

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 5, 2017, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board Secretary, Mr. Testa.

Mr. Testa 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.

Mr. Testa welcomed everyone and explained that tonight’s meeting is the Board of Education Reorganization Meeting. As Board Secretary, he will run the meeting until a Board President is elected by the Board.

Mr. Testa led in the salute to the flag.

Board Secretary Administers Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members

Bernadette C. Cuccaro
Joseph F. Walsh

Mr. Testa swore in Mrs. Cuccaro and Mr. Walsh

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, Adam Smith and Joseph Walsh.

Official School Election Results

Mr. Testa reported the Official School Election results as follows:

Official Election Results—November 8, 2016

Two Members Elected for Three Year Terms

Bernadette C. Cuccaro	<u>2,355</u>
Joseph F. Walsh	<u>2,046</u>
Sally Dolan	<u>1,567</u>

Total Votes Cast: 6,643

Total Number of Registered Voters: 8,998

Board Secretary Opens Nominations for Office of President

Mr. Testa opened the nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education:

1. Mr. Krauss nominated Mr. Smith for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

There being no other nominations for the office of the President of the Board of Education, Mr. Testa declared the nominations closed.

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>Abstain</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Walsh	

Mr. Smith accepted the position and thanked Mr. Krauss for the nomination. He was honored to accept the position of Board President.

Mr. Smith took his place as Board President and proceeded with the Board nominations.

Board President Opens Nominations for Office of Vice-President

Mr. Smith opened the nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education:

1. Mrs. Cuccaro nominated Mr. Dibble for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

There being no other nominations for the office of the Vice-President of the Board of Education, Mr. Smith declared the nominations closed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Dibble accepted the position and thanked Mrs. Cuccaro for the nomination.

2017 Committee Assignments

Mr. Smith, Board President, announced the following Committee and Board Representative assignments:

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee:

Bernadette Cuccaro, Chairperson
Robert Dinerman
Mary Misiukiewicz

Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security Committee:

Ira Krauss, Chairperson
Rob Dinerman
Joseph Walsh

Personnel, Management and Communication Committee:

William Dibble, Chairperson
Mary Misiukiewicz
Joseph Walsh

Board Representatives:

Government Relations:

Ira Krauss
Adam Smith

Union County School Boards Association:

Bernadette Cuccaro

Union County Educational Services Commission:

Mary Misiukiewicz

New Jersey School Boards Association:

Adam Smith

Municipal Alliance Representative:

William Dibble

Morris-Union Jointure Commission:

Dr. David Miceli

Liaison for New Providence Education Foundation:

Bernadette Cuccaro

Liaison for Tri-County Boards:

William Dibble
Adam Smith

Board Policy:

Ira Krauss

Mr. Smith thanked the board members for their support, and he was looking forward to 2017. He welcomed Mr. Walsh to the Board, and commented that he is a great addition. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that there are so many things going on at the high school tonight. He mentioned Band Wagon, Japanese Club, athletics, freshman orientation, which are just a few of the activities going on tonight at the high school. He briefly recapped some items that occurred in the District during 2016. Mr. Smith commented that It has been a great year. There were many student achievements in education, the arts, music, and athletics. Not to mention the District being recognized by different organizations. He thanked the community for their support and thanked everyone for the hard work in getting the bond referendum passed.

Mr. Smith commented that there was a lot of talk about the District being opened on Monday, January 2nd. He commented that where the New Year holiday is celebrated on a Monday, the District will look into whether or not to have school in session. He commented on the bond sale rate, stating it was successful and are ready to move forward.

ACTION ITEMS
EDUCATION ACTION

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 3 as listed below:

Superintendent’s HIB Recommendations 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:	2 and 3
AWR	1

2016/2017 School Year Enrollment of Student # 1240241 at Shepard Preparatory HS Approved

2. Approve the enrollment of Student #1240241 at Shepard Preparatory High School, at a tuition cost of \$29,362, effective 1/5/17, for the 2016/2017 school year.

Melissa Donofrio, BCBA to Conduct a Funtional Behavioral Assessment Approved

3. Approve Melissa Donofrio, BCBA, to conduct a functional behavioral assessment as the result of an independent educational evaluation, at the rate of \$2,500 for the evaluation.

Seconded by:

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

Mr. Dibble, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 3 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. Enrica Funari, home instructor
 - b. Alessandro Pizzo, substitute teacher

2016/2017 School Year Revision Approved

2. Approve the following revision for the 2016/2017 school year:
 - a. Matthew Manns, long term substitute teacher, from \$25,375 (base \$54,569), to \$52,660 (base \$54,569), due to change in effective date from 9/14/16 thru 1/31/17 to 9/14/16 thru 6/30/17

Request for FMLA for Patricia Panzarino-Ramos Approved

3. Approve the request for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Patricia Panzarino-Ramos, teacher, for a period of twelve weeks commencing 1/2/17 and ending 3/24/17 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law.

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

 Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

 Yea Mr. Krauss

 Yea Mr. Dibble

 Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

 Yea Mr. Dinerman

 Yea Mr. Smith

 Yea Mr. Walsh

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the Public at 7:42 p.m.

Al Morgan, New Providence Mayor:

Mayor Morgan congratulated the newly elected and re-elected board members. He thanked Mr. Testa and Dr. Miceli for working hand in hand with the Borough, which makes the work easier.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Morgan and for the Borough's cooperation and support of the School Board.

Mrs. Malathi Narayan, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Narayan commented on the high school class schedule. She commented that she looked at other school districts and wanted to bring it up to the Board. She commented that many parents were concerned about the students not having room in their schedules to take many electives offered. She commented that many high schools have the ability to choose electives as well as after school clubs and activities. She commented that in the middle school we have the option of music and a mod. Also, the middle school schedule includes nine periods. In the high school, she suggested that if we implement nine periods, the students can have options. She suggested block scheduling would also be an option when the ninth period is aligned between the middle and high school. She was thankful that many STEM courses were added, but stated that the students might not have the room in their schedules to take them.

Mrs. Malathi talked about the schedules in Chatham, Governor Livingston, Watchung Hills and Millburn high schools. She asked if the administration and the Board would look into it to see what schedule would best fit the students, enabling them to take advantage of the newly offered classes. She commented that her idea will be emailed to Mr. Dibble.

Mr. Smith thanked Mrs. Malathi for her comments. He commented that it is not the intent of the Board to add additional courses at the high school and the students not being able to take advantage of them. He commented that Mr. Maciag and Dr. Feinberg work on the high school schedule and suggested that she reached out to them as a starting point.

Dr. Miceli commented that he would like to schedule board committee meetings.

The committees agreed to meet with Dr. Miceli next week and the following week.

There being no one from the public to be heard, the President declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

1. This body shall on January 5, 2017 at 7:51 p.m. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 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
- Litigation

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.

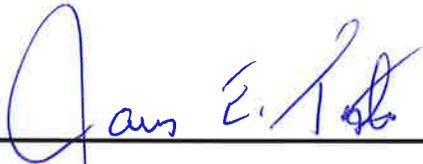
Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:05 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 8:06 p.m.



James E. Testa, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
1/5/17 Board Reorganization Meeting

