

The Regular Session of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on May 8, 2017 at the HS/MS Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by Board President, Mr. Smith.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, 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 and one member 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.

Public Comments

Mr. Smith opened the meeting for opportunity for the Public to be heard (on specific agenda items) at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. Smith declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:31 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS
EDUCATION ACTION

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve items 1 through 4 as listed below:

2016/2017 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying 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:	8

Professional Development Training for James McGeechan Approved

- 2. Approve the following Professional Development Training for James McGeechan in order to implement next year's "Project Lead the Way" course *Aerospace*

Engineering at an estimated conference and travel cost of \$4,000.

Professional Development Training for Scott Butterfield Approved

- 3. Approve the following Professional Development Training for Scott Butterfield in order to implement next year's "Project Lead the Way" course *Environmental Sustainability* at an estimated conference and travel cost of \$4,000.

Change of Middle School Mascot and Logo Effective 7/1/17 Approved

- 4. Approve the change of the Middle School mascot and logo from the Bulldogs to the Junior Pioneers, effective 7/1/17, copies in the hands of each Board member.

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Dr. Miceli commented that a number of students submitted potential logos and this Jr. Pioneer was chosen after several revisions.

All Board members agreed on the logo.

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>Absent</u> Mr. Walsh	

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve items 1 through 7 as listed below:

Appointments for the 2016/2017 School Year 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. Allisandra Lamhing, substitute teacher
 - b. Stephen Milano, substitute teacher
 - c. Matthew Norfleet, substitute teacher/teacher aide
 - d. Stephanie Kwiatkowski, long-term substitute teacher, effective 5/22/17, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$272.85 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$54,569) (subject to criminal history review procedures)

Appointments for the 2017/2018 School Year 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. Sharon Licari, long term substitute teacher, \$66,287, effective 9/1/17
 - b. Kelsie Kreitz, long term substitute teacher, \$26,510 (base \$55,229), effective 9/1/17 thru 1/22/18

Superintendent’s Merit Goals #2, #3, and #5 as Complete for Submission to County Superintendent for Approval Approved

- 3. Approve the Superintendent’s Merit Goals #2, #3, and #5 as complete for submission to the County Superintendent for approval.

Resignations Accepted

- 4. Accept the resignation of the following employee:
 - a. Kristin Wingate, teacher, effective 6/30/17

Request of Chritine Carman for an Extended Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave Approved

- 5. Approve the request of Christine Carman, teacher, for an extended unpaid child-rearing leave commencing 11/18/17 and ending 6/30/18.

Request of Stephanie Lindy for an Extended Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave Approved

- 6. Approve the request of Stephanie Lindy, teacher, (currently on maternity leave), for an extended unpaid child-rearing leave for the 2017/2018 school year, effective 9/1/17 through 6/30/18.

Request for FMLA for Cathy Rinko-Weidner Approved

- 7. Approve the request for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Cathy Rinko-Weidner, secretary, beginning 4/13/17, and as per Physician’s recommendation.

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Mr. Krauss asked Dr. Miceli to provide a list of staff members that are on maternity leave, so we can review the total numbers each year.

Dr. Miceli commented that he will have the list from the past three years for the Board tomorrow.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Absent Mr. Walsh

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Smith opened the meeting for comments to the public at 7:35 p.m.

There being no public comments, Mr. Smith declared the meeting closed to the public at 7:35 p.m.

Dr. Miceli commented that the New Providence Board of Education was the recipient of the New Jersey State School of Character Award. Schools and districts selected in January, as State Schools of Character, were forwarded to Character.org for consideration for national recognition as National School of Character. We were just notified today by the National Character organization that we have been selected for the national award. We are one of four districts in the entire nation that received the 2017 National District of Character Award.

Dr. Miceli commented that on May 23rd, the National Character Organization will formally announce the districts chosen in Washington, D.C. The ceremony will be October 20-21, in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Miceli commented that we will present at the state conference next week and will likely present at the National Conference as well.

There were 83 individual schools that received the State School of Character like the one Salt Brook received in the past. There had only been 30 districts designated as National School of Character since the beginning of the organization in 1998.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if there was a term that we keep the recognition for.

Dr. Miceli commented that it is a three year term that we have the recognition. As part of being recognized, districts from around the country will want to come to visit and see our program.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

1. This body shall on May 8, 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:

- Personnel

2. 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.

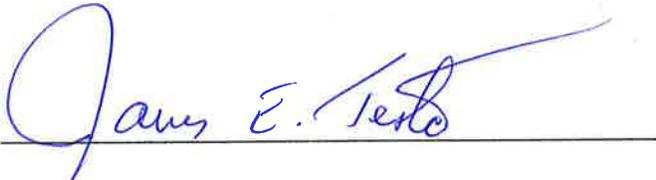
Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Smith called the Board to order.

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

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Cuccaro seconded by Mr. Dinerman, Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James E. Testa", is written over a horizontal line.

James E. Testa, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
5/8/17 Board Meeting



