

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 14, 2017 at the Allen W. Roberts Media Center, 80 Jones Drive, by Board President, Mr. Adam Smith.

Present on roll call were William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, Ira Krauss, Adam Smith 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; Jay Richter, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision, and 4 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.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz entered the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

This work session is a public meeting of the Board of Education and no Board action will be taken. The Board will convene to Closed Session no later than 10:00 p.m.

The following notice was posted on 8/30/17:

The New Providence Board of Education Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the New Providence MS/HS Media Center, will be held in the **Allen W. Roberts School Media Center, 80 Jones Drive, New Providence, N.J.**

Mr. Smith commended and thanked the custodians and maintenance staff to have the schools ready on opening day. He is convinced we have the best staff in New Jersey. He asked for a motion to commend the custodians and maintenance for their extraordinary work.

Mr. Krauss seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. He commented that they did extraordinary work.

Meeting adjourned to visit AWR newly renovated classrooms at 7:34 p.m.

Meeting back in session at 7:42 p.m.

Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment numbers as of September 11, 2017. The District enrollments are: 636 students at the High School, 387 at the Middle School, 698 at AWR, the numbers excluding 45 pre-k students, and 649 at Salt Brook.

2017 College Visitation Presentation- Mr. Scott Maciag

Mr. Maciag commented we have now engaged in the summer college visit program for five years. This type of program doesn't have a formal finish line. There is always something else to try, another place to visit and another conversation to have. One of the goals we had set was about

expanding horizons and opportunities for our students. As we look at the last five years, we also know that there are many other contributing factors to consider such as various talents, skills and strengths of any given graduating class, the total number of students, and the efforts of the other counselors. In five years, there have been dedicated visits to 120 colleges including Ivy Leagues, in-state, out-of-state public and private institutions. There is a 32% increase in college representatives that visited our District in the last five years. There are times where four or more college representatives come in a single day, sustained visits from colleges who were not visiting the District prior to the start of this program. Institutions such as Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg, Ithaca and Villanova just to name a few have visited every year or every other year. Over the last five years the approach and availability of new information gained has changed and developed. Information gained from that summer's visits is now a click away.

We reviewed the data related to colleges that I visited each year and there were increased in applications and acceptances to institutions such as Loyola, TCNJ, Ramapo, U Conn and Lehigh to name a few. Within a two year window, many seniors have a solid list when they come back to school in September. We saw a higher acceptance rate within those two years from the Ivy Leagues schools that he visited. Coincidence? Mr. Maciag does not believe we would have had that support as a school getting back into college fairs without the summer visits. He believes we would not have:

- Stronger relationships with institutions based on the number of programs and invitation only programs that the counselors being invited to.
- An intended college fair in 2017 with 109 scheduled institutions and agencies scheduled to participate. He does not believe we would have had that support as a school getting back into college fairs without visits.

The Class of 2017, 179 applied to 332 different institutions. He had to go back to the Class of 2011 to find a similar class size, which was 170, they applied to 275 different institutions. We know other factors may have impacted in the last six years which is the increase of the common application and electronic application. So what recommendations can he make moving forward?

- Continue to include new and different institutions to help expand horizons and opportunities for our student.
- Target certain schools for repeat visits.
- Continue to target acceptance information to determine visits. Example- Our applications to TCNJ have increased the last three years but our acceptances have remained flat.
- Knowing our STEM and PLTW programs to use as conversation pieces. We will start offering the opportunity for our admissions reps to go see the STEM wing and Media Center.
- Create a supplemental handout ,Character Ed, STEM/PLTW, to give to the admissions reps in addition to our school profile.
- Increased follow up and a personalized thank you card to everyone he meets. Need to do more to keep that connection, so a follow up phone call in September will be added.
- Continue to encourage the counselors to participate in college admissions sponsored programs and opportunities he continues to believe that the effort in making connections is time well spent and serves our students well.

Mr. Maciag thanked the Administration and the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve.

Dr. Miceli asked why was there no increase in acceptance from TCNJ? Was it because they have a threshold in the amount of students they can accept?

Mr. Maciag said no one had confirmed that. He had asked that specific question, and no one had said yes, they told him that they accept qualified candidates. He will ask them specifically why our application numbers are going up and our acceptances were not next time he speaks with the college.

Mr. Dibble asked if our students are meeting above school standards?

Mr. Maciag commented that it was hard to pinpoint the reasons, they may be looking for specific talent or qualifications in a student.

Mr. Smith commented that we benefit from the summer visits. Helping the students apply to other colleges that are of the same caliber may help them get in the college that they want.

Dr. Miceli and the Board members thanked Mr. Maciag for his presentation.

2017/2018 Board Goals Discussion

The Board discussed and reviewed their tentative 2017/2018 Board Goals, to be approved at the September 28, 2017 board meeting.

Mr. Krauss commented that the Board goals should tie into the Superintendent's Forums feedback.

Dr. Miceli commented that he will gather information from the Superintendent's Forum sessions and PTA President's meetings. Some of the input can be tied in, but because of timing, some may not.

Mr. Smith commented the three solid goals are, the completion of the construction, the budget for 2018/2019 school year, and to complete negotiations with three of the associations.

Dr. Miceli commented on bell schedule for the high school. Mrs. Zirpoli along with some high school staff are visiting a couple of schools to survey their bell schedule and compare to ours. But this will not be decided on until May or June, so this could be a possible goal for 2018/2019.

Mr. Smith commented that we should have eight goals to approve for next board meeting.

Review of the September 28, 2017 Agenda

Dr. Miceli reviewed the tentative agenda for the September 28, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Testa commented on the reimbursement of preschool tuition deposits.

Dr. Miceli recognized and commended Keith, the construction manager. Keith makes sure that all the projects go as planned and updates Jim day to day. He coordinates the contractors with the subcontractors, so that the work gets done in timely matter.

Mr. Testa commented that he was recommended by our Architect.

Dr. Miceli commented that we received approval from the Interim County Superintendent for the National Forum of Character Education Conference in D.C.

Mr. Smith commented on the Character Ed celebration on October 4th.

Dr. Miceli commented that Mayor Al Morgan, NJDOE Commissioner Kimberley Harrington, and the Interim Executive County Superintendent, Mr. Juan Torres, will be there. He will update everyone with the number of people attending and the schedule of events.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public at 8:27 p.m.

Mr. Smith declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:27 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Walsh moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall, on September 14, 2017 at 8:28 p.m., in the Allen W. Roberts Media Center, 80 Jones 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

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.

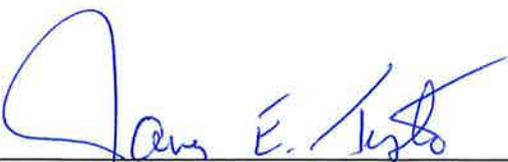
Mrs. Misiukiewicz seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Smith called the Board to order.

Members present were Bernadette Cuccaro, William Dibble, Robert Dinerman, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, Adam Smith and Joe Walsh.

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Krauss and seconded by Mr. Dibble, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



James E. Testa
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
9/14/17