greatly contributed toward the welfare of the children of the Borough by his energy and sincere application to all matters which have come before the Board; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Hasenkopf has served as Board President for two years; Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee Member and Chairperson; Personnel, Management, and Communication Committee Member; Finance, Facilities & Safety/Security Committee Member; Union County Educational Services Commission Representative; Liaison for the New Providence Education Foundation; New Jersey School Boards Association Representative; and as Liaison for Tri-County Boards;
- NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence, in the County of Union, that the personal and collective gratitude and appreciation of the members of the Board of Education are hereby extended to David C. Hasenkopf for his loyal and untiring dedication to the community; and they do hereby publicly commend him for the excellent example he has thus demonstrated to the present and future members of the Board of Education.

APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017, and signed by the order of the New Providence Board of Education.

Mr. Smith presented and read a plaque in recognition for his service.

Mr. Smith presented and read a proclamation from the State of New Jersey for his service with the New Providence Board of Education.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that he was honored and privileged to have served on the Board for six years. He commented that he was surrounded by great people, including administration, board

members, Dr. Miceli, the students of New Providence and especially the support of his family. He commented that it is a very rewarding experience serving in a special district. He commented that there were some tough meetings, but also some great meetings especially when honoring the students of New Providence. He is thankful and humbled by it, and extremely grateful for the opportunity and will have fond memories for the rest of his life.

Seconded by: Mr Krauss

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

Superintendent’s Report

- 1) Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment from December: 663 at the high school, 363 at the middle school, 684 at Allen W. Roberts School, 671 at Salt Brook School, with 35 out of district, totaling 2,416 students.
- 2) Dr. Miceli reviewed the proposed 17/18 School Calendar. If approved this evening, it will be posted on our website and emailed to parents.
- 3) Dr. Miceli commented that the Annual Curriculum Report will be presented at the February 23rd board meeting. We plan to discuss the initiatives that were implemented this year. Presentations with respect to particular programs will be presented by a number of students throughout the District. We are looking forward to student participation and will discuss new initiatives planned for next year.
- 4) Dr. Miceli commented on Professional Development Day on January 16th. He commented that in the morning, suicide prevention was the topic. In the afternoon, everyone broke out to their individual buildings and departments to work on initiatives with each department. He thanked Mrs. Inzano and the staff for all the work and participation.

Student Report

Lauren Pope reported on school activities for the month, they are:

- Future Civic Leaders- participated in watching the inauguration
- The REVIRESCO chapter of FCL- several bake sales to raise money

- Model UN- had a great weekend and won best delegation with a few students winning best country research paper
- Boys basketball- they are of to a good season with a record of 8-7 with a still very promising rest of the season
- Girl's basketball- they are 14-3 and recently won big against our rivals GL for the super Saturday fundraiser
- Girl's Swimming- their record is 3-8, placed 7th at counties, where Sophia Kudryashova placed first at counties in the 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard freestyle and broke the record for both races- Awesome !
- Boys Swimming- their record is 6-4 and they placed 6th at counties in the 200 yard medley relay, 200 yard freestyle relay, 400 yard freestyle relay, and Evan Cavanaugh took 6th in the 100 yard butterfly
- Girl's Winter track- are having a great season with lots of young beginners who are preparing for a great spring season

Brendan O'Leary reported on the rest of the sports activities and miscellaneous events:

- Boys winter track- their sprint medley relay made up of Robby Zeto, Will Gao, Christiano Hocken, and Mark Pasquerillo placed first at groups while their pole vault relay placed second at groups with Paul Seth and Cheney Price. Their distance medley relay which consisted of Brian Azevedo, Paul Seth, Robby Zeto, and Mark Pasquerillo came in third at counties and groups
- Wrestling- took 8th in counties overall with individuals Owen Smith taking 5th, Andrew Joachim taking 4th, Chris Reynolds and Doug Chacon taking 3rd, and Joe Delia taking 2nd.
- Musical- starting rehearsals with a big and very talented cast
- Midterms just ended today to wrap up a very successful first semester
- Seniors are still hearing back from their schools and more kids have committed to schools like the University of South Carolina, William and Mary, and Penn State.

Dr. Miceli thanked Lauren and Brendan for their updates.

Dr. Miceli commented that on Friday, the NJ Alliance for Social Emotional and Character Development announced that the New Providence School District has been named a 2017 State District of Character. Our school district will maintain this honor for a period of three years. The ceremony will take place at Rider University on May 19th, and as part of the recognition, we will present our program. Our program will be forwarded to Character.org in Washington, D.C. for consideration in the National Districts of Character program. We are looking forward to hearing from Character.org if we will be recognized on a national level.

Dr. Miceli thanked Mr. Hough, Mrs. Drexinger, Mr. Maciag and those staff members who have helped submit videos and contributed to the submission. Congratulations to all.

Presentation of Certificates of Excellence – Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that one of the pleasures of being a board member is giving out awards such as this:

Will the drum majors from the marching band please come forward.

This year, the New Providence High School Marching Band had a stellar competitive year. In six competitions, the band earned one second place and five first place awards. On October 22nd at the New Jersey State Championships, held at Rutgers University, the band placed first in Group 6A, and won special awards for best music, visual, overall effect, and percussion. On November 5th at the A-Class National Championships, held in Allentown, PA, the band also placed first and won special awards for best visual, overall effect, and color guard. This is the second consecutive year that our marching band has won at both state and national championships.

We wish to acknowledge the diligent work of three groups, each essential to the success of the program. Thank you to the marching band staff: Color Guard Director, Jay Drake; Percussion Caption Head, Joseph Itkor; Assistant Director, Donald Baker; and Director, Michael Niedziejko. Thank you to the Pioneer Bandwagon, its executive board, and all the parent volunteers who assist the marching band throughout the year. Most importantly, thank you and congratulations to the 156 student members of the marching band. These students start rehearsing during the last two weeks of the summer, attend a band camp for a weekend retreat, and meet during the school day and after school throughout the fall to prepare for these competitions. Through these experiences our young musicians develop self-discipline, collaboration and problem-solving skills, critical thinking and listening skills, a deep sense of community and a commitment to personal and group excellence.

New Providence is very proud of the marching band's achievement and commends the band for representing our community with pride and class.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz congratulated the Marching Band.

Presentation of 2016/2017 Grant Awards from the New Providence Education Foundation

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Gene Castagna, President of New Providence Education Foundation to present this year's grant check to the District.

Mr. Castagna commented that on behalf of the New Providence Ed Foundation, he has a check for \$72,756.21, a result of their fundraising efforts activities throughout this year. He commented that the foundation filled every grant that was requested this year. He commented that the NPEF is very proud to be associated with the New Providence School District and is happy to present the check tonight.

Mr. Smith commented that he loves the NPEF. He commented that thirteen years ago when he and Mrs. Inzano were at a diner, Mrs. Inzano commented that we have to start an educational foundation. He thanked the NPEF for their generous and continuous contribution to the District.

Public Comments (on specific agenda items)

Mr. Smith opened the meeting for public comments on specific agenda items at 7:53 p.m.

There being no comments, Mr. Smith closed the portion of the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Krauss moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Business Meeting	December 15, 2016
Closed Session	December 15, 2016

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro
Roll Call Vote:

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

ACTION ITEMS
FINANCE ACTION

Mr. Krauss moved to approve Items 1 through 9 as listed below:

Board Secretary/Treasurer Report Approved

1. After review, we hereby accept the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for December, 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 January 2017, in the amount of \$5,239,021.46

2016/2017 Grant Awards from the NPEF Approved

- 3. Approve the acceptance of the 2016/2017 Grant Awards from the New Providence Education Foundation in the amount of \$72,756.21.

NPHS Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund Accepted

- 4. 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 \$1,236.00.

Mr. Trezza, of the Drive for Autism Grant Foundation to Salt Brook Approved

- 5. Approve the acceptance of a grant from Mr. Trezza, of the Drive for Autism Foundation, in the amount of \$2,250.00 to be used to purchase focus desks at Salt Brook School. **(EXHIBIT A)**

NP Athletics Booster Club Donation Approved

- 6. Approve the generous donation from the New Providence Athletics Booster Club in the amount of \$7,686.00 to the New Providence Board of Education to be used to install new windows in the Lieder Field press box. **(EXHIBIT B)**

Additional MUJC Route Costs for 2016/2017 Approved

- 7. Approve the additional Morris-Union Jointure Commission joint Transportation Route costs for the 2016/2017 school year as stated below:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Total Route Cost</u>	<u>Aide Per Diem Cost</u>
977	\$20,661.20	\$155.93

Mr. Trezza, of the Drive for Autism Foundation Grant to AWR Approved

- 8. Approve the acceptance of a grant from Mr. Trezza, of the Drive for Autism

Foundation in the amount of \$1,500.00, to Allen W. Roberts School.

(EXHIBIT D)

AWR PTA Mini-Grants Approved

- 9. Approve the acceptance of the Allen W. Roberts School PTA Mini-Grants in the total amount of \$5,009.60. **(EXHIBIT E)**

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

FACILITIES ACTION

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson, approve Item 1 as listed below:

Ms. Howe Donation Approved

- 1. Approve the generous donation of four 5x5 Mural Panels from Ms. Howe to be used at the New Providence High School, with an approximate value of \$400.00. **(EXHIBIT C)**

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

EDUCATION ACTION

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, approve Items 1 through 5 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>
High School:	4 and 5
Salt Brook:	3

2017/2018 School Calendar Approved

- 2. Approve the 2017/2018 school calendar. **(EXHIBIT G)**

2016/2017 Consolidated Grant Application Approved

- 3. Approve the submission and acceptance of the amendment to the FY2016/2017 ESSA/NCLB LEA Consolidated Grant application, in the amount of \$204,615, for the period of 7/1/16-6/30/17.

2016/2017 School Year Enrollment at Holmstead School Approved

- 4. Approve the enrollment of Student #11847 at Holmstead School, at a tuition cost of \$27,316.80, effective 1/17/17, for the 2016/2017 school year.

2016/2017 School Year Additional Field Trip Destinations

- 5. Approve the attached list of additional field trip destinations for the 2016/2017 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8. **(EXHIBIT F)**

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Roll Call Vote:

 Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

 Yea Mr. Krauss

 Yea Mr. Dibble

 Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

 Yea Mr. Dinerman

 Yea Mr. Smith

 Yea Mr. Walsh

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, approve Items 1 through 6 as listed below:

2016/2017 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. Alessandro Pizzo, teacher, \$37,318 (base \$64,640 + \$2,000 for being assigned 2 science periods over 25 per week per negotiated agreement), effective 1/16/17
 - b. Denise Moser, home instructor
 - c. Brittany Miller, Project Read Instructor, from December 2016 thru June 2017, 4-6 hrs/month, at a rate of \$54.87/hr
 - d. Craig Duke, high school musical, producer, \$1,471
 - e. Mitchell Goodstein, game worker
 - f. Michael O'Neill, substitute teacher
 - g. Jennifer Barbera, substitute teacher/teacher aide
 - h. Margaret Pfeifer, substitute teacher/teacher aide
 - i. Richa Gupta, substitute teacher/teacher aide
 - j. Abeer Hourami, substitute teacher/teacher aide
 - k. Brittany Miller, Title I--6th grade language arts after-school teacher: January thru April, 20 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - l. Elaine Berman, Title I--6th grade language arts after-school teacher: January thru April, 20 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - m. Diana Efros, 3rd grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - n. Rosalie Mersinger, 3rd grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - o. Jennifer Limone, 4th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - p. Sharon Licari, 4th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - q. Susan Indyk, 5th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - r. Michelle Testa, 5th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - s. Shayne Stemmer, 3rd grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - t. Barbara Denike, 3rd grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
 - u. Rebecca Bucossi, 4th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr

- v. Gwen Hermann, 4th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
- w. Joanne Catlett, 5th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
- x. James Vopal, 5th grade PARCC remediation class instructor: February thru April (after school), 10 hours, @ \$54.87/hr
- y. Emma Peterson, substitute teacher/teacher aide

2017/2018 Appointments Approved

- 2. 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 2017/2018 school year:
 - a. John M. Richter, Jr., Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Supervision (12 mo.), \$144,000, effective 7/1/17

2016/2017 School Year Revisions Approved

- 3. Approve the following revisions for the 2016/2017 school year:
 - a. Matthew Horner, long term substitute teacher, from \$32,320 (base \$64,640) to \$64,640, due to change in effective date from 9/1/16 thru 1/31/17 to 9/1/16 thru 6/30/17
 - b. Jill Arens, long term substitute teacher, from \$31,507 (base \$65,640) to \$45,292 (base \$65,640), due to change in effective date from 9/1/16 thru 1/23/17 to 9/1/16 thru 3/24/17

Extended Leave for Tara Wenskus Approved

- 4. Approve an extended leave pursuant to Article X of the Agreement between the Board and the NPEA, from 5/9/17 through and including 6/16/17 for Tara Wenskus, teacher. (Based on 4/21/17 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

FMLA Request for Amy Kautzmann Approved

- 5. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Amy Kautzmann, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 6/19/17 and ending 11/22/17 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 11/23/17 through the last day of the second marking period. (Based on 5/20/17 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

Resignation of Susan Gutwillig Accepted

- 6. Accept the resignation of the following employee:
 - a. Susan Gutwillig, secretary, effective 2/7/17

Dr. Miceli welcomed Mr. Pizzo as our new high school science teacher. He started at Rutgers, then attended Dartmouth and received his teaching certificate at Fairleigh Dickinson. He started with us right after the holidays, and we are looking forward to his contributions here at our District. He commented that most of the agenda’s approval in personnel appointments are for NCLB Title I grant funds.

Dr. Miceli commented that we had started a search in January for a new Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Supervision. We had a strong pool of candidates, many had significant experience. The committee interviewed eight of those candidates, Mr. Richter being one of them. He moved on as one of two final candidates interviewed by himself, and he came out above all of the candidates. Mr. Richter came to us from the Morristown School District for ten years. He started with us as Assistant Principal at AWR, two years at the high school as Assistant Principal and for the past two years as Principal at the Middle School. We look forward to his contribution at the Central Office. Congratulations to Mr. Richter.

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro

Roll Call Vote:

 Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

 Yea Mr. Krauss

 Yea Mr. Dibble

 Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

 Yea Mr. Dinerman

 Yea Mr. Smith

 Yea Mr. Walsh

BOARD POLICY

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

- 1. Approve the following Policies on second reading:

Policies:

Policy No. 1581 (Mandated)	Victim of Domestic or Sexual Violence Leave (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
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Policy No. 3212 (Recommended)	Attendance (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
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Policy No. 4212 (Recommended)	Attendance (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
Policy No. 8420 (Mandated)	Emergency and Crisis Situations (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 8465 (Mandated)	Hate Crimes & Bias-Related Acts (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)

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

Policies:

Policy No. 4125 (Recommended)	Employment of Support Staff (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)
Policy No. 5116 (Recommended)	Education of Homeless Children (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
Policy No. 8330 (Mandated)	Student Records (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)

Administrative Regulations

Regulation No. 5116 (Recommended)	Education of Homeless Children (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
Regulation No. 8330 (Mandated)	Student Records (Mr. Krauss)	(Revised)

Mr. Hough commented on the Education of Homeless Children policy. He commented that there are currently many homeless children throughout the State. A recent survey indicates the number has declined the past year, but has not yet returned to pre-Sandy hurricane level. The law provides a lot of safeguards for children that are homeless. Home residence is where the child last lived. They can migrate to different parts of the State, but always have the right to come back to their home residence. In New Providence, if we have any homeless students, it's their decision to come back to us as their last place of residence, so then we are responsible for their

education. We work in conjunction with other districts when students reside elsewhere. This policy is new statewide.

Mr. Hough commented that we put in the policy in place now so we are prepared to deal with what is going on in the State. This eliminates discussion among districts as far as who is responsible for the education. After a year living in another district, that district is financially responsible for their education.

Mr. Dibble asked if there is a boundary to how far you can go for education.

Mr. Hough commented that in a case where the school is a two hour bus ride, the State steps in and gives the family options to what is best for the child.

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

Committee Reports

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that the committee met on January 13th. They discussed some proposed initiatives for the 2017/2018 school year and how they may fit into next year’s budget. The initiatives ranged from STEM to extra and co-curricular activities. She thanked the principals and administration for their input to what they would like to see in our District moving forward.

Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Krauss commented that Mr. Testa is preparing a draft of the 2017/2018 budget. The committee will be meeting to review the budget and will have a few more meetings. He commented that Mr. Testa has been very busy getting out bids for various improvements. We have some time in preparing the budget for the 2017/2018 school year.

Mr. Smith commented that they received a tentative timeline of the budget.

Personnel, Management and Communication

Mr. Dibble commented that the committee has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Miceli.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Testa reported to the Board that the bond sale closed on January 11th. Roosevelt and Cross, Inc. won the bid at a net interest rate of 3.35%. We received the funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Testa commented that a tentative budget timeline is in the board packets. The scheduled board meeting dates will follow the State's deadlines nicely. The next couple of weeks, the finance committee will meet. Dr. Miceli and he will meet on February 1st with the first view of the draft. He commented that Dr. Miceli has met with all the administrators and the principals. They will meet to fine-tune the budget that will go to the committee and there will be a couple of committee meetings before it goes to the full board. An update will be discussed at the February meeting and the full board will get a draft of the budget. It is due to the county office in the middle of March for their first review and approval. The public hearing will be at the end of April, where we will have the budget presentation. The good news is the assessed value from the borough has increased approximately \$40 million from 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public at 8:10 p.m.

There being no comments from the public, Mr. Smith, Board President, declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Misiukiewicz moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on January 30, 2017, 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
- Personnel
- Student Matters

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. Krauss seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Smith called the Board to order.

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

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Krauss, seconded by Mr. Dibble, and carried unanimously, Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



James E. Testa
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
1/30/17