

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 19, 2018, at the High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mr. Smith.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, Robert Dinerman, William Dibble, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, Adam Smith and Joseph Walsh. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Scott Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; John Richter, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and 53 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.

The following notice was posted on February 28, 2018:

The New Providence Board of Education Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. in the New Providence High/Middle School Cafeteria, 35 Pioneer Drive, **has been cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.**

COMMENTS

Mr. Smith addressed the student walkout that took place on March 14th and some members of the community reaction to the position taken by the Board of Education and the Administration to that walkout.

He read the following statement:

First, it is the role of the Board of Education to set policy and ensure that the administration runs this school district properly, which includes following our policies. The Board of Education has had a policy in place for many years, which has been applied in different situations, that addresses student demonstrations. That policy provides that if such a demonstration will disrupt instruction, it will not be permitted. Staging a walkout in the middle of class disrupts instruction. As a result, when the administration

responded to a student request to stage a walkout at 10 a.m. by advising those students and their parents that such a walkout would not be permitted, and provided alternatives to the 10 a.m. walkout, the administration was acting in accordance with the policies of this Board of Education. Any concern that the public has with that policy should be directed to the Board of Education, and not the administration.

Our policy is based upon the fact the Board's responsibility is to ensure the proper education for all students in our district. We do not promote or advocate against any particular political position. The Board of Education is apolitical in nature, none of us run for office as an affiliate of any political party. We do not engage in the promotion of a Republican or Democratic agenda or platform. Our job is to ensure that the tax efficiently educate our children. Those tax dollars are not used to advocate any particular political position, no matter how much we as individuals may support or oppose that position.

The stated purpose of this walkout was to advocate for the reform of federal gun laws and provide stricter controls on the proliferation of guns in our society. The merits of that position are not relevant to the policy we have in place. We do not want our school administration to have to engage in judgement calls about which demonstrations are meritorious and warrant our support and which do not. Approval of this walkout would have sent us down a slippery slope. If next month, a group of 40 students wanted to engage in a demonstration in support of 2nd Amendment rights, in support of the pro-life movement, in favor of a woman's right to choose, to make America great again or to protest excessive potholes in town, we do not want our administration to have to make a judgement call about the merits of those positions. Rather, our direction to the administration is very clear - if the demonstration will disrupt instruction, it is not permitted.

We had approximately 240 students engage in this walkout. That is about 24% of the student population in that building. The large majority of our students remained in their classrooms. This walkout disrupted the instructional process. Some school districts were more flexible in the handling of this walkout. Some were more rigid. Perhaps they have different policies than us. Perhaps they had a larger group of students interested in the walkout. Perhaps it is just the fact that reasonable minds can disagree. Clearly, that is the case for our small town.

Our administration received many emails on this topic. For every email or letter that objected to the manner in which the District was responding to the request for a demonstration, we received one that supported the response as well. The fact that the echo chamber of social media rang in a particular direction does not create a public relation disaster as some have tried to paint this. Sometimes we have to just recognize that we may need to agree to disagree because people have different points of view. It does not mean the other side of the debate is being malicious, mean, vindictive or acting out of self interest.

Lastly, the students who engaged in this walkout did it in an extremely respectful, dignified and mature manner. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for many adults in this community. Mrs. Zirpoli and Dr. Miceli were the subject of mean spirited, irresponsible and ridiculous name calling and attacks on this issue. The lack of civility

was alarming. Thankfully, our student did not follow such horrible examples. Mrs. Zirpoli, Dr. Miceli and all our staff are not “fascists” - they are public servants who have dedicated their careers to the service of educating our children. They do not deserve the venom and ill will I observed over the last couple of weeks. They are a credit to their profession and this community and I am very comfortable in entrusting my children’s education and safety into their hands on a dail basis. I know it is a responsibilitiy they take very seriously.

Superintendent’s Report

1. Dr. Miceli commented on the 2017/2018 school calendar update. He sent out a notification last week that we have exhausted our four snow days for this school year. He was hoping that we will have no more snow days, but unfortunately, it looks like we will have quite a bit of snow on Wednesday. If we do take another day, it will be made up on the Friday of Spring break, and then another day would be the Thursday.
2. Dr. Miceli commented on the School Security Town Hall Meeting on 3/20/18, 7:00 p.m., HS Choir Room. If for some reason the capicity exceeds in attendance, we will move it to the auditorium. Mr. Smith, Chief Bucelli, Mayor Morgan and himself will be there on behalf of the community and the school district to open a conversation with respect to school security. They will then open the floor for public comments. The evening will be to gather information and answer as many questions as possible.
3. Dr. Miceli commented on the Superintendent’s Forum: HS Scheduling on 3/28/18, 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center. He is Looking forward to that subject forum on next year’s high school schedule.
4. Dr. Miceli commented on the NPEF March Mayhem fund raising event on 3/29/18 at 7:00 p.m. in the High school gym. We look forward to this annual event. Please come out and support our NPEF.

Presentation by New Providence Education Foundation

Mr. Smith introduced Mrs. Jennifer Kowitz, Vice President of New Providence Education Foundation and Suzanne Botvinis, voting member of the New Providence Education Foundation to present this year’s grant check to the District.

Mrs. Kowitz commented that on behalf of the New Providence Education Foundation, she has a check for \$89,280.50, and is very happy to present the check to the New Providence Board of Education. She thanked the community for supporting the foundation through fundraising efforts, so that they will be able to give this grant to the District, the largest amount so far. They have donated almost \$800,000.00 to the school since it’s inception.

Dr. Miceli and Mr. Smith thanked the New Providence Education Foundation for their very generous donation to the school district.

ACTION ITEMS
FINANCE ACTION

Mr. Krauss moved to approve items 1 through 7 as listed below:

2018/2019 School Year Tentative Budget Submission Using the 2018/2019 State Aid Figures Approved

1. Approve the tentative budget for 2018/2019 School Year using the 2018/2019 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Debt</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Service</u>	
2018/19 Total Expenditures	\$40,123,405	\$551,342	\$2,049,053	\$42,723,800
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>3,003,579</u>	<u>551,342</u>	<u>523,265</u>	<u>4,078,186</u>
Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$37,119,826</u>	<u>\$ - 0 -</u>	<u>\$1,525,788</u>	<u>\$38,645,614</u>

After approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law. A public hearing will be held at the New Providence High School Media Center, New Providence, New Jersey, on April 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2018/2019 School Year.

Adjustments in the Tentative 2018/2019 Annual School Budget Approved

2. Approve that the New Providence Board of Education includes the following adjustments in the tentative 2018/2019 annual school budget that will be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for technical review:
 - Adjustment for enrollment: \$0
The District would utilize this adjustment, if received, for supplies and materials necessary for our additional students.
 - Adjustment for health care costs: \$492,260
The additional funds are included in the tentative budget and will be utilized to cover the estimated increase in health insurance premium costs.
 - Adjustment for deferred PERS pension contribution: \$0
The District would utilize the adjustment, if received, for the purpose of paying any deferral PERS pension costs and/or the additional interest charges.
 - Adjustment for responsibility transferred: \$0
The District would utilize this adjustment, if received, for an increase or decrease of costs associated with the transfer of responsibilities.

- Adjustment for banked cap: \$469,745
The District has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the tentative budget in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The adjustment to the base budget will be utilized to fund special education needs, curriculum and other District needs. The District intends to complete said purposes by June 2019.

School District Travel Resolution Approved

3. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Providence Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, Policy #6471, School District Travel: Board of Education Employees and Members, covers the reimbursement process for travel expenses in accordance with New Jersey Statutes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with Policy #6471.

Authorize the Board Secretary to Publish said Budget after Approval Approved

4. After Board approval of the tentative 2018/2019 Budget, authorize the Board Secretary to publish said Budget as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

2017/2018 Grant Awards from the NPEF Accepted

5. Approve the acceptance of the 2017/2018 Grant Awards from the New Providence Education Foundation in the amount of \$89,280.50.

Settembrino Architects Resolution Approved

6. Approve the following resolution:

Approve Settembrino Architects for architectural services, as per N.J.S.A.-18A:18A-5, on a fee basis not to exceed \$100,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses.

Energy for America Resolution Approved

7. Approve the following resolution:

Approve Energy for America for engineering services, as per N.J.S.A.-18A:18A-5, on a fee basis not to exceed \$27,468.00 plus reimbursable expenses.

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Mr. Krauss commented that this is a tentative budget, once approved, will be submitted to the County Office for approval. There could be changes. We received \$1,056,000.00 in state aid, which is only 2.5% of the total budget. This helps reduce the tax and helps our budget.

We are adding the following:

- 1 special education teacher
- 1 special education teacher aide
- 1 middle school teacher
- 1 part time high school hall monitor
- .4 behavioral specialist
- 4 elementary club advisors, art and stem
- 2 coaches, winter cheerleading- head coach and first assistant
- Possible security resource officer

We are expecting an increase in expenses of 6.7% for the 2018/2019 school year. The biggest increase is medical insurance. The tax increase will be 1.5% if you take into account the tax levy increase and the ratables increasing in New Providence. This increase does not include debt service that was approved in prior years. The increase is \$116.00 per average household. We budget to what we need and not what we want. The full 2018/2019 budget presentation will be at the April board meeting, after approval from the County Office.

Roll Call Vote:

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

EDUCATION ACTION

Mr. Dinerman, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Item 1 as listed below:

2017/2018 HIB Investigations Approved

1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approve the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding the following 2017/2018 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

School	Incident Report Number(s)
Middle School:	14, 15, and 16
Salt Brook:	2

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mrs. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 and 2 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 2017/2018 school year:
 - a. Daniel Dougher, teacher, \$24,104 (base \$66,955), effective 3/14/18
 - b. Colleen Cortese, long-term substitute teacher, effective 3/23/18 thru 6/11/18, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$276.15 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$55,229)
 - c. Donna O’Leary, substitute Board meeting minute taker and transcriber, \$180/mtg, effective 3/19/18
 - d. Paulette Beck, substitute teacher
 - e. Don Burkitt, substitute teacher
 - f. Nina Coulter, substitute teacher
 - g. Cynthia de Keyzer, substitute teacher
 - h. George Pharmakides, substitute teacher
 - i. Matthew Manns, game worker
 - j. David Maluso, game worker
 - k. Peter Schaefer, Title I math teacher, HS, (15) hrs @ \$54.87/hr

Resignations Accepted

2. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
 - a. Nicole Magarino, teacher, effective 6/30/18
 - b. Maureen Bearnarth, Data Management Specialist, effective 3/30/18
 - c. Elaine Berman, teacher, effective 6/30/18
 - d. Helga Welte, hall monitor, effective 7/1/18

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Dr. Miceli welcomed Daniel Dougher, the new science teacher at the high school. Dan has been substituting for us as a biology teacher to replace a retired staff member. He has just received

his certification from the Department of Education, so we welcome Dan and look forward to his contribution to the District.

Roll Call Vote:

 Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

 Yea Mr. Krauss

 Yea Mr. Dibble

 Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

 Yea Mr. Dinerman

 Yea Mrs. Smith

 Yea Mr. Walsh

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public for comments at 8:42 p.m.

Brian Haas, New Providence Resident:

Mr. Haas commented:

I am extremely disappointed in the way New Providence High School handled the March 14th walkout. The students were not asking the administration to promote their viewpoint. They were merely asking to be given an opportunity to show their solidarity with other students around the nation; to honor the victims of the Parkside shooting and to bring about change in an effort to reduce gun violence. I know that there are students around the country that do not want any changes to our gun laws. The March 14 walkout could have respected those students' viewpoint as well. But instead, New Providence High School chose to shut them all down.

I don't know the motivation of this decision. Was it a well-meaning, but poorly reasoned concern for safety, or was this a partisan political decision? The explanation that we were given was that a large group of students gathered at 10 a.m. would be a target rich opportunity for a would-be shooter. But we have hundreds of students arriving at school at 8 a.m. and leaving at 2:40 p.m. every day, not to mention football games. How is a gathering at 10 a.m. any more of a risk? In fact, the alternative time provided by the administration for the walkout was for 2:40 p.m. and the NPHS had arranged for a police presence at that time. Certainly the school could have arranged for police at 10 a.m. This explanation makes no sense.

Another reason given for not allowing the demonstration was the loss of valuable education time. 17 minutes? Fire drills last longer than that. Where was the concern about the loss of valuable education time when our kids had to sit for hours, and even days for the PARCC tests? Our children have witnessed mass murders occurring in schools throughout the country and they wanted to join in solidarity with other students from around the country to try to do something to stop this. This event gave teachers and the administration an opportunity to have a meaningful discussion on this topic. There are different viewpoints on this issue and while many disagree on the solution, we should all be able to agree that mass shootings in our schools is unacceptable. Wouldn't it be a

valuable educational experience to talk about congress and our representative democracy and the various influences, including money that impact the laws of this nation? Isn't it worth spending some time in the class discussing that? I know that there were a lot of students that wanted to participate in the walkout, but were afraid to because they didn't want to get in trouble. Why was the school not able to tell students and parents in advance what the consequences would be for leaving class? I asked Mrs. Zirpoli several times and I know that other parents asked and we received no response. Is this because the school wanted this uncertainty to induce fear? Did the administration actually have a plan in advance for how they would handle students that chose to participate, but didn't want to share it? Or had they not even figured out what the consequences would be?

Speaking of the consequences, requiring those students that participated in the walkout to write to one of their congressional representatives was an excellent decision. This went a long way towards de-escalating this crisis and helped to bring about a good ending to a bad situation. And, in an interesting way, this whole experience turned out to be a very good learning experience. Those students that chose to participate in the walkout learned that sometimes fighting for your beliefs requires taking risks. They learned to stand up for themselves, and they learned that sometimes you have to question authority. They have internalized this lesson in a way that they could never learn from a history book, and they will remember this for the rest of their lives. They wouldn't have learned that lesson if the administration had supported them. But the cost of this lesson was a loss of respect for this school administration.

Derek Estrada, NPHS Student:

Derek commented that he is an average student and has lived in New Providence all his life. He is not involved in any band, sports or clubs in the schools. This almost included him not being involved in the walk out, but did the walkout. He wanted to believe that the situation in Parkland will not happen in our school. On March 5th, the high school had a lock down because of a bomb threat and a week later at AWR. Ironically, a week before the bomb threat, the high school had an assembly to reassure the safety in the schools. The organized walkout at 2:40 p.m. was, but ultimately defeated the point. The whole point of the walkout is to empower students and not to shut them out. Future events of a similar walkout should be in cooperation and coordination with the students and administration, so they can all achieve a fair and educational one.

Nick Gerard, NPHS Student

Nick commented that the punishment to the students was more productive than a detention. Mrs. Zirpoli framed it as a punishment, so that is what he called it. A letter and encouragement to participate was great. This meeting was a great opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the students and the administration. The last thing that was said was that in the future, Board policy needs to be followed. It would be nice if the Board supported this peaceful demonstration instead of threatening a punishment. Nick commented that maybe next time this happens, but before it happens, the Board should ask the students and parents how they feel, through email or some sort of survey, communicating with each other and having a plan. This would have been better.

Lori Gerard, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Gerard read a statement from Mrs. Padmanabhan, who could not attend the meeting.

My 2 minute statement starts now for the brave Pioneers that walked out of NPHS for the National walkout on March 14th at 10:00 a.m . They walked in, led us and walked out under a cloud of threat and unknown punishment from the very administration and Board of Education that is supposed to serve them. They became leaders on that day in Pioneer Land.

To the administration, Dr. Miceli, that claimed to me that they had the pulse of the student population and threatened to ask them to leave school property if they walked out - you should be ashamed, you neither had the pulse nor the heartbeat. It pays to be humble and listen to the little voices that roared quietly and respectfully that day. I implore the administration to walk out of your offices for 17 minutes every day and listen to the students you serve. Lead the way and show character at times when it is most needed. This will mean more to them than having catchy phrases on curriculum and fancy certificates about character.

To the Board of Education remember you are elected to serve us. Be leaders, not enslaved to every policy and procedures and precedent and adapt these policies and procedures to the changing times. As my daughter wisely told me one day on the way to school - history has taught us policies, procedures and precedents were meant to evolve if not we would still be sitting in segregated school buses!

I commend the Board of Ed and the administration for finally embracing the pivotal moment in history and coming to the right conclusion on the consequence. All of us learnt a lot that day - many things were said passionately- let us now resolve to becoming the fresh, modern and the "new" New Providence ! Thank you

Proud parent of NPHS 200 student

Revalthy Padmanabhan

Patty Cronin, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Cronin commented that she had no problem with the decision of the Board of Education and administration on the student walk out whether it was at 10 a.m. or at 2:40 p.m. The huge problem she had was the reaction of the town on their decision. The name calling by adults at the Board of Education members and the administration was horrible. She commented that she is in law enforcement and the safety of the children in this town is what matters and means a great deal to her. The Board and administration allowed the students to use the facilities and had security and in a safe way allowing them to demonstrate and show their support. Her wish is that this town and this community that she loves so much would stop being so hateful. She commented that she respected the Board's decision and appreciate the time and effort that they put into the children of this community. Thank you.

Cathy Cirrotti, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Cirrotti commented that she did not know what happened in social media, but found out that people are having problems with what happened. She is hoping that the Board decides not to change the policy that has been in effect since 1977. She is grateful that there is a policy that keeps things in order. She is grateful that there was an alternative for the kids to do something because it is a topic they were so passionate about. Preserving instructional time is very important, so she is hoping that the board policy stands the way it is.

Brett Adams, New Providence Resident:

Mr. Adams commented that he is very proud of the children. They have been acting more mature than the way that a lot of adults are acting in social media. The children are starting to speak about topics that our adults have not been able to conquer. This movement is not going away in the future, he is asking that when a national day such as this is going to occur, he wishes that the Board addresses it in advance so that everyone can discuss the options. He was happy that it was kept peaceful and that the children were kept safe with security.

Angela Lazzari, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Lazzari wanted to reiterate the policy we have should stand and she is recognizing that the Board and the administration is responsible for the well being of the entire student body. She wants to make sure that we hold steady to the policies we have.

Linda Allocco, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Allocco thanked the Board for their service. She knows everyone volunteers their time and appreciates all that they do for the New Providence School District. She and her husband are both retired and have lived in New Providence for 64 years and love the town. She is a retired teacher with 36 years of experience. It's been fifteen years since her children graduated from New Providence High school and loves all children. She does not like high taxes, but have no problem in paying more if it was spent on security.

Kate Forbes, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Forbes thanked the Board for their service. She thanked all the staff that were not present. She commented that she knows that decisions were not decided on lightly, and a lot of thought were put into it. She admired the kids that walked out, it took a lot of courage, even not knowing what the consequences would be. However, she believes that the policy is right and if it is allowed to be open for one thing, then more things can come. She agreed that what was in social media is heartbreaking and hateful. She commented that as adults and as a community, we need to find ways to respect each other better.

Christina Kapp, New Providence Resident:

Mrs. Kapp thanked the Board members. She commented the Board of Education should recognize how awesome the student body is. They are amazing and should learn to trust and respect them on how they feel about this enormous national movement. Her daughter had the

biggest education moment this year from that experience. The kids need to engage on what is happening in the world at the present time and she was impressed on how many of them participated. Policy is the foundation of everything we do, but sometimes there are things that need to happen that does not conform exactly to policy, so we do need to recognize it. She thanked the Board for all their service and for letting this come out on a positive note. She was so impressed of the outcome. 25% of the student body came out because they felt strongly enough of this movement. Thank you for your time.

Stephen Quick, New Providence Resident:

Mr. Quick spoke on behalf of his daughter who could not be at the meeting. Mr. Quick's concern was based on a fear shared by his daughter and her friends, that they could be trapped in a corridor during a lockdown. It is a fear that their safety is out of their control. Mr. Quick expressed that his daughter saw participation in the walkout as a way to take back some control over her safety. In joining students across the nation, it shed light on students' concerns with their safety. Mr. Quick felt it is important to discuss what underlies the students' concerns. He further commented that it is important to have policies, but that it is also important that those policies be flexible. He stated that a rigid system will break, but a flexible system will survive over time. Mr. Quick ended his comments by stating that he is behind the Board's decisions about 98% of the time. He further stated that he appreciated the District's amazing schools and teachers.

Mr. Smith commented that he wanted to respond in general terms. There are certain issues we all have the right to agree to disagree. Decisions were not made at any type of ill will. This took a lot of time and forthought, at the end of the day, this Board has certain policies and certain rules. The students felt really strong about this issue and thought important enough to break the rules. They learned that in any place you are, wether it's at work, school, or home, when rules are broken, there can be consequences. Sometimes these consequences aren't always there to punish, sometimes they are there to teach a lesson. He commented that he could not speak for Mrs. Zirpoli, but the consequences she put in place were propotional to what occurred. He imagines that she probably didn't want to alert people of the consequences ahead of time until she saw how they behaved, announcing something and then taking it back.

Lastly, Mr. Smith hoped that we can all put this behind us and move forward. Everyone clearly cares about the children.

There being no other comments from the public, Mr. Smith declared the meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on March 19, 2018 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 Related to HIB
- Negotiations

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 9:17 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.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz moved to approve the following resolution:

Approve the request from the parents of student #124015 to waive the tuition and allow student #124015 attend the New Providence School District for the 2018/2019 school year.

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mr. Dibble

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mrs. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Dibble, seconded by Mr. Dinerman, and carried unanimously, Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
March 19, 2018

