

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on August 29, 2019 at the HS/MS Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board Vice President, Mr. Robert Dinerman.

Present on roll call were Rebecca Coniglio, Bernadette Cuccaro, Robert Dinerman, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz and Joe Walsh. Also present were Scott Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Jay Richter, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and seven members of the public.

Mr. Dinerman led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Dinerman 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, in the absence of Dr. Miceli, commented that the students start school on Wednesday, September 4th and teachers start on Tuesday, September 3rd. Mr. Hough thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for the preparation of opening day, as well as the administrations behind the scenes, in getting everything ready for the students to begin the new year. He commented on enrollment updates for the elementary schools as we start the school year and they are as follows:

AWR

Kindergarten - 60

Grade 1 - 115; 5 sections

Grade 4- 100; additional section

Salt Brook

Kindergarten - 54

Grade 1 - 100; any overflow will go to AWR

Mr. Hough commented on the Strategic Planning Process for 2019-2020. The meetings will be held in the high/middle school media center at 7 p.m. and will run for an hour to an hour and a half. All Board members are invited to attend each session and participate in the discussions. Dr. Miceli, Mr. Smith, Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Cuccaro will be facilitating the meetings.

Mrs. Cuccaro moved to approve the opening of closed minutes as follows:

June 28, 2018 through June 27, 2019

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

ACTION ITEMS
FINANCE ACTION

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve items 1 through 10 as listed below:

Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Approved

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

August 2019 Bills list Approved

2. Approve the payment of bills listed for August 2019, in the amount of \$2,506,791.81.

Rental Agreement Between NPBOE and the Berkeley Heights YMCA for the 2019/2020 School Year Approved

3. Approve the Rental Agreement between the New Providence Board of Education and Berkeley Heights YMCA, which the YMCA provides before and after school care, for the 2019/2020 school year.

Renewal Agreement Concerning the Use of School Facilities as Mass Care Shelters by American Red Cross Approved

4. Approve the renewal of an agreement concerning the Use of School Facilities as Mass Care Shelters by the American Red Cross.

Voided Checks Approved

5. Approve the following voided checks:

Voided

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>
354139	06/27/19	\$50.00	11-000-270-600-63	Lost
354139	06/27/19	\$50.00	11-000-270-600-77	Lost
354139	06/27/19	\$50.00	11-000-270-600-62	Lost
353763	04/25/19	\$2,119.20	11-000-262-423-00	Lost
035832	07/31/19	\$706.50	PAYROLL	Lost
035821	07/31/19	\$662.17	PAYROLL	Lost
354325	07/25/19	\$215,150.00	40-701-510-834-00	Wrong Amt
354325	07/25/19	\$483,762.50	40-701-510-834-09	Wrong Amt
354325	07/25/19	\$815,000.00	40-701-510-910-00	Wrong Amt
354325	07/25/19	\$550,000.00	40-701-510-910-09	Wrong Amt

Re-issued

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
010087	07/31/19	\$50.00	11-000-270-600-63
010087	07/31/19	\$50.00	11-000-270-600-77
010087	07/31/19	\$50.00	11-000-270-600-62
354448	08/29/19	\$2,119.20	11-000-262-423-00
DD	08/15/19	\$706.50	PAYROLL
035835	07/31/19	\$662.17	PAYROLL
010086	07/26/19	\$115,725.00	40-701-510-834-00
010086	07/26/19	\$246,350.01	40-701-510-834-09
010086	07/26/19	\$815,000.00	40-701-510-910-00
010086	07/26/19	\$550,000.00	40-701-510-910-09

JAG-ACT for Substitute Athletic Trainer for the 2019/2020 School Year Approved

6. Approve the utilization of JAG-ACT for substitute athletic trainer services for the 2019/2020 school year at a rate of \$50.00/hour.

2019/2020 Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Agreement for OLP Approved

7. Approve the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Agreement for the participating school located within the District, The Academy of Our Lady of Peace, for the 2019/2020 school year.

Use of ESCNJ Co-op for Furniture and Accessories Bids Approved

8. Approve the use of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-op #65MCECCPS – Furniture and Accessories Bid #ESCNJ17/18-16, in the amount not to exceed \$143,850.26 for cafeteria furniture. The vendors and amounts are as follows:

- Soyka Smith Design Studios: \$85,926.64
- KI: \$57,923.62

MUJC for Transportation for the 2019/2020 School Year Approved

9. Approve Morris-Union Jointure Commission for athletics, extra-curricular, and field trip transportation for the 2019/2020 school year:

54 Passenger Bus	\$ 78.03/hour
Small Bus	\$ 73.87/hour
Sundays/Holidays: Small Bus	\$ 89.47/hour
54 Passenger	\$100.92/hour
No Show (No Cancellation) Fee	\$100.00/hour

Belair Transport, Passaic Valley Coaches, and Villani Bus Company Transportation Services in the Event MUJC is Unable to Provide for the 2019/2020 School Year

10. Approve the following bus companies for athletics, extra-curricular, and field trip transportation in the event the Morris-Union Jointure Commission is unable to provide transportation for the 2019/2020 school year:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>2019/2020 Rates</u>
Belair Transport	Orange	\$75.00/hr. In-state \$85.00/hr. Out-of-state
Passaic Valley Coaches	Chatham	\$115/hr. (or \$4.75/mile if higher than hourly rate) 55 Passenger Coach \$105/hr. (or 4.60/mile if higher than hourly rate) 31-34 Passenger Coach \$110.00 Overtime charge \$250.00 Cancellation Fee
Villani Bus Company	Linden	Price to be determined based on trip

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

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

FACILITIES ACTION

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 7 as listed below:

Disposal of Miscellaneous Exercise Equipment at the High School Approved

- 1. Approve the disposal of miscellaneous exercise equipment at the high school, that is being replaced by new equipment. **(EXHIBIT A)**

Disposal of a 27" CRT monitor from the HS TV Studio Approved

- 2. Approve the disposal of a 27" CRT monitor from the high school TV Studio Control Room, as it will be replaced with a flat screen LED TV. **(EXHIBIT B)**

Generous Donation of Twelve (12) Die Cut Signs from the Crisafi Family Approved

- 3. Approve the generous donation of twelve (12) die cut signs for the Girls Soccer Championship to the New Providence Athletic Department, from the Crisafi family, valued at \$1,000.00. **(EXHIBIT C)**

Generous Donation of Forty-Two (42) Die Cut Signs from Ms. Smith Approved

- 4. Approve the generous donation of forty-two (42) die cut signs to the New Providence Athletic Department from Ms. Smith, President of the New Providence Athletic Booster Club, valued at \$3,070.00. **(EXHIBIT D)**

Disposal of Lakeshore Listening Station at AWR Approved

- 3. Approve the disposal of (1) one Lakeshore Listening Station for cassette tapes at Allen W. Roberts School, as it is outdated and no longer needed for school use. **(EXHIBIT E)**

Disposal of Nine (9) Books from AWR Approved

- 4. Approve the disposal of (9) nine books from Allen W. Roberts School that are outdated and no longer needed for school use. **(EXHIBIT F)**

Disposal of one (1) Main Office Counter at Salt Brook Approved

- 5. Approve the disposal of (1) one main office receiving counter at Salt Brook School that is old, worn and broken, and no longer needed for school use. **(EXHIBIT G)**

Seconded by: Mr. Walsh

Roll Call Vote:

 Yea Mrs. Coniglio

 Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

EDUCATION ACTION

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

New Providence School District’s Annual Professional Development Plan for 2019/2020 Approved

1. Approve the New Providence School District annual Professional Development Plan for 2019/2020, prepared in compliance with the New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:9C-4.2, inclusive of its funding, copies in the hands of each Board member.

2019/2020 Board of Education Goals Approved

2. Approve the 2019/2020 Board of Education goals.

Curriculum Guides Approved

3. Approve the following curriculum guides as per Superintendent's Memo #1 in the hands of each Board member:

Arts

Theater Production 1 (Grades 9 thru 12)	Revised
Theater Production 2 (Grades 9 thru 12)	Revised
Fabric Arts 1 (Grades 9 thru 12)	Revised
Fabric Arts 2 (Grades 9 thru 12)	Revised
K-6 Art (Grades K thru 6)	Revised
Broadcast Journalism (Grades 9 thru 12)	Revised

Gifted and Talented

Grade 4 Gifted and Talented (Grade 4)	Revised
Grade 5 Gifted and Talented (Grade 5)	Revised
Grade 6 Gifted and Talented (Grade 6)	Revised

Health

Kindergarten Health (Kindergarten)	Revised
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Language Arts

Grade 6 Language Arts--Health Mod (Grade 6)	Revised
Investigative Journalism (Grades 9-12)	New

Mathematics

Algebra I (Grade 8)	Revised
Grade 6 Math (Grade 6)	Revised
Multivariable Calculus (Grade 12)	New

Preschool

Preschool (Pre-K)	Revised
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Social Studies

Grade 7 Social Studies (Grade 7)	Revised
<u>STEM</u>	
Research I (Grade 11)	New
<u>Technology</u>	
Media Design (Grades 9-12)	Revised
<u>World Language</u>	
Italian III (Grade 11)	Revised
French A (Grade 7)	New

Revised 2019/2020 School Calendar Due to Change in Kindergarten Conferences Approved

- 4. Approve the revised 2019/2020 school calendar due to change in kindergarten conferences. **(EXHIBIT H)**

Seconded by: Mrs. Cuccaro

Mrs. Misiukiewicz thanked Mrs. Coniglio and Mr. Dinerman for reading curriculum over the summer. There's more to come!

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

PERSONNEL ACTION

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

Appointments for the 2019/2020 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 2019/2020 school year:
 - a. Carleigh Twillmann, long-term substitute teacher, effective 9/1/19 thru 11/14/19, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$280.40 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$56,079) (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - b. Laura Wengel, teacher, \$71,383, effective 9/1/19 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - c. Charlene Charbonneau, teacher aide, \$21,173, effective 9/1/19 (subject to criminal history review procedures)

- d. Kathleen Shelley, school social worker, \$63,689 (base \$75,371), effective 10/21/19 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- e. Vanessa Senger, playground/lunchroom aide (2.5 hrs/day), \$5,606, effective 9/1/19 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- f. Cynthia Vincent, playground/lunchroom aide (2 hrs/day), \$4,071 (base \$4,358), effective 9/23/19 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- g. Glen Robertson, HS Title I Summer Readiness Program teacher, language arts, not to exceed 20 hours @ \$54.87/hr
- h. David Goldstein, volunteer girls tennis coach
- i. Heather Maguire, Title III program teacher, not to exceed 15 hours @ \$54.87/hr
- j. Deborah Leonard, Title III program teacher, not to exceed 15 hours @ \$54.87/hr
- k. Lucy Richards, Title III program teacher, not to exceed 15 hours @ \$54.87/hr
- l. Sandra Timmermann, Title III program teacher, not to exceed 15 hours @ \$54.87/hr
- m. Substitutes:

Teachers/Teacher Aides

Marilou Anderson
Mary Beth Bernoskie
Jill Bigham
Deanna Bloom
Roberta Bloom
Barbara Boyd
Marianne Browe
May Lam Chan
Natasha Clerihue
Jeanne Cook
Dolores Crisafi
Stacy Dixon
Dawn Doyle
Ellen Evins
Helen Gabara
Robert Giannotti
Brianna Graziano
Mary Jo Griffith

Ann Marie Hanley
Maryann Hartonowicz
Saltanat Holmes
Janos (John) Kollonitsch
Karen Lee
Webster Lewin
Arline Lo
Laura Lopez
Diane MacRitchie
Jennifer Maluso
Linda Manzione
Eric Martin
Natalie Matonis
Richard Matula
Carole Mea
Chris Melhuish
Maria Navarro
Jennifer Niederhoffer

Doris Pamett
Beverly Pepe
Margaret Pfeifer
Mindy Posner
Laura Puerro
Patricia Reed
Amy Reiling
Ashly Roy
Stacey Ryan
Tamarah Sami
Elizabeth Spiegel
Rhonda Stern
Cynthia Sullivan
Joanne Trimble
Kenneth Turso
Nitsa Vardy
Christine Vianello
Margaret Walsh

Nurses

Kathy Andrews
Bianca Crowley
Bianca Di Nardo

Elizabeth Geminder
Patricia Glen
Suzanne Kruep

Kathleen Maurice
Rebecca Schenker
Janet Wysocki

Secretaries

Dolores Crisafi
Arline Lo
Natalie Matonis

Maria Navarro
Jennifer Niederhoffer
Amy Reiling

Elizabeth Spiegel

Home Instructors

Gwenda Baab
Gina Bellitt
Jessica Beltz
Jill Bigham
Roberta Bloom
Marianne Browe
Maureen Bulger
Maria Victoria Cadavid
Janet Calvert
Nancy Caputo
Colleen Cortese
Barbara Denike
Cynthia de Keyzer
Dawn Doyle

Elizabeth Giaine
David Goldstein
Melissa Halpern
Jacqueline Henriques
Alicia Hennessy
William Hodroski
Alexis Jacqueney
Walter Kempner
Janos Kollonitsch
Janet Laciato
Jennifer Limone
Maria Malinauskas
Daniel Mango
Susan Marks

Carole Mea
Denise Moser
Alessandro Pizzo
Margaret Pfeifer
Amy Reiling
Glen Robertson
Molly (Gill) Scholl
Daniel Smith
Sharon Snapp
Christina (Archett) Suczewski
Carleigh Twillmann
Margaret Walsh

Custodians

Dominick Mammone
Ramon Perez

Athletic Trainers

Mary Houszl

Resignations Accepted

- 2. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
 - a. Wanda Baez, school social worker, effective 9/27/19
 - b. Nicole Salazar, per diem long-term substitute, effective 8/12/19
 - c. Lindsay Nalepa, teacher, effective 10/11/19
 - d. Kathleen Gelormini, playground/lunchroom aide, effective 6/21/19
 - e. Marissa DeNicola, teacher aide, effective 8/31/19
 - f. Julie Hoffman, secretary, effective 9/24/19
 - g. Ann Marie Ditizio, playground/lunchroom aide, effective 6/30/19

2019/2020 Revisions Approved

- 3. Approve the following revisions for the 2019/2020 school year:
 - a. Glen Robertson, teacher, from Step 8, Column V (\$72,541), to Step 8, Column VI (\$75,371), effective 9/1/19, due to course credits
 - b. Matthew Manns, teacher, from Step 3, Column I (\$57,329), to Step 3, Column II (\$58,870), effective 9/1/19, due to course credits
 - c. Jenna Giustino, teacher, from Step 4, Column I (\$58,174), to Step 4, Column II (\$59,717), effective 9/1/19, due to course credits
 - d. Lucy Richards, teacher, from Step 11, Column V (\$80,847), to Step 11, Column VI (\$83,955), effective 9/1/19, due to course credits
 - e. Christine Demareski, teacher, from Step 7, Column IV (\$67,976), to Step 7, Column V (\$70,319), effective 9/1/19, due to course credits
 - f. Melissa Hatfield, teacher, from Step 9, Column V (74,290), to Step 9, Column VI (\$77,124), effective 9/1/19, due to course credits
 - g. Raymond Walker, from day custodian to night custodian, \$565 night differential stipend, to be pro-rated effective 9/1/19

Seconded by: Mr. Walsh

Mr. Hough welcomed Kathleen Shelley, our new School Social Worker. She is coming to us from Hillsborough Township Public Schools and has thirteen years experience as a School Social Worker. Congratulations! We are looking forward to your contribution.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

BOARD POLICY

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

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

Policies:

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|----|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1. | Policy 4124
(Mandated) | Employment Contract
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |
| 2. | Policy 5612
(Mandated) | Assaults on District Board of Education Members/ Employees
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |

Administrative Regulations:

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| 1. | Regulation 1642
(Mandated) | Earned Sick Leave
(Mr. Krauss) | (New) |
| 2. | Regulation 5612
(Mandated) | Assaults on District Board of Education Members/Employees
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |

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

Bylaws and Policies:

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| 1. | Policy 2624
(Recommended) | Grading System
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |
| 2. | Policy 5420
(Mandated) | Reporting Student Progress
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |
| 3. | Policy 7510
(Recommended) | Use of School Facilities
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |

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(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |
| 2. | Regulation 5420
(Mandated) | Reporting Student Progress
(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |

Seconded by: Mr. Walsh

Mr. Krauss commented on the policies and regulations that were revised. He commented on Policy #2624, Grading System. This is the first time we are changing this policy in thirty four years. In the past, we tried to change it but never had agreements between the administration, board, and teachers. In the elementary schools, there will be three marking periods now instead of four. In addition, we propose eliminating minuses (-) and adding pluses (+), this is for Grades 4-6. If anyone has any questions, please get in touch with Mr. Hough or Mr. Richter. The second policy is on security. Many members of the public use the track while there are games going on or during the school day. We are proposing to not have public usage of the track while games are going on or during the school day.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mr. Dinerman

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

Mr. Hough introduced Laura Wengel, who joined the meeting at 7:43 p.m. She is our new HS/MS shared special education teacher. Congratulations! We are looking forward to your contribution in the District.

Committee Reports

Curriculum, Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented on the grading system. As discussed at the last board meeting, the committee began the process to review and possibly revising the K-6 report cards. Grades 4-6, there is an A through F grading system, we will continue to do this. For K-3, there were minor changes. We used letter grades and now we will use a 1, 2, 3, 4, grading system. She commented that the committee met with Mr. Richter. He recommended Grades 4-6 go to a plus (+) sign to denote the upper range of each letter. We would also eliminate the minus (-) sign of each letter. This proposal has come to the Board, and now has been recommended that we use the plus (+), which is a better connotation.

Mr. Richter commented that the notion came from the teachers as well as administrators. They had discussions about it the last couple of years, and more again this summer. They went back to get more input from the teachers. They want to move it forward beginning this fall.

Mr. Hough commented that it is important to know that the plus (+) will continue in grades 7 and 8 this year. The administration on both middle school and high school are evaluating a grading system to use for the next year school year.

Mr. Dinerman commented that there were a lot of effort from volunteers and discussions for years in evaluating this change. This isn't something that was just thought of this summer, it's taken a couple of years. Thank you to all who have worked on it.

Mr. Richter thanked the committee that volunteered over the last two years. He thanked the Technology Specialists, Mrs. Fahey and Mrs. Spoerl, who spent a considerable amount of time this summer so it we will be ready to go this fall.

Mr. Krauss commented that he will contact a former board member, Bob Betz. Every year, Mr. Betz had proposed a system to get rid of minuses (-) and add pluses (+). He commented that he will call him to let him know that after twenty-seven years, we are finally making the change.

Finance, Facilities and Safety/Security

Mr. Krauss, Committee Chairperson, commented that they still have bond proceeds left over. The committee is purchasing furniture for the cafeteria. Mr. Testa took him on a tour of the courtyards and commented that it looks fantastic.

Personnel, Management and Communication

Mrs. Cuccaro, Committee Chairperson, commented that Mrs. Mangel put together a comprehensive communications plan moving forward. Over the years, we have heard a lot of "why do you do this" or " why don't you do it this way". Our method of communications will always be, check our website, and formal letters, that go out. Part of the communication plan was exploring other ways that we can be communicating throughout the community, using digital, print media or the TAP. Part of Mrs. Mangel's plan moving forward would be to start utilizing both Twitter and Facebook, as a means of pushing out more information. This will not be the only way to communicate things like, there will be a "snow day". We will still use the same communication that we had always used. This is an additional way for parents to find out what is going on. She commented that Summit School District uses Facebook.

Mr. Krauss commented that he will not approve the use of Facebook. He commented that when you post on Facebook, Facebook owns it. He commented that we don't have to advertise ourselves. Summit is different, their budget has to be approved by their Borough Council. Their campaign for their budget has to be approved each year. Mr. Krauss commented that he did not understand goal #2 on the proposal. He thinks there is only one more place people should come to, that is at the board meetings. This is where people should present their ideas.

Mr. Dinerman asked about an open membership to the Facebook page?

Mrs. Mangel commented that there are two types of Facebook pages. "Facebook groups are the place for small group communication and for people to share their common interests and express their opinion." Facebook pages are open to the public. Facebook groups can be closed, and membership can require administrator approval. This is a large job to do, because you don't want to just reach the parents, but a larger group of people. As a school district being a public entity, we would recommend a public Facebook page.

Mr. Krauss commented that many people post on Facebook about things that are not true.

He objects on posting on Twitter or Facebook.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that parents are looking for more information, not less. Part of the conversation with the committee is that we do send out good communication, but on the letters, parents don't get to the bottom of the letter. This will not be used as a primary form of communication, it's an additional form of communication.

Mrs. Coniglio commented that on the PTA page, it is just information of what is going on. Positive things can be posted as there are a lot of things happening in the District.

Mr. Walsh commented that going back a couple of years, this is another way to disseminate information that the community requested. The root cause for this reason to use Facebook is to disseminate information in different ways.

Mrs. Coniglio commented that an example is when raining, a sport or an event gets rained out, it's a quick way to get information to the community.

Mr. Krauss commented that it is more trouble than it's worth.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that over the years all of the information that is pertinent to our kids are locked behind a password. We never put on our website that all our elementary kids will be on the football field on Wednesday, that's something we will never do. For those people who didn't know what was happening because their kids have graduated, it is a way to communicate the good things that are happening in our District.

Mr. Walsh commented that there should be a policy on how this is used and who is using.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that this will only be an addition to get out what is going on in our District, not our primary use of information.

Mr. Krauss commented that he is still against using Facebook.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that Mrs. Mangel will be the administrator of this page. She will be the one to post. We are still discussing who will have permission to post.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that we are looking at the policies that are already in effect and seeing what would have to change to fit this into and make this work for us. This is just in discussion at this point. We are not looking to vote on anything, but we want to start thinking about moving forward with it.

OLD BUSINESS

There are no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There are no New Business to discuss.

Public Comments

Mr. Dinerman opened the meeting to the public at 8:07 p.m.

Elizabeth Bayne, Community Outreach Coordinator, Kwenyan Professional Health Services, LLC, New Providence, NJ

Ms. Bayne commented that Kwenyan Professional Health Services, LLC is opening and has invited the Board members to their grand opening on Thursday, September 26, 2019, 4-7 p.m.

Ms. Bayne commented that their company provides professional help that can give back the mental health well-being so one can get through life each day and handle depression, addiction, grief, or trauma. Therapy that can help life situations. They provide transportation. They have a team of counselors and psychiatrists who specializes in different fields for all ages.

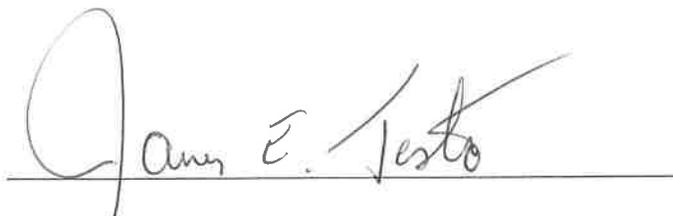
Mr. Dinerman thanked her for the information.

Mr. Hough commented that he will relay the information to Dr. Harvey, Director of Special Services. Thank you.

There being no other public comments, Mr. Dinerman declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:23 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Misiukiewicz, seconded by Mrs. Coniglio and carried unanimously, Mr. Dinerman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Testa". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

James E. Testa, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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