

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 28, 2019, at the High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mr. Smith.

Present on roll call were Rebecca Coniglio, Bernadette Cuccaro, Robert Dinerman, 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 49 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 and the public will then be given an opportunity to be heard before the meeting is adjourned.

Mr. Smith commented it is a busy agenda with awards, presentations and approvals. He further commented that there were many questions at the Borough meeting, mostly on the affordable housing and how it will affect the schools. We will be monitoring enrollment at each meeting, as we do in all of our meetings. We have ample space in our schools, and our schools are not overcrowded. That may change if there is a significant development in town. We are prepared and knew this may be coming. We have hired a demographer to do a study for us and to give us data on how this will impact our District. Once we have the data, we can put a plan in place to deal with what we need, as best as we can. Mr. Smith commented that we have the time to plan. The Board ensures that we have appropriate educational space for all of our students.

Mr. Smith commented that Summit and Berkeley Heights are considering full day kindergarten. Our district did not support this when we had done a survey years back on possibly offering full day kindergarten. This may have changed, so we will consider it again. We constantly monitor children who attend full day kindergarten in the area. We have found that the students that go to our half day kindergarten are more advanced than those who go to full day kindergarten in the area. We will do a survey again as we assess the affordable housing impact in our community.

#### **Presentation of Certificates of Excellence – Mrs. Coniglio**

Will Lauren House, Emily Kapp and Alexa Rinato please come forward.

Students who excel in art and design routinely think "outside the box" to create new and exciting works. These skills in creativity and innovation are essential for success in college and in the workplace.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a national competition, awards gold keys to students who exhibit originality, technical skill, and emergence of a personal vision through their works. Gold key (first place) winners in the northern New Jersey region become finalists in the national competition. This year, Emily Kapp and Lauren House earned gold keys: Emily for her work "Babyish" and Lauren for her work "Molly."

Alexa Rinato had an original work accepted into the highly-competitive *Fresh Perspectives* exhibit at Morris Museum. Only 50 works throughout the state are selected. Alexa's work, "Borders," will be on display at the museum through the beginning of June.

Emily, Lauren and Alexa have earned special recognition for excellence in their artistic endeavors. New Providence is very proud of their achievement and encourages them to continue with their arts education.

Will Maclaine Barré-Quick, Jade Navarro, Evelyn Voss, Nathan He, Lauren Venturella and Eric Yu please come forward.

Students who excel in music exhibit a high level of motivation and work ethic to develop their talents. Those who perform in ensembles become outstanding team members and masters at collaboration. New Providence takes pride in providing opportunities for young musicians to fully develop this musical potential within the school program, as well as in auditioned honors ensembles. The New Jersey Music Educators Association divides the state into three regions. The central region, CJMEA, sponsors auditioned bands, orchestras, and choirs at the middle and high school levels every year. Hundreds of students throughout the region prepare and audition. Only the highest scoring applicants are accepted.

This year Maclaine Barré-Quick, Jade Navarro and Evelyn Voss were selected for the CJMEA High School Choir; Nathan He was selected for the CJMEA Intermediate Orchestra; and Lauren Venturella and Eric Yu were selected for the CJMEA Intermediate Symphonic Band. They have earned special recognition for excellence in music performance. New Providence is very proud of their achievements and encourages them to continue with their music education.

Will Maclaine Barré-Quick, Julia Dabrowska, Jade Navarro, Emily Del Monte, Ronan Flanagan, Nathan He, Hayden LaRocque Green, Emma Timpone, Amisha Agarwal, Elizabeth Bigham, Kylie Freeman, Keira Lawlor, Saniya Malik, Simon Thornton, Chania Zeng, Susan Davies, Julia Halldorson, Mia Montero, Grace Narciso, Natalia Smith-Escobar and Ava Tan please come forward?

Along with regional ensembles, the New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) sponsors auditioned all-state choirs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels every year. Hundreds of students throughout the entire state prepare and audition. Only the highest scoring applicants are accepted. Membership is hard-won and prestigious.

This year Jade Navarro and Julia Dabrowska were selected for the HS All-State Mixed Choir; Maclaine Barré-Quick was selected for the HS All-State Treble Choir; Emily DelMonte, Ronan Flanagan, Nathan He, Hayden LaRocque-Green and Emma Timpone were selected for the NJ Junior High Honor Choir; and thirteen students were selected for the NJ Elementary All-State Honor Choir: they are Amisha Agarwal, Elizabeth Bigham, Kylie Freeman, Keira Lawlor, Saniya Malik, Simon Thornton, Chania Zeng, Susan Davies, Julia Halldorson, Mia Montero, Grace Narciso, Natalia Smith and Ava Tan. They have all earned special recognition for excellence in music performance. New Providence is very proud of their achievement and encourages them to continue with their music education.

Will Jade Navarro please come forward.

The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) sponsors an auditioned all-eastern choir every two years. Students compete against singers from eleven states in the northeast. It is a highly selective honors ensemble.

This year Jade Navarro was selected for the NAfME All-Eastern High School Choir. She will represent New Providence, and New Jersey, at the eastern division convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in April. New Providence is very proud of her achievement and offers her heartfelt congratulations!

Mr. Hess, Department Head/Music/Performing Arts/Visual Arts had great news to announce. NAfME foundation chooses communities around the country that qualify in their eyes as being the best community in music education. The survey is fifty pages long and quite comprehensive. Some of the questions were student participation, budget allocation, quality of school instruments, dedicated rooms for teaching music, education levels of staff members, number of students accepted to all state ensembles and opportunities for music both inside and outside of the school day, and many more. He was happy to report as of Tuesday, we were designated as the best community for music education for the 7th year in a row, 8 years total. He wanted to thank the Board, the staff, parents, students and community for all that they do to have earned us this designation. Congratulations to all.

Mr. Smith commented that under Mr. Hess's leadership, the Arts education has flourished for many years now. We can dedicate all the resources we have, but without leadership none of this would happen. Thank you Mr. Hess for all that you do, and Congratulations!

Mr. Smith called for a two minute recess at 7:53 p.m.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment numbers. The District enrollments are: 633 students at the high school, 412 at the middle school, 701 at AWR, 653 at Salt Brook, and 35 students out of district for a total of 2,434.

Dr. Miceli commented that the District is closely monitoring the incoming kindergarten and first grade enrollments. He reported as of today's registration: 62 kindergarten and 108 first grade at AWR; and 39 kindergarten and 98 first grade at Salt Brook. We had budgeted for a 5th section for first grade in the anticipation of the enrollment having high

numbers, so far this fifth section will be at AWR. In the event we reach capacity at Salt Brook, we will look into sending students to AWR in the fifth section.

2. Dr. Miceli commented that one of the highlights of the year is to recognize the Teacher of the Year at each of our schools. He thanked Mr. Richter and those who participated on the committee to decide this year's candidates. He is looking forward to the teachers being recognized at the April board meeting. He also looks forward to the teachers being recognized county-wide in May at Kean University. He congratulated the teachers of the year, they are the following:

New Providence High School	- Melissa Hatfield
New Providence Middle School	- Joan Rykus
Allen W. Roberts School	- Joanna Silva
Salt Brook School	- Mary Ellen Raiti

### Memory Project- Mrs. Lynn Celler

Mrs. Celler thanked everyone for coming out for the board meeting. She thanked the PTSA for their continued support of the Memory Project, as well as the painting classes who ran bake sales to raise funds for the charity. This is the fourth year that we have participated in the Memory Project which is based in Wisconsin. This project helps abused, orphaned and abandoned children in Madagascar, the Philippines, Colombia, and Myanmar. This year we sent 35 portraits to the Rohingya children in Myanmar who were subject to terrible atrocities and genocide and are now living in squalid refugee camps in Bangladesh.

Mrs. Celler commented that our students learn about a different country every year and how a little effort and kindness on our part can make such a difference to the lives of others. Our students see how lucky we are to live here in the United States and I hope we will support this charity for many, many years to come.

Mrs. Celler commented that our students receive a photograph of child, they paint the portrait of that child, take a picture of themselves, the artist, and send it back to the Memory Project in Wisconsin. Wisconsin in turn sends a video of the kids receiving their portraits and seeing who the artist is.

Mrs. Celler shared the video of when the children received their portraits to see the joy in each child as they see their portraits painted on paper. Our students see how much joy they brought to that child and how lucky they are to live here.

Dr. Miceli thanked Mrs. Celler for all her efforts with for this project. He commented that Mrs. Celler is very passionate and committed to this and the project has had a tremendous impact on our children.

### Think Tank 2.0 - Dr. Miceli

Dr. Miceli commented that he wanted to talk about an up and coming project. Dr. Miceli refers to this project as *Think Tank 2.0*. He commented that twelve years ago, the District embarked on a major curriculum initiative that has had significant impact in our district. It had three major components. We had to rewrite our curriculum in the UBD format, or Understanding By Design,

add a major component on differentiation to our curriculum, and the last one, increase technology integration. This is a K-12 initiative where we significantly transformed our classrooms. There was a huge investment in re-writing our curriculum, providing technology in the classrooms, and providing tremendous professional development for all of our staff. Some of the staff were initial innovators, and some learned subsequently. Over time, we were able to re-outfit our classrooms, provide new curriculum and provide more modern classrooms for our students. We transformed the district over those years. We invested in new devices, enhanced curriculum writing, started offering new courses, and we continued to grow. We are now at the point that we are poised to look at the next five or six years with a view toward what we would like our classrooms to look like moving forward. He commented that he, the administrators, and department heads have been sharing thoughts as he is beginning to plan for the District's strategic goals for 2020 through 2025.

Dr. Miceli commented that we are now ready to begin our research and would like to show a short video that will closely align our goals for the future generation.

Dr. Miceli commented that while doing research, there are two major components that have come to our attention this year, *The 4th Industrial Revolution* and *Generation Z*. This generation, our current students, are different from the other generations. We want to spend time to learn more about them, what they are interested in, and what their world is going to look like, so that we can help them prepare for college and their careers. We took a look at some information to spark interest across the District. He thanked Mrs. Zirpoli and Mr. Richter for helping him put together a short video that shows what has happened, and what is on the rise for the future generation, and what we can do to closely align the district's goals for the five next years. The video has broken down a very big picture of what is happening in the world today. It then transitions into the Industrial Revolution concept and finishes with Generation Z.

#### Public Hearing – Mr. Hough

Mr. Smith declares a Public Hearing on the September 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 *Student Safety Data System* at 8:18 p.m.

Mr. Hough presented the 2018/2019 reporting Period 1 *Student Safety Data System*.

#### SSDS Report

Reporting Period 1

Sept. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018

#### District Summary

- 11 Affirmed incident of HIB
- 1 Incident of Weapons Possession
- 0 Incidents of Violence
- 0 Incidents of Vandalism
- 0 Incidents of Substance Abuse

**Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Statistics**

Total # of HIB investigations district-wide: 19

2 HS - Investigations (1 affirmed)

8 MS - Investigations (5 affirmed)

2 SB - Investigation (0 affirmed)

7 AWR - Investigation (0 affirmed)

Status of all HIB investigations:	All investigations were completed within 10 days 4 BOE affirmed incidents as of Dec. 31, 2018
Nature of HIB on protected categories:	Sexual orientation, Gender, Religion, Mental Health or physical or sensory disability
Names of Investigators:	Anti-Bullying Specialists in each school HS – Brian Henry MS – David Chango SB - Jonathan Firetto AWR- Anna Rita Falco
Type/nature of discipline:	Detention, In-School Suspension Out of school suspension
Any other measures imposed:	Student/Parent conferences, Individual Counseling, CST Intervention, Supervision, Peer Support Group
Training conducted or programs Implemented to reduce HIB	HIB Policy Staff/Students/Contracted Services ABS training law/policy Social media/Cyberbullying training fo staff/students Week of Respect School Activities Health curriculum instruction and activities Character Ed Program Student focus group at the MS Student Conflict Resolution Program

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Hough for his report.

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public on the September 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018  
SSDS Report at 8:21 p.m.

**Mrs. Mary Haas, Resident**

Mrs. Haas asked Mr. Hough what kind of weapon was found.

Mr. Hough commented that it was a pocket knife. The student accidentally brought it to school, it was unintentional.

There being no more comments, Mr. Smith declared the meeting on the September 1- December 31, 2018 SSDS Report closed at 8:22 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public to be heard on specific agenda items at 8:23 p.m. There being no comments, Mr. Smith declared the public comments to be closed at 8:23 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Regular Session	February 28, 2019
Closed Session	February 28, 2019

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Coniglio	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<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 9 as listed below:

**Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Accepted**

1. After review, we hereby accept the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for February, 2019. There is no major account or fund which has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**March 2019 Bills List Approved**

2. Approve the payment of bills listed for March 2019, in the amount of \$ 2,817,406.21.

**Voided Checks Approved**

3. Approve the following voided checks and re-issued check:

Voided

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Reason</u>
353460	02/28/19	\$2,150.00	11-402-100-890-01	Duplicate Payment
035616	03/15/19	\$ 928.31	Payroll	Lost

Re-issued

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
035624	03/25/19	\$928.31	Payroll

**Generous Donation to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund from Mr. Purcell Approved**

4. Accept the generous donation to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Walter McCarthy and Edward Lieder Memorial Scholarship Fund from Mr. Purcell, in the amount of \$400.00.

**Generous Anonymous Donation for the Boys Basketball Program Approved**

5. Accept the generous anonymous donation of \$1,000.00 to be used by the New Providence Athletic Department for the boys basketball program. **(EXHIBIT B)**

**UCESC Nonpublic School Additional Funding for the 2018/2019 School Year Approved**

6. Approve the Union County Educational Services Commission Nonpublic School additional funding Security Aid Program Agreements for the participating schools located within New Providence for the 2018/2019 school year.

**NJEdge.Net, Inc. Resolution Approved**

7. Approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11, et seq. authorizes two or more contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services, and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, NJEdge.Net, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "NJEdge", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System known as the "Edge Market Cooperative" for the purchase of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2019 the New Providence Board of Education, duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, New Providence Board of Education within the County of Union, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in the Edge Market Cooperative; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11, et seq., James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the New Providence Board of Education on behalf of the New Providence Board of Education, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with NJEdge for a five year period ending March 28, 2024.

NJEdge shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**Generous Donation from AWR PTA Towards a New Laminator at AWR Approved**

- 8. Accept the generous donation of \$1,000.00 from Allen W. Roberts PTA, to be used towards a new laminator for Allen W. Roberts School.

**(EXHIBIT C)**

**Generous Donations to the NPHS Class of 1962 Louis DiParisi Jr. Scholarship Fund Approved**

- 9. Accept the generous donations in the total amount of \$1,150.00 for the New Providence High School Class of 1962 Louis DiParisi Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Seconded by: Mr. Dinerman

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

**FACILITIES ACTION**

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson moved to approve item 1 as listed below:

**Generous Donation from the Gonzales Family Approved**

- 1. Accept the generous donation of toys for Ms. McSweeney's PreK classroom at Allen W. Roberts School, from the Gonzales family, valued at \$150.00.

**(EXHIBIT A)**

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mr. Krauss



- a. Christina Archetti Suczewski, teacher, \$18,771 \* (base \$62,570 \*), effective 4/1/19
- b. Amy McNany, school counselor, \$12,797 (base \$63,987), effective 5/1/19 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- c. Michelle Cutlip, substitute teacher aide
- d. Karen Lee, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- e. Joanne Trimble, substitute teacher

(\*) subject to completion of negotiations for 2018/2019

**Resignations for the 2018/2019 School Year Accepted**

- 2. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
  - a. Cathleen White, teacher, effective 6/1/19, due to retirement
  - b. Mary Trimmer, teacher, effective 6/30/19, due to retirement
  - c. Michelle Barone, teacher, effective 6/30/19
  - d. Karl Roth, custodian, resignation tendered on 3/26/19, effective 4/24/19
  - e. Kim Berls, school nurse, effective 6/30/19
  - f. Deborah Scelfo-O'Connor, teacher, effective 6/30/19, due to retirement
  - g. Adeline Celler, teacher, effective 6/1/19, due to retirement

**2019/2020 Employee Holiday Schedules Approved**

- 3. Approve the following 2019/2020 Employee Holiday Schedules:
  - a. 12 Month (EXHIBIT E)
  - b. 10/10.5 Month (EXHIBIT D)

**Superintendent's Merit Goals #1, #2, #4 & #5 Complete for Submission Approved**

- 4. Approve the Superintendent's Merit Goals #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 as complete for submission to the County Superintendent for approval.

Seconded by: Mr. Walsh

Dr. Miceli commented that there had an opening at AWR for an Assistant Principal and Mrs. McGeechan, the counselor at the middle school, is now transitioning into that position. Mrs. Kidd worked with a committee to hire a new counselor. Ms. McNany is the new counselor and she has her masters in School Counseling. Congratulations to Amy McNany. She will start on May 1 and we are looking forward to her contribution to the District.

Dr. Miceli recognized four teachers retiring; Mrs. Trimmer, Mrs. White, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mrs. Celler. Mrs. White, Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Celler are from our class of 1992. They worked here

for 27 years. Mrs. Trimmer began in 1996. We thank them very much for their years of service and appreciate everything that they have done for the students of New Providence.

Roll Call Vote:

- Yea Mrs. Coniglio                           Yea Mr. Krauss
- Yea Mrs. Cuccaro                           Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz
- Yea Mr. Dinerman                           Yea Mr. Smith
- Yea Mr. Walsh

**BOARD POLICY**

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson moved approve Items 1 and 2 as listed below:

1. Approve the following Bylaws, Policies and Regulations on second reading:

**Bylaws and Policies:**

- 1. Policy 2422                      Health and Physical Education                      (Revised)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)
- 2. Policy 2431.3                      Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School  
    (Recommended)                      Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities                      (New)  
    (Mr. Krauss)
- 3. Policy 2610                      Educational Program Evaluation                      (Revised)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)
- 4. Policy 5330.04                      Administering An Opioid Antidote                      (New)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)
- 5. Policy 7440                      Security of School Premises                      (Revised)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)

**Administrative Regulations:**

- 1. Regulation 5330.04                      Administering An Opioid Antidote                      (New)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)
- 2. Regulation 7440                      School District Security                      (Revised)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)

2. Approve the following Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations on first reading:

**Bylaws and Policies:**

- 1. Policy 1510 Americans with Disabilities Act (Revised)  
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)
- 2. Policy 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option (Revised)  
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)
- 3. Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Student (Revised)  
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)

**Administrative Regulations:**

- 1. Regulation 1510 American with Disabilities Act (Revised)  
(Mandated) (Mr. Krauss)

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Roll Call Vote:

     Yea      Mrs. Coniglio

     Yea      Mr. Krauss

     Yea      Mrs. Cuccaro

     Yea      Mrs. Misiukiewicz

     Yea      Mr. Dinerman

     Yea      Mr. Smith

     Yea      Mr. Walsh

Mr. Hough commented that Policy 5111 includes guidance on who can register in our school district. This policy gives covers situations such as homelessness, affidavit students, and military families. In addition, when it comes time to challenge a student’s residency information, or if a student’s situation changes, there are processes outlined as to this policy in what the Board needs to do to try to understand if the student is indeed a resident or not. Specifically, this policy is being updated now to be in compliance with our Comprehensive Equity Plan which will be board approved in two months and then sent to the county. This is in response to a broadcast that was released by the DOE in August that addresses the immigration status of students that are eligible to attend all public schools. Specifically, F1 Visa students, as a Board, we have the decision whether or not we will accept F1 Visa students who are specifically here to study. We have not accepted F1 Visa students in the past and this policy enforces that. If the Board accepts F1 Visa students, we have to charge tuition. It has been a long term policy of ours that we do not accept F1 Visa students. We have several requests annually.

Mr. Smith commented that this clarifies that if the student live in town, we cannot question their immigration status.

Mr. Hough commented that there’s been an increase in unaccompanied minors coming in the United States, throughout every state. We experienced that two years ago, when they have sponsors and they were placed with people who live in town and and they are not with their parents or guardians.

Mr. Smith asked if all children should be registered by their parents or guardians.

Mr. Hough commented that laws have changed for unaccompanied minors.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Misiukiewicz, Committee Chairperson, had nothing new to report.

#### Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson, commented that the budget was approved by the county office. The public hearing on the budget will take place on April 25, 2019.

#### Personnel, Management and Communication

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, had nothing new to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Miceli commented on the bond referendum proceeds. He commented that last year the Board went out to bid on projects at the high school with respect to the girls and boys locker rooms. Unfortunately, the bids came in too high. This year, we wanted to take a look at the project again and scale back on the plans. Again the numbers were still too high. Unfortunately, the projects would not be done appropriately if we compromise further on the project. The project is a tremendous amount of work, which is what is driving the cost of the project. We will need to wait until we can fully do the locker rooms correctly. We will do this at a later date when we have the ability to do it the right way. We are now in the process of determining what we can use these proceeds for.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if there is a timeline in which that we need to use the proceeds.

Mr. Testa commented we are on our third year and we have six years to use the proceeds. The best course of action is find a project we can fund with the remaining amount of money.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Krauss commented he reviewed old files and found that next year it will be twenty five years that we have partnered with our Japanese exchange program. He will share it with Dr. Miceli, so that when the Japanese come in the spring of 2020, we can have a special event.

Dr. Miceli commented on the turf project at Lieder Field. In 2008 when we installed the turf field, we had anticipated the field to last us 8-10 seasons. This fall it will be the 12th season. We met with Field Turf, they will be sending their construction manager this Monday to take a look at the field and start taking some samples. The construction manager will review additional add ons that we

would like to do, such as netting along the end zone to protect more people, and will also take a look at the materials that are diminishing and will need some fresh coats. We will get estimates for those. We do not have to replace the entire base, so we are not starting from the beginning.

Mr. Testa commented that in terms of funding, the District put the money in the capital reserves account. He called the county business administrator and checked with the auditors to make sure we are allowed to use the funds now to fund the turf replacement. As long as we pass a resolution, which will be done in April, we can appropriate the funds and pull them out of capital reserve this year. The reason we want to do that is in April we want to award a contract to Field Turf under a coop purchasing contract. We can get the ball rolling by June 22nd, the day after graduation. Dr. Miceli will send out the designs and feedback from all the coaches to the Board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Smith opened the meeting to the public for comments at 9:01 p.m.

#### **Mrs. Alexandra Loureiro, Resident**

Mrs. Loureiro commented that she has a son in the middle school and she heard a rumor that French will be offered in the middle school. She is sad because it will be offered to seventh graders. Her son was excited at first, then was not excited when he heard that it will only be offered to seventh graders and he will not be able to take it until ninth grade. Mrs. Kidd explained the rationale, but she is still not agreeing with it.

Dr. Miceli commented that back in 2009/2010 the District went into financial crisis when the state aid was taken away. That year we had to make some decisions to cut some programs. French was one of our programs in the middle school we decided to cut. We knew that French was still an opportunity for our students because they can take it at the high school so that program was not completely removed from the District. We now wanted to offer more opportunities to the students and the World Language department and revisit some of the programs and bring them back to the District. We brought in clubs in the elementary schools, brought back clubs that we had in the middle school, and we are bringing back French in the middle school. This is all in the budget for next year. We have to have a starting point, we can't do everything at once, so we are starting French in the seventh grade.

Mrs. Loureiro commented that now the sixth graders have a choice to have French in the seventh grade and her son in the seventh grade going into eighth grade will not be able to have French until the ninth grade.

Mr. Smith commented that they all have the same opportunities in high school. Her son will have the same opportunity to get as advanced in French as any other student in the District. We have always looked at our education process as a whole so that by the time the kids are in twelfth grade they've been able to take the courses they want to take and achieve the experiences they want to achieve before they leave our District. For World Language, it's great we can provide the opportunity. The highest level in French can be achieved, maybe in eleventh, maybe in twelfth, but they can achieve it. He apologizes that her son cannot take French next year, but we had to start somewhere and we chose to put the program back and seventh grade is where we decided on.

**Mrs. Mary Haas, Resident**

Mrs. Haas asked what the tuition for non-resident students.

Mr. Testa commented that this year it is approximately \$14,000.

Mrs. Haas asked if we have air conditioning in the auditorium and to use the additional proceeds for air conditioning?

Dr. Miceli commented that just for the auditorium, it is around \$700K, more than we have.

Mrs. Haas commented on the Japanese program. She is hoping the our students can go to Japan next year. There are who were devastated that we could not go this year.

Dr. Miceli commented that they have not gone every year, they come to us every year.

Mrs. Haas commented that she hopes next year they get to go.

Dr. Miceli commented that there have been efforts for the upper classman to go.

Mrs. Haas commented on the calendar error for the prom. She was floored because her daughter was scheduled to take the SAT that weekend. These tests are important so we looked at the calendar before we scheduled it. But now, they told us there was a mistake on the calendar. Our children get yelled at for getting things wrong, someone should have double checked the calendar. Related to this topic, why is the prom scheduled the day before the ACT? It doesn't make any sense. Everyone just sucks it up and nobody complains. You throw all that money away because she doesn't think many students do well taking a test before an event.

Dr. Miceli commented that unfortunately this was our mistake. The date that went into the school calendar was an error, inconsistent with the contract. Once this was discovered it was immediately changed, that was two weeks ago. We apologize for that, it was completely our fault. In terms of the date, there is no other good time, there's always something and this was the date that the facility is available and can give us. There are many variables establishing that weekend and with all the events, there is no perfect answer.

Mrs. Coniglio asked if the prom is booked for next year?

Dr. Miceli commented that Mrs. Zirpoli would be able to answer that.

Mr. Smith commented that Mrs. Haas should raise the question and the suggestions to the prom committee and Mrs. Zirpoli.

There being no other comments from the public, Mr. Smith declared the meeting closed at 9:03 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on March 28, 2019 at 9:04 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
- Litegation
- Personnel

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.

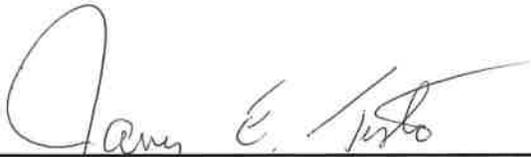
**Return to Public Session**

The Board reconvened to public session at 10:19 p.m. Mr. Smith called the Board to order.

Members present were Mrs. Coniglio, Mrs. Cuccaro, 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. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kruass and carried unanimously, Mr. Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.



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James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
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