

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 23, 2017, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board Vice President, Mr. Dibble.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz and Joe Walsh. 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 48 members of the public.

Mr. Dibble led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Dibble 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 2/5/17:

The New Providence Board of Education Work Session Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, **has been cancelled.**

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment: 660 at the high school, 367 at the middle school, 698 at Allen W. Roberts School, 677 at Salt Brook School, with 36 out of district, totaling 2,438, up 16 students.

Dr. Miceli commented the 2017/2018 registration process begins on March 1st for all new kindergarten/1st grade students for AWR and Salt Brook School. In InfoSnap, there are 52 students for kindergarten and 27 new first graders registered. He hopes that as many people who are eligible for kindergarten and 1st graders register, so the District can have a more accurate count of what our enrollment will look like next year in those grades. As we go through our budget process, we want to ensure that we have the appropriate sections in both of those grades.

Each year, the District celebrates our teachers of the year through their performance and their commitment and dedication to our District. This is done through nominations from our students,

parents, and professional staff throughout the District. A committee, chaired by Mrs. Inzano, met to review all nominations and is proud to announce the following teachers of the year:

- Jessica Beltz- High School
- Alicia Gregorio- Middle School
- Deena Rudnicki- Allen W. Roberts
- Rebecca Bucossi- Salt Brook School

They will be honored next month at our March 30th board meeting, then recognized by the County at Kean University on May 24th. Congratulations to all our teachers.

Student Report

Brandon O'Leary, Student Representative, reported on school activities.

In sports:

- Boys basketball- 11-11 record, one more regular season game, a win, then North Plainfield in States
- Girls basketball- 20-5 record, reached county semis, play Bordentown in first round
- Wrestling- Brandon reviewed the district results. Five wrestlers moving on to the regionals
- Boys swimming reached the semifinals of their group, 7-5 record
- Girls swimming, 3-9 record, fell in the first round of playoffs
- Boys track- Cheney Price finished 1 in Group 1 State championship for Pole vault, 4x400 meter finished 2, Mark P 2 in mile, Johnny Kovacs 3 in 55 m and Robby Zeto 4 in 400
- Girls track- 4x400 finished 5
- Football- Hudson Barth committed to William and Mary and Michael Barletta to Bentley Clubs:
- NPHS sold candy grams for Valentine's Day
- Girls Basketball had Spread the Word to End the Word
- Environment club selling kick stands/ wallets at lunch to raise money for recycling center.

As for the senior class, they are:

- Hosting our 4th annual volleyball tournament fundraiser
- Most are still waiting for regular decision acceptances
- We had students commit to Miami, Penn State and South Carolina to name a few

Dr. Miceli thanked Brendan for his report.

Dr. Miceli commented last week the District has been recognized by NJASECD as a District of Character for the State of NJ. Our program is now being forwarded for consideration as a National District of Character. Part of the process will be an on-site visit. They will visit all of our schools on March 2nd. They will be here all day, beginning with NPMS then HS. They will meet with district representatives at the Board Office and also meet a focus group, then will go to each elementary building. He asked if anyone from the Board want to come and be part of the focus group. He is looking forward to the visit.

Mrs. Cuccaro and Mrs. Misiukiewicz will participate.

Dr. Miceli commented that we had three of our bid openings for the various referendum projects.

Mr. Testa, Mr. Krauss and Dr. Miceli attended the bid openings. The first one was for the HS/MS renovations, the second was the roofing projects at the HS/MS and Salt Brook School, and the third was for the boilers replacement project at Salt Brook School. He commented that they were pleased that a number of contractors came in and it was a very competitive process. The bids came in under budget, so that was very good news for the District. He commended Mr. Testa for all his work and Mr. Settembrino for making the process a success.

Mr. Testa commented that one other bid came in within the last month that was not mentioned. It was for the elevator upgrades project at Salt Brook School, which also came in under budget. At this point, all bids came in under budget. We have four more bids coming up and hopefully we can complete all the projects by the end of the summer. We want to have everything in place so we can break ground in March at the high school and complete all the renovation projects throughout the summer. He commented that he gave the board members a packet with the recommendations by the architect.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Dibble declares a Public Hearing on the September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse, and HIB Report at 7:40 p.m

Mr. Hough presented the 2016/2017 reporting Period 1 Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse, and HIB Report.

EVVRS Report

Reporting Period 1

Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016

District Summary

4 Affirmed incident of HIB
0 Incidents of Violence
0 Incidents of Vandalism
0 Incidents of Substance Abuse

Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Statistics

Total # of HIB investigations district-wide: 13
HS – 5 Investigations (1 affirmed)
MS – 3 Investigations (2 affirmed)
SB – 4 Investigation (1 affirmed)
AWR – 1 Investigation (0 affirmed)

Status of all HIB investigations:

12 of the 13 investigations were completed within 10 days- 1 investigation was extended by 2 days due to an unforeseen illness of the ABS;
3 BOE affirmed incidents as of Dec. 31, 2016

1 BOE affirmed incidents in Jan. 2017

Nature of HIB on protected categories: Sexual orientation, Race, other distinguishing characteristic- physical appearance

Names of Investigators: Anti-Bullying Specialists in each school
Vinny Carangelo- HS
David Chango- MS
Jonathan Firetto- SB
Anna Rita Falco- AWR

Type/nature of discipline: Detention
Out of school suspension

Any other measures imposed: Student/parent conferences, Individual Counseling, Referral for Therapy, Seating Change, Supervision, Peer Support Group, Adult- Student Mentoring

Training conducted or programs implemented to reduce HIB

HIB Policy Staff/Students/Contracted Services
ABS training law/policy
Social media/Cyberbullying training for staff/students
Mindfulness Program
Week of Respect School Activities
Diversity Assembly
"Be Today's Hero" Character Education Program
Student focus group at the MS

Student Conflict Resolution Program
Spirit Week Anti-Bullying Activities
PRIDE message of the day/Morning Videos

Mr. Dibble thanked Mr. Hough for his report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dibble opened the meeting to the public on the September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 Violence, Vandalism, Substance Abuse, and HIB Report at 7:45 p.m.

There being no comments, Mr. Dibble declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Smith entered the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Presentation – District Curriculum Report - Mrs. Inzano

Mrs. Inzano commented she is pleased to present and showcase some of the exciting things going on in our classrooms. There are wonderful things going on in every content area in every classroom. She commented that the challenge for her was to decide what she was going to showcase tonight. We have wonderful staff, students and with support of the community, all of that works together to give us our excellent programs.

Mrs. Inzano thanked the Board of Education for their continued support, Dr. Miceli for his leadership and vision, our Administrative staff all of whom have contributed to the report and to our department heads who serve as our curriculum leaders who are here this evening.

Mrs. Inzano commented that in tonight's presentation you will see that everything works together. There is total integration of what we are doing in our classrooms. Our focus continues to be ensuring that our students are prepared for the 21st century. In all of our classrooms, K-12, we are continuing to focus on ensuring that our students can think creatively and critically, communicate effectively, collaborate and analyze and access information. You will see that as the focus on tonight's initiatives. They are:

- Personalized Learning Initiative - HS
- Honors Calculus- HS
- Junior Engineering Course- MS
- Science K-12
- STEM Initiative K-12

Mrs. Andersen commented on the steps in implementing the Personalized Learning Initiative at the high school. They are:

- Continuing to support individual needs of our students and to provide powerful learning tools for students
- Identifying distractions to the learning process
- Surveying faculty, students and parents
- Piloting a Restricted App Store to maximize student learning
- Providing Students ongoing opportunities to request Apps for their individual needs learning

Mrs. Rembetsy commented on the new Honors Calculus at the high school. She commented that this course has been driven by need for our students. The process that was done to be able to offer this is the following:

- Data collection and feedback
- Goals of course and identification of targeted student population
- Collaboration with teachers to develop course description
- Course approval and inclusion in NPHS Program of Studies
- Student requests/scheduling for course collected
- Curriculum development and materials selection

Mrs. Rembetsy commented that this is something we continue to strive for in terms of providing new opportunities for our students as we move forward.

Mr. Richter, MS Principal, commented on a proposed new course: Junior Engineering -Process of Adaption:

- Discussions with PTO, teachers, counselors and department heads
- Student surveys - positive attitudes about current STEM Mods and desire for more STEM Mods
- Objectives include the engineering design process and design challenges
- Balance of STEM Mods
- 7th - *Junior Engineering and Coding*
- 8th - *Robotics and Digital Art & Design*

Mr. McGeechan commented on Science K-12
NJSL-S (Formerly NGSS)

Curriculum Update:

- Grades 6, 7, 8, and Physics : Summer 2016
- Chemistry/Biology : 2015
- Grades K-5 : Summer 2017
- Grades 7-8
- Introduced Science and Engineering $\frac{7}{8}$
- Introduced Enriched Science and Engineering 8

Grades K-5

- Next Generation FOSS Kits

Grades 6-12

- Aligned assessments, investigations, performance tasks
- Collaboratively developed instructional strategies

Grades K-5 professional development focused preparing for the Next Generation Full Option Science System kits that are aligned to the NJSL-S and provide a coherent, rigorous science education.

Mr. Keaney presented on the K-12 STEM Initiative and the implementation of coding and programming through the K-12 grade levels.

AWR: Ozobots(NPEF Grant) to introduce coding and programming in elementary level.

Mrs. Trivisonno's Second grader, Olivia Jackovino demonstrated how simple lines and color combinations can be used to program the Ozobots to perform a variety of commands. Zion Kim also demonstrated how block coding on the iPad can also be used to give the Ozobots instructions.

Salt Brook: Dash and Dots Robots (NPEF Grant)

Members of Mrs. Spoerl's fifth grade SWAT team, Cameron Sheeran, Jack Verbaro, and Caroline Apicella, demonstrated how "Blockly" coding is used with the Dash and Dot robots to program the robots to move, sing, talk, create sequenced light shows and response to verbal commands.

Mr. Keaney commended Mrs. Spoerl and Mrs. Fahey for their integration of Dash and Dot programming into the K-6 curriculum of a variety subjects.

7th Grade Coding Mod- Coding with Scratch and Swift Playground

Mr. Criscitello's 7th graders KavitaParekh and Shane Cook presented about the 7th-grade Coding Exploratory course.

Kavita demonstrated how students use computational thinking in designing programs in Scratch, and Shane demonstrated how text-based script is used in the Swift Playground program on the iPad.

Mr. Keaney commended Mr. Criscitello for attending the workshop for the Swift Playground and keeping abreast of new coding programs.

Mr. Keaney commented that the complexity of programming increases as students progress through the K-8 grades.

Coding in Principles of Engineering- HS

Mr. Keaney commented that Mr. Geechan attended an extended two-week program to be able to teach Principles of Engineering course. He introduced Rebecca and Jeff to talk and demonstrate an elevator they built and programmed using the Robot-C program.

Mr. Keaney commented on a new course for next year, Architecture, and Engineering design and two more PLTW courses, Environmental Sustainability and Aerospace Engineering. This will provide students a variety of courses for those interested in going into STEM in college.

Mrs. Inzano thanked the students who presented as well as the department heads and their teachers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Smith opened the meeting for the Public to be heard (on specific agenda items) at 8:45 p.m.

Resident, 6 Baldwin Drive

Resident commented on classroom capacity. She asked what steps the District is taking to decrease the class size for the teachers to be less burdened and reduce the number of students in classrooms.

Mr. Smith commented that this topic has been what the board have been discussing and keeping an eye on. When there is a situation in enrollment and classroom size, like this year, we added an aide. The board recognizes the need to keep the classrooms at a reasonable size.

Dr. Miceli commented that three years ago, the board made changes to the current policy. In prior years, the classroom maximum number of students in each grade was higher and they were reduced. There was a lot of input from the staff when the decision came from the board.

Mr. Smith closed the meeting to the public at 8:47 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dinerman moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as follows.

Regular/Reorganization Meeting	January 5, 2017
Closed Session	January 5, 2017
Business Meeting	January 30, 2017
Closed Session	January 30, 2017

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, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 7 as listed below:

2016/2017 School Year Transfers Approved

1. Ratify the action of the Superintendent in making the following transfers for the 2016/2017 school year:

January 2017

From:

Account	Description	Amount
11-000-100-562	Tuition- LEA in NJ	\$6,720.00
11-000-216-320	Purchased Professional Services	14,000.00
11-000-261-420	Maintenance & Repairs	5,000.00

11-000-262-621	Utilities- Natural Gas	10,000.00
11-000-270-512	Contracted Services- Trans.	1,000.00
11-000-270-593	Insurance- Transportation	2,800.00
11-000-291-220	Social Security/Medicare	6,950.00

Total: \$46,470.00

To:

Account	Description	Amount
11-000-100-564	Tuition- Special Ed Vocational	\$6,720.00
11-000-261-610	General Supplies- Maintenance	5,000.00
11-000-262-490	Utilities- Water	10,000.00
11-000-270-420	Repair & Maintenance- Trans.	3,800.00
11-000-291-280	Tuition Reimbursement	4,900.00
11-000-291-299	Unused Sick Day Payments	2,050.00
11-150-100-320	Purchased Prof. Services	14,000.00

Total: \$46,470.00

Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Accepted

- After review, we hereby accept the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for January, 2017. There is no major account or fund which has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

February 2017 Bills List Approved

- Approve the payment of bills listed for February, 2017, in the amount of \$2,614,986.34.

Certified Costs Per Pupil for the 2015/2016 School Year Approved

- Approve state certified costs per pupil for the 2015/2016 school year as follows:

Preschool/Kindergarten	\$ 9,630
Grades 1 - 5	\$11,737
Grades 6 - 8	\$12,198
Grades 9 – 12	\$12,959

Learning/Lang.Dis.	\$19,868
Preschool Dis. - FT	\$42,076
Preschool Dis. - PT	\$11,820

Settembrino Architects for Additional Media Center Technology Upgrade Services Approved

- 5. Approve Settembrino Architects for additional media center technology upgrade services as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5, on a fee basis in the amount of \$26,400.00.

John O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation By Mr. and Mrs. Prunesti Accepted

- 6. Accept the generous donation to the John O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Fund from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Prunesti, in the total amount of \$100.00.

Longo Cooperative Purchasing Resolution Approved

- 7. Approve the following resolution:

Award the following under NJ State approved cooperative purchasing contract #65MCECCPS, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey:

NPHS/MS Laboratory Furniture

Vendor: Longo

Price not to exceed: \$251,481.74

Total: \$251,481.74

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, moved to approve Items 1 through 5 as listed below:

Disposal of Two Pieces of Old Machinery at the HS Approved

- 1. Approve the disposal of two pieces of old machinery at the High School; one Delta Wood Lathe and one Delta Radial Arm Saw, which are difficult to repair or find replacement parts, and no longer deemed necessary for school use.

(EXHIBIT A)

Elevator Upgrades Bid at Salt Brook School Approved

- 2. Bids were received in the office of the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary on February 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Award as indicated:

Elevator Upgrades - Bid #17-01

Vendor: Standard Elevator Corporation
 68 Union Avenue
 Clifton, NJ 07011

Base Bid: \$ 88,429.50
 Alternate #1: 19,834.00
 Total \$108,263.50

Additions and Renovations Bid at NPMS and NPHS Approved

- 3. Bids were received in the office of the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary on February 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Award as indicated:

Additions and Renovations at New Providence Middle School and High School

Vendor: Mark Construction, Inc.
 81 Lester Street, Suite 2
 Wallington, New Jersey 07057

Base Bid: \$3,176,000.00
 Total: \$3,176,000.00

Roof Replacement Bid at Salt Brook, NPMS and NPHS Approved

- 4. Bids were received in the office of the School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary on February 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Award as indicated:

Roof Replacement at Salt Brook Elementary School, New Providence Middle School and High School

Vendor: Pravco, Inc.
 245 Wescott Drive
 Rahway, New Jersey 07065

Base Bid: \$4,722,217.00
 Total: \$4,722,217.00

Boiler Replacement Bid at Salt Brook School Approved

5. Bids were received in the office of the School Business Administrator/
 Board Secretary on February 22, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Award as indicated:

Boiler Replacement at Salt Brook Elementary School

Vendor: Midcoast Mechanical, Inc.
 6 Columbia Road
 Neptune, NJ 07753

Base Bid: \$646,000.00
 Total: \$646,000.00

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

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, moved to approve Items 1 and 2 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:	6
Middle School:	4 & 5
Salt Brook:	4

Submission of a Request for Waiver for the New Providence School District from Participation in the SEMI Program for 2017/2018 School Year
Approved

- 2. In accordance with the requirement of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3, the Board of Education authorizes the submission of a request for waiver for the New Providence School District from participation in the Special Education- Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program. This waiver request is based on evidence estimating that the District will have fewer than 40 Medicaid- Eligible Special Education students for the 2017/2018 school year.

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss
Roll Call Vote:

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| <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 | |

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 4 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 2016/2017 school year:
 - a. Jennifer Maurer, secretary I (12 month; 7.5 hrs/day), \$15,374 (base \$46,121), effective 3/1/17 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - b. Angela Egnozzi, home instructor
 - c. Walter Kempner, home instructor
 - d. Kristen Briceno, high school music club advisor from 1/31/17 to 6/21/17, \$960

Christine Murphy Resignation Accepted

- 2. Accept the resignation of the following employee:
 - a. Christine Murphy, girls spring track head coach

2017/2018 Appointments Approved

- 3. 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. Karin Kidd, principal (12 month), \$124,000, effective 7/1/17 (subject to criminal history review procedures)

2016/2017 Revision Approved

- 4. Approve the following revision for the 2016/2017 school year:
 - a. Susan Kirkland, high school music club advisor from 9/1/16 to 6/21/17, \$1,919 to 9/1/16-1/30/17, \$960

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Dr. Miceli commented on the head coach for track. He commented that we do have a head and assistant coach recommended to be approved at the next board agenda. He welcomed Jennifer Maurer as the high school secretary for Mrs. Zirpoli. She comes to us with significant experience, worked as an office manager for 16 years, and the assistant for the executive director for undergraduate admissions at Drew University for the past three years. We are looking forward to her joining us at the high school and welcome her tonight.

Dr. Miceli commented that we have been in the process of looking for a principal at the Middle School. We have had 73 candidates for the position. A committee chaired by Mr. Hough interviewed nine candidates, two he interviewed as finalists. He is pleased to announce Mrs. Karen Kidd, who will be joining us as the Middle School principal. She will be joining us from the Montgomery School District. She worked as a teacher for eight years, promoted to supervisor of Language Arts and Social Studies for three years and the past four years has been the assistant principal at the upper middle school. We are looking forward to your contribution at the Middle school.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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. 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)

- 2. Approve the following Policy on first reading:

Policy:

Policy No. 5756 (Recommended)	Transgender Students (Mr. Krauss)	(New)
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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

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Curriculum, Instruction and Technology**

Mrs. Cuccaro thanked Mrs. Inzano for a great presentation. She has nothing further to report.

Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Krauss commented that the committee met twice to review the budget. He commented that they are still working on the budget. We will have a low tax increase because of significant increase in tax rates. On March 3rd, we should get our state aid figures.

Personnel, Management and Communication

Mr. Dibble commented that he sent an email out this morning on the committee's goals. He commented that they will meet again in April.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Testa commented that per state law, the Board needs to review the Code of Ethics at a board meeting. The packets to the board had a powerpoint presentation, which reviewed the requirements as Board members and the ethics that are supposed to be followed. As soon as he receives all the signed documents that the Code of Ethics have been reviewed, he will send them to the County.

Mr. Testa commented on the proposed budget. Once we receive the state aid figures, we can get a proposed budget draft to the full board for review. A proposed budget will have to be approved at the March 16th board meeting and submit to the county for approval.

Dr. Miceli commented for next year, there is excitement with respect to new hires, and with respect to our overload on the current programs as well as new programs and enrollment. The proposed budget includes new staff, they are the following:

- .4 behaviorist (Special Education)
- 3 STEM teachers (AWR, SB and HS)
- .6 Science teacher (MS)
- .2 Physical Education teacher (HS)
- .5 Kindergarten teacher (SB)
- 1 Second Grade (AWR/SB)
- 3 club advisers for MS (Art, Drama and Robotics)
- 2 additional assistant coaches (cheerleading and boys basketball)
- Athletic Director from 10 months to 10 ½ months

Less: (1) Educational teacher aide (AWR)

Dr. Miceli commented that the District is tracking enrollment numbers. The current first grade sections at Salt Brook and Allen W. Roberts are at maximum capacity, 200 students currently. Based on the District's projection, this will continue over the next 4-5 years and we will be over our policy maximum. We are looking to add a 5th section in second grade next year, that will be housed at Salt Brook School. Mrs. Drexinger and Mrs. Hansen will look to how the students will be distributed between the two elementary schools, so that each class will have 22-23 students in that grade.

Mr. Krauss commented that they agreed in the addition of the STEM program at the elementary schools.

Mrs. Drexinger commented that the students will be rotated every five days. A certified STEM teacher or someone with an extensive knowledge of STEM will teach the classes. The classroom teacher will co-teach with the STEM teacher taking the lead. Kindergarteners will be also have an opportunity to rotate, but for a modified time. It would be a great addition to our schools.

Mr. Smith commented that the STEM program was developed by request of the community. We had put additional funding in the budget, but we have to be very careful and keep a close eye on other competing interests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public for comments at 9:09 p.m.

Mrs. Malathi Narayan, New Providence Resident

Mrs. Malathi commented that she was impressed with the presentations by the students. She commented that it was nice to see the progression of the program. She wanted to share with the Board the elementary school run PTA Reflections program. She commented that in the SCRATCH Programming, Under the Film category, three out of the five elementary students who entered won second place at the state level.

There being no other public comments, Mr. Smith declared the meeting closed at 9:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on February 23 at 9:10 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
- Litigation

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. Misiukiewicz seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

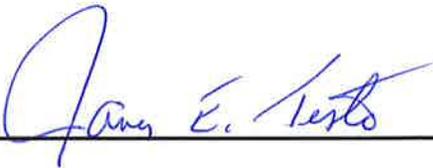
Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:42 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.

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Dinerman, seconded by Mr. Krauss, and carried unanimously, Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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