

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 23, 2020, at New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mrs. Cuccaro.

Present on roll call were Rebecca Coniglio, Bernadette Cuccaro, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, Adam Smith and Joe Walsh. Also present were Dr. David M. Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Scott D. Hough, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; John M. Richter, Jr., Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; and nine members of the public.

Mrs. Cuccaro led in the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Cuccaro 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.

Mrs. Cuccaro welcomed everyone.

Mrs. Cuccaro handed the meeting over to Dr. Miceli for the Superintendent's report.

### Superintendent's Report

- 1) Dr. Miceli reported on the enrollment. From the end of November to the end of December, we were down eight students district wide: Currently, we have 642 at the high school, 395 at the middle school, 707 at Allen W. Roberts School, 648 at Salt Brook School, with 35 out of district, totaling 2,427 students.
- 2) Dr. Miceli commented that the Annual Curriculum Report will be presented by Mr. Richter at the February 27th board meeting. He is looking forward to his report.
- 3) Dr. Miceli commented on updates of the Think Tank 2.0 meetings. This past Monday, all committees came together at the back end of the Professional Development day to provide updates on the work completed so far this year. We had one of the best educational dialogues with the committee chairs. We look forward to putting that information together to present to the Board.
- 4) Dr. Miceli commented on the AWR Principal search. We had a very strong candidate pool, with eleven candidates chosen that were interviewed. The committee was headed by Mr. Hough.

Mr. Hough commented that it was a full day of interviews, quite a task to take on with eleven candidates in one day. He commented that they had an excellent committee, which consisted of four teachers that currently work at AWR, AWR PTA President, and four administrators, Mrs. Zirpoli, Mrs. Drexinger, Mrs. McGeechan, Assistant Principal at AWR, and himself. He commented that they had a very strong candidate pool, as Dr. Miceli stated. It was not the matter of who is capable of doing the job as it was getting the best candidate for the job. There were many qualified people to choose from. He commented that it was a long day, a thorough day, but at the end of the day, they had two excellent finalists that they are sending to Dr. Miceli.

### **Student Report - Sadie Miller**

Sadie greeted everyone. She thanked Dr. Miceli and the Board for giving her the opportunity to report on student activities. She commented that she hoped all is well with everyone and that the new decade is off to a great start!

As for the students and atmosphere at NPHS, everyone seems to be in good spirits and have high hopes for a great second semester.

- Students who attended the Model UN conference in Hershey a couple weekends ago came back with only good things to say. It was a great way for students to expand their horizons and develop their public speaking skills.
- Seniors are in the height of making their college decisions since the majority of their early action schools have sent out their acceptances.
- The big talk around the school now is midterms. Starting next week all students will take midterms, unless you are a senior like me and are lucky enough to place out of your half year courses. The National Honors Society will be helping to tutor students in need starting next Monday and will continue to do so throughout testing. This is a great opportunity for underclassmen to gain insight on everything midterms encounter.
- All winter sports have also kicked into full swing.
  - The girls and boys swim team entering counties this weekend at Rutgers, they will hope to advance further in the county and later the state tournament.
  - The girls basketball team has also had an outstanding undefeated record of 15-0 which makes them 1 of 9 teams left in New Jersey that are undefeated.
  - The hockey team as well has had a strong season so far, bringing in lots of fans from both New Providence and GL.
- The spring musical has also gotten into the heat of practicing and rehearsing. This year's production is Little Shop of Horrors, and as a part of it myself, I can easily say it is something you do not want to miss.
- As for clubs, FCL is about to enter their "action week" which is all about political engagement and getting involved. They will have a guest speaker attend the school sometime in the upcoming weeks which FCL club members are extremely excited about.

All in all, students are extremely optimistic for what the rest of the year holds and are eagerly awaiting the warm weather that will hopefully come sooner rather than later!

Thank you.

Dr. Miceli thanked Sadie for her report.

Dr. Miceli commented on the NPEF Fundraiser Event this Saturday night. It's Comedy Night and there are over three hundred people that are attending. This is for a great cause that benefits our students and they are working towards a goal of raising a million dollars for the past fourteen years. He encouraged everyone to attend.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Cuccaro opened the meeting for public comments on specific agenda items at 7:39 p.m.

There being no comments, Mrs. Cuccaro closed the portion of the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Krauss moved to approve the minutes as follows:

Business Meeting	December 12, 2019
Closed Session	December 12, 2019

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Roll Call Vote:

<u>    </u> Yea Mrs. Coniglio	<u>    </u> Yea Mr. Krauss
<u>    </u> Yea Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>    </u> Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>    </u> Absent Mr. Dinerman	<u>    </u> Yea Mr. Smith
<u>    </u> Yea Mr. Walsh	

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**FINANCE ACTION**

Mr. Walsh, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 11 as listed below:

**2019/2020 School Year Transfers Approved**

1. Ratify the action of the Superintendent in making the following transfers for the 2019/2020 school year:

**December 2019**

From:

Account	Description	Amount
11-000-100-566	Tuition, Private School in NJ	\$2,800.00
11-000-240-103	Salaries, Principals	18,819.00
11-000-251-100	Salaries, Business Office	2,898.00
11-000-291-241	Other Retirement Contributions	37,000.00

Total: \$61,517.00

To:

Account	Description	Amount
11-000-240-199	Unused Vacation Payments	\$18,819.00
11-000-251-199	Unused Vacation Payments	2,898.00
11-000-291-280	Tuition Reimbursement	37,000.00
11-150-100-320	Purchased Professional Services	2,800.00

Total: \$61,517.00

**Board Secretary/Treasurer Report Approved**

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

**Bills List Approved**

3. Approve the payment of bills listed for January 2020, in the amount of \$5,795,297.71.

**Generous Donation of the NPHS Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund Approved**

4. Approve to accept the generous donations to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund in the total amount of \$2,064.00

**Generous Donations to the John O'Neill Scholarship Fund from Mrs. Gloria Prunesti and Infantini Landscaping Approved**

5. Approve to accept the generous donations to the John O'Neill Scholarship Fund from Mrs. Gloria Prunesti in the amount of \$300.00 and from Infantini Landscaping in the amount of \$150.00.

**Generous Donations from Mr. Trezza, of the Drive for Autism Foundation at Salt Brook School and Allen W. Roberts School Approved**

- 6. Approve to accept the generous donations from Mr. Trezza, of the Drive for Autism Foundation, in the amount of \$2,900.00 to be used for Sensory Hallway at Salt Brook School and in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be used for Pre-K students at Allen W. Roberts School.

**Generous Donation of Courtyard Sails to the Middle School from NPMS PTO Approved**

- 7. Approve to accept the generous donation of courtyard sails to the middle school from the New Providence Middle School PTO. Total value is \$2,206.16.

**Generous Donations by District's Four School PTAs to Provide Opening Day Breakfast for Staff on 9/3/19 Approved**

- 8. Approve to accept the generous donation of \$1,995.11 made by the district's four school PTAs to provide opening day breakfast for staff on 9/3/19.

**Nonpublic School Technology Initiative and Security Aid Programs Agreement, St. Andrew's Preschool and Kindergarten Approved**

- 9. Approve the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative and Security Aid Programs Agreement for the participating school located within the District, St. Andrew's Preschool and Kindergarten.

**Sale of Fifteen (15) iPad Air 2s to Berkeley Heights School District Approved**

- 10. Approve the sale of fifteen (15) iPad Air 2s to Berkeley Heights School District for \$140.00 each.

**Voided Checks Approved**

- 11. Approve the following voided checks:

Voided

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>
354615	09/26/19	\$1,680.00	11-000-222-500-01	LOST
354615	09/26/19	\$ 189.00	11-000-222-610-01	LOST

Re-Issued

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
355210	12/12/19	\$1,680.00	11-000-222-500-01
355210	12/12/19	\$ 189.00	11-000-222-610-01

Seconded by: Mr. Krauss

Mr. Walsh noted that there were several very generous donations this month. Thank you!

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mr. Krauss

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Absent Mr. Dinerman

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

**FACILITIES ACTION**

Mr. Walsh, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 3 as listed below:

**School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Approved**

1. Approve the school bus emergency evacuation drills conducted in December 2019 during the 2019/2020 school year in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:27-11.2.

**SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL**

SCHOOL	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	DATE OF DRILL	TIME OF DRILL	Route #	Location of Drill
NPBS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/19/19	7:10 a.m.	1A	Front Circle
NPBS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/17/19	12:35 p.m.	1B	Front Circle
NPBS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/09/19	12:15 p.m.	1C	Front Circle
AWR	Gina Hansen	12/13/19	8:40 a.m.	2	Front Circle
AWR	Gina Hansen	12/13/19	9:30 a.m.	3	Front Circle
Salt Brook	Jeannie Drexinger	12/13/19	8:30 a.m.	4	Front Circle
Salt Brook	Jeannie Drexinger	12/13/19	8:30 a.m.	5	Front Circle
NPBS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/17/19	2:50 p.m.	6	Front Circle

NPHS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/19/19	1:05 p.m.	7	Front Circle
NPHS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/16/19	3:40 p.m.	CS-142	Front Circle
NPHS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/18/19	3:35 p.m.	CS-216	Front Circle
NPHS	Lauren Zirpoli	12/16/19	11:00 a.m.	CS-327	Front Circle

**Disposal of Chairs, Round Tables and Long Tables Located in the High/Middle School Cafeteria Approved**

2. Approve the disposal of two hundred (210) chairs, twelve (12) round tables and two (2) long tables located in the high/middle school cafeteria.

**Generous Donation of 1,100 52 Weeks of Peace Postcard Books by Patricia Saxton, Illustrator and Mary Watson, Publisher to the High/Middle School Approved**

3. Approve the generous donation of one thousand one hundred (1,100) 52 weeks of Peace postcard books donated to the high/middle school by Patricia Saxton, Illustrator and Mary Watson, Publisher. Total value is \$24,145.00.

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz  
 Roll Call Vote:

<u>    </u> Yea Mrs. Coniglio	<u>    </u> Yea Mr. Krauss
<u>    </u> Yea Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>    </u> Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>    </u> Absent Mr. Dinerman	<u>    </u> Yea Mr. Smith
<u>    </u> Yea Mr. Walsh	

**EDUCATION ACTION**

Mrs. Coniglio, in the absence of Mr. Dinerman, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 3 as listed below:

**2019/2020 HIB Investigations Approved**

1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approved the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding the following 2019/2020 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
High School:	4 and 5
Middle School:	8
Salt Brook:	4 and 5

**Settlement Agreement for Student #19016 Approved**

2. Approve the settlement agreement for Student #19016, copies in the hands of each of each Board member.

**New Providence School District Communications Plan--2019/2020 Approved**

3. Approve the New Providence School District Communications Plan--2019/2020, copies in the hands of each Board member.

Seconded by: Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Dr, Miceli reviewed the New Providence School District Communications Plan

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Coniglio	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>Absent</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Smith
	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Walsh

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

Mrs. Misiukiewicz, Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 9 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. Stephanie Kwiatkowski, STEM Department Head, effective 2/1/20, \$3,392 (base \$6,784)
  - b. Maria Fairfield, long-term substitute teacher, \$26,077 (base \$56,079), effective 2/7/20 thru 6/30/20, (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - c. Kristina Berrios, High School Youth and Government Advisor, \$1,963
  - d. Christine Munn, substitute teacher/teacher aide

- e. Maureen Hargrave-Kerns, substitute teacher/teacher aide
- f. Daniel Dougher, home instructor
- g. Jacqueline Henriques, Title III program teacher, not to exceed 15 hours @ \$54.87 per hour
- h. Brandee Conover- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Coordinator & Teacher: Feb-March (23.5 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- i. Kaitlyn Conlan – AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- j. Nhan Ngo- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- k. Sharon Licari- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- l. Melissa VanWingerden- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- m. Michelle Testa- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- n. Sue Indyk- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- o. Kelley Fahey- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- p. Joanna Silva- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- q. Ilana Zaslavsky- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- r. Jim McGeechan- AWR Title I – Parent Tools for Educational Success Teacher: Feb-March (3 hours @ \$54.87 per hour)
- s. Kathleen Heather Robinson, teacher, \$27,859 (base \$69,648), effective 3/1/20 (subject to criminal history review procedures)

#### Resignations Accepted

2. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
  - a. Gina Hansen, Principal, effective 6/30/20, due to retirement
  - b. Ralph Naumovitz, part-time hall monitor, effective 2/21/20
  - c. Vincent Yanni, custodian, effective 3/31/20, due to retirement

#### Revisions for the 2019/2020 School Year Approved

3. Approve the following revisions for the 2019/2020 school year
  - a. Sydney Marciano, long-term substitute teacher, revise effective date from 9/1/19 thru 1/31/20 (\$30,883), to 9/1/19 thru 6/30/20 (\$61,765)
  - b. Heather Maguire, teacher, from .67 time to .71 time, effective 1/13/20, from \$51,673 to \$53,416, an increase of \$1,743 for the 2019/2020 school year

**Appointments for the 2019/2020 School Year Rescinded**

4. Rescind the following appointments for the 2019/2020 school year:
  - a. David Goldstein, High School Youth and Government Advisor
  - b. Konstantine Leontarakis, lacrosse, boys, spring, second assistant

**Request Revised for FMLA for Jennifer Maurer Approved**

5. Approve the revised request for Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) for Jennifer Maurer, secretary, for the period commencing 12/12/19 and ending 1/10/20 with continued health benefits pursuant to law. (Original request approved on 11/14/19.)

**Request for Unpaid Maternity Leave for Rebecca Sebastian Approved**

6. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Rebecca Sebastian, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 6/1/20 and ending 10/30/20 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 5/1/20 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

**Request for Unpaid Maternity Leave for Kristin Witte Approved**

7. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Kristin Witte, teacher, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for the period commencing 5/29/20 and ending 9/17/20 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 4/30/20 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

**Request for Unpaid Maternity Leave for Gladis Finny Approved**

8. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Gladis Finny, speech/language specialist, under state and federal Family Leave Acts for a period of twelve weeks commencing 9/2/20 and ending 11/24/20 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 6/20/20 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

**Jonathan Keaney, Anti-Bullying Specialist for the 2019/2020 School Year Approved**

9. Approve, per the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, the following staff for the 2019/2020 school year:

Jonathan Keaney, Anti-Bullying Specialist, NPMS

Seconded by: Mrs. Coniglio

Dr. Miceli commented on the appointment of Mr. Keaney as our new Anti-Bullying Specialist. Also, Sydney is covering two maternity leaves, so she is being extended to the end of the year. Heather Maguire is extending her time for our ESL students.

Dr. Miceli recognized Mr. Yanni, he was the head custodian at AWR, and currently a custodian. He is retiring in March. We thank him for his service of twenty-eight years in the District.

Dr. Miceli recognized Mrs. Hansen. She is retiring at the end of this school year. She has been in education for forty years, twenty eight years with New Providence. Congratulations on her retirement.

Dr. Miceli commented that Mr. Keaney was promoted to Assistant Principal at the middle school. Due to the promotion of Mr. Keaney, we had the opportunity to promote Mrs. Kwiatkowski as the STEM Department Head. From 2000-2003, Heather McCann taught science in New Providence, she then went on to become a very successful attorney. She has found that she wanted to go back to teaching and be back here at home, so she will take over Mrs. Kwiatkowski's role. We are excited to have everyone in their new roles. Congratulations.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Coniglio	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Krauss
<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>Absent</u> Mr. Dinerman	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Smith
	<u>Yea</u> Mr. Walsh

**BOARD POLICY**

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

1. Approve the following Policies and Regulation on second reading:

**Bylaws and Policies:**

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|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 1. Policy 3418<br>(Recommended) | Substitute Compensation (Teaching Staff)<br>(Mr. Krauss) | (Revised) |
| 2. Policy 4415<br>(Recommended) | Substitute Compensation (Support Staff)<br>(Mr. Krauss)  | (Revised) |
| 3. Policy 8630<br>(Mandated)    | Bus Driver- Bus Aide Responsibilities<br>(Mr. Krauss)    | (Revised) |

- 4. Policy 8670                      Transportation of Special Needs Students                      (Revised)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)
- 5. Policy 9400                      Media Relations                      (Revised)  
    (Recommended)                      (Mr. Krauss)

**Administrative Regulation:**

- 1. Regulations 8630                      Emergency School Bus Procedures                      (Revised)  
    (Mandated)                      (Mr. Krauss)

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Roll Call Vote:

    Yea     Mrs. Coniglio

    Yea     Mr. Krauss

    Yea     Mrs. Cuccaro

    Yea     Mrs. Misiukiewicz

  Absent   Mr. Dinerman

    Yea     Mr. Smith

    Yea     Mr. Walsh

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

Nothing new to report at this time.

Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security

Mr. Walsh commented that they discussed the budget timeline.

Personnel, Management, and Communication

Nothing new to report at this time.

**Old Business**

Mr. Smith asked what the new timeline to move forward as far as the Communications Plan.

Dr. Miceli commented that the new district app has been developed by Katie and Sandy. They had to submit to Apple and Google to get approved for the app stores. We are waiting to hear back for their approval, so we can communicate to everyone on downloading the app. As far as Facebook and Twitter, the Communications Plan has been approved, so Katie is currently establishing and creating a facebook page and twitter account.

**New Business**

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that in the board packets, there was a memo on Relay for Life, to take place at the high school this year. Last year it was at the Reservation, before that it was at Berkeley Heights. They are looking to New Providence this year and they are asking to relieve the lights situation. Our lights go off at 8:00 p.m. The Borough council has already approved them moving the ordinance to 1:00 a.m., and they are asking for approval from the Board.

Mr. Smith asked if the neighbors near the lights were aware of this request?

Dr. Miceli commented that when they came to us, we asked them to get approval from the Borough first, then come to us. He doesn't believe that the immediate area was notified.

Mr. Smith commented that he is concerned about it. For this year, they are probably in a bind, since it's already January. They are a good organization and we would hate to turn them down, but he doesn't know if this is something we should make a habit of. If we do approve this, we should be sending notices to the area that this is happening. He commented that one of the reasons why Berkeley Heights is not doing it this year is that the neighbors weren't thrilled about it, and their neighbors are a little further than ours would be.

Mrs. Coniglio commented if it is possible to share this with the neighbors, even a flyer at their doors, at least a heads up. Would this be from the Borough or from us?

Dr. Miceli commented that he will reach out to the Borough about this.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if there is a consensus from the Board that they will approve this?

Mr. Smith commented that they are a good organization, but it's not something we should be doing on a regular basis. The Board agreed to allow for this year only and that all neighbors should be notified.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that a special education group SEPAG had reached out to her on having a liaison from the Board.

Mr. Krauss commented that we do have liaisons for other groups.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that Dr. Harvey is like a liaison for the group.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cuccaro opened the meeting to the public at 7:50 p.m.

Mrs. Courtney Mallon, New Providence Resident

Mrs. Mallon commented that the request is to establish a relationship with the Board of Education. The group has Dr. Harvey and Dr. Miceli which is great, but they would like a direct line with the Board. Dr. Harvey is there at some meetings, not in others, and is a great resource and a very collaborative partner, but we would like to establish the group to have a liaison with the

Board. Several groups in the area have established liaisons with their board, so we would like to explore the possibility and wondered if we have any policies against it.

Mr. Krauss commented that is not what he understood it to be the role of the Board, so he is not for it. He commented that we have teachers, principals and the administration that they can reach out to.

Mrs. Coniglio commented that she would volunteer to do it. She doesn't see why it should be a problem. She commented that if a parent would want to partner with us, she doesn't know why we wouldn't do it, unless, there is a policy against it that she is not aware of.

Mr. Walsh commented the question would be, where do you draw the line? What is the role? Is there an alternative, or someone would be there all the time. He commented that it would be good to be connected to it, because it is a worthy group, but if every group asked, we would be at meetings all the time.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if they are looking for something more of an email or phone number, who they can reach out with questions, or someone to go to the meetings?

Mrs. Mallon commented that it would be a line in, a phone number, or if we had questions on past board meetings, they might be able to answer them. She doesn't know if others approached the Board on having a liaison? Have others approached the Board on this, or is this the first time?

Mr. Krauss commented that the process is that they should go to the Superintendent. The Superintendent then goes to the Board. He doesn't think they should have a direct line with the Board. He commented that their job is to see that the school is run well, and not run the schools.

Mr. Smith commented that their job is not to run the District. The Board is involved with the Education Foundation and the Municipal Alliance. The groups are not focused on specific classes of students, or schools. The Municipal Alliance is a community organization and we are partners with them for us to keep in line with what they are doing. In dealing with student issues, special education issues, we have Dr. Harvey. He is the person who is running this for us and he reports to Dr. Miceli. In terms of having a resource, Dr. Harvey knows all the resources, the policies, and ideas for the District.

Mrs. Cuccaro commented that what they would find is that even if we worked directly with the group, the Board would get the information from the group, then they would then defer back to Dr. Miceli, or Dr. Harvey, or Mr. Hough, or Mr. Richter for the information you are probably seeking. She commented that as she was communicating to her via email, she is welcome to call them at any time, but more than likely they will defer back. She commented that she doesn't want Mrs. Mallon thinking that they don't care about her group, because they do think it is a very valuable group. Mrs. Cuccaro commented that she doesn't think it is a good fit for the Board at this point, however, as they continue on, it is something they can revisit.

Mrs. Coniglio commented that it might be helpful that when Mrs. Mallon said that other districts have liaisons, she could find out how it has been working.

Mrs. Mallon thanked the Board for their consideration.

There being no other comments from the public, Mrs. Cuccaro, Board President, declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 8:01 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Smith moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on January 23, 2020, 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 Matter related to HIB

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.

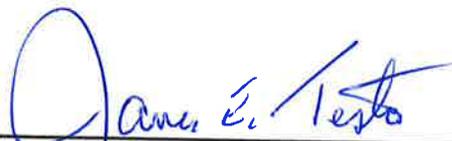
Mr. Krauss seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board reconvened to the public session at 8:11 p.m. Mrs. Cuccaro called the Board to order.

Members present were Mrs. Coniglio, Mrs. Cuccaro, Mr. Krauss, Mrs. Misiukiewicz, Mr. Smith and Mr. Walsh.

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Misiukiewicz, and carried unanimously, Mrs. Cuccaro declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



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James E. Testa  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
1/23/20