

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2021, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive and via Zoom, by the Board President, Mrs. Misiukiewicz.

Present on roll call were Rebecca Coniglio, Bernadette Cuccaro, Amanda Marano, Mary Misiukiewicz, Jennifer Killea, Adam Smith and Joseph Walsh. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Lauren Zirpoli, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; John Richter, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision; fifteen (15) members of the public; and seventy-four (74) Zoom participants.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz led in the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz 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 9:30 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.

COMMENTS

Mrs. Misiukiewicz welcomed everyone and said she hoped summer proved relaxing and recharging. In thirteen (13) days students will be back in the classrooms. For many of us, we equate the start of the school year, as the new year.

She continued that Dr. Miceli and his team will walk through the District's preparations for a safe, full day, every day, in person instructions for students. The District has planned for normalcy in instruction as well as co-curriculars and extracurriculars. On Monday of this week, the new staff was welcomed and started their four (4) day training, collaboration and orientation. The high school vibe is alive and well and was apparent with the students playing tennis, running cross country and cheerleading. The soccer and football teams were practicing on the fields and volleyball was hosting a scrimmage. Mrs. Misiukiewicz said that perhaps the biggest indication that our schools are underway and fall is in the air, was hearing Mr. Niedziejko's marching band. On Wednesday, the marching band hosted its annual car wash in the front circle and the staff hosted new student orientation at AWR and the Middle School. Salt Brook hosted their new student orientation last week. Mrs. Misiukiewicz also thanked the PTAs for their integral role in the organization of the Kindergarten and new student orientations.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz concluded that the District is ready, eager and excited to welcome the students back and can't wait for opening day on September 8, 2021.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Opening of Schools

Dr. Miceli welcomed everyone and echoed Mrs. Misiukiewicz excitement for the start of the school year. The District is fortunate that full day instruction will be provided. He thanked the staff and the administration, both of whom did a lot of work over the summer. He also thanked the Board of Education for their participation in the numerous meetings over the summer.

Dr. Miceli noted that he will walk through The Road Forward Plan and that central office staff and building administrators are present to answer any questions. The Road Forward Plan replaces prior policy because that policy is no longer applicable.

He began, the District will provide full day, in person instruction. Page 5 of the document states schools must be in session for one hundred and eighty (180) days. Remote instruction may only be offered under the following circumstances

- When the school district is required to close the schools of the district for more than three consecutive school days due to a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency to institute a public health-related closure.
- If the school district is required to exclude a student, group of students, a class or multiple classes as a result of possible exposure to Covid-19, while the school itself remains open for in-person instruction.

Vaccination (Appendix A)

- As per Executive Order 253, all District employees must provide adequate proof of vaccination or be tested for Covid-19 at least once per week. The District has partnered with Advance Management Services to provide testing services for those unvaccinated employees at no cost.
- For exposure and contact tracing purposes, the District has created an online collection system for proof of vaccination from both students and staff. This information remains completely confidential and is only accessible to the school nurses for contact tracing purposes. A link to submit documentation will be sent next week.

Mask Policy (Appendix C)

- As per Executive Order 251, face coverings for staff, students and visitors are mandatory when indoors on school premises except in the circumstances noted in the Executive Order. Additionally, if a classroom/school room does not have air conditioning, and the heat is above 75 degrees, masks are optional within that setting as students are seated at their desks.
- Masks must be worn during all school transportation.

Physical Distancing (Appendix D)

While there is no requirement for physical distancing, the District strives to maintain as much distancing as practical in all circumstances.

Lunch (Appendix F)

The school district plans to offer lunch to students each day. Last year the District did not offer lunch. Pomptonian, the District's food service provider, will follow all the District's protocols.

- Grades PreK-6 ◦ Parents may select to pick up their child for the duration of lunch/recess (40 minutes).
 - Requests will be applicable for a full trimester, and children must be picked up every day, and leave the premises for lunch. Children will not be allowed to walk home at lunch.
 - Please note that each grade has a different lunch period, and siblings in different grades will be dismissed for lunch at different times.
 - Students who select to stay in the building for lunch will sit with their homeroom class at lunch in assigned seats.

Mrs. Killea asked when the District would be sending information out about the lunch policies. Dr. Miceli said the building principals would be sending correspondence next week.

Dr. Miceli asked Mrs. Drexinger and Mrs. Greenwald to speak about the lunches at the elementary schools. Mrs. Drexinger wanted to be clear that parents could only pick up their child for their classes' lunch period. If there are multiple siblings in different grades, they cannot be picked up together. They must be signed out only for their class' lunch/recess block. If a parent has three children with three different lunch/recess periods, the parent will have three different sign outs. If the student is signed out for lunch/recess that will be for the entire first trimester. AWR does have the option for outdoor seating at lunch.

Mrs. Marano asked if the students would be able to select their own seat at lunch. Mrs. Greenwald explained that the teachers will go to lunch with the class the first day and then get the seating assignments. Students can only sit with another student in their homeroom.

Mrs. Drexinger also noted that only the grades with 12:50 pm to 1:30 pm lunch will have a snack break. Snacks will be socially distanced inside or without masks and social distancing outside.

- Grades 7-10
 - Parents may give consent for their child to leave school grounds for the duration of lunch/recess (period 5)
 - Requests will be applicable for a full marking period and students must leave the premises for lunch each day. Students may be picked up or leave campus on their own.
- Grades 11-12
 - Students will have an open lunch option, consistent with our traditional open lunch program, with the consent of their parents/guardians.

Dr. Miceli asked Mr. Henry to say a few words about the high/middle school lunches.

In an attempt to utilize all the space in the school, students may utilize the cafeteria, hallways (only grades 9-12), courtyards, and gymnasium if needed. Grades 7-10 students will have the option to leave school grounds for lunch with parent consent. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity at the beginning of each marking period to make a change to their child's lunch program. Grades 11-12 students will have an open lunch option, consistent with our traditional open lunch program, with the consent of their parents/guardians. Mrs. Congilio asked if students in grades 7-10 could go home anytime or did it have to be an all the time thing. He said it was for the entire marking period. Students in grades 11 and 12 could stay or leave depending on the day. Mrs. Killea asked if students would be assigned a seat. Mr. Henry responded that since a high percentage of the student population is vaccinated, they will not be assigned lunch seats.

Cleaning/Disinfection and Airflow (Appendix H)

The District retains a robust cleaning and disinfection protocol similar to the 2020-2021 school year.

- Of note, if a positive Covid-19 case or symptomatic individual is identified in the building, the area(s) in use by that individual will be closed off. Those area(s) will remain closed for two hours, after which the area(s) will be cleaned and disinfected.

Screening, Exclusion and Response to Symptomatic Students and Staff Members (Appendix I) Contact Tracing (Appendix J)

- Parents/Guardians and Staff Members will fill out a one-time COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Consent form to screen daily for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Later in the meeting Mr. Carangelo will review the exclusion flowcharts to follow for both asymptomatic and symptomatic protocols.

- Please note that vaccinated individuals do not need to be quarantined for exposure or travel, provided they remain asymptomatic and provide proof of vaccination record to the school nurse.
- Please note that in the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition EXCLUDES students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected student where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Mrs. Marano asked if in the event that students need to be tested, would the parents be notified ahead of time. Dr. Miceli replied yes.

Mr. Walsh said he understood the October 18th date was required by Executive Order, but asked if we were starting early because we need to know who is vaccinated and who is not vaccinated. Dr. Miceli replied it gives staff a chance to get vaccinated if they do not want to submit to testing.

Mrs. Zirpoli went over Student and Staff Member Travel (Appendix L)

- Vaccinated Student or Staff Member - No quarantine required for domestic or international travel.
- Unvaccinated Student or Staff - No quarantine required for travel within the contiguous United States. In the event that an unvaccinated student or staff member travels beyond the contiguous United States, they will be required to follow current travel quarantine guidelines as per the Department of Health

Mrs. Zirpoli walked the Board through the COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria Flow Chart

NEW PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT/STUDENTS COVID-19 EXCLUSION CRITERIA FLOW CHART

All elements subject to change pending health status and updated guidance from the NJ Department of Health

STUDENTS	Regular Illness	COVID Positive	COVID Like Symptoms	Close Contact	Travel Quarantine
Vaccination Status	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated
As a parent, how do I report my child's absence?	Please fill out the <u>Attendance Matters Form</u>	Please fill out the <u>Attendance Matters Form</u> and contact the Building Nurse.	Please fill out the <u>Attendance Matters Form</u> and contact the Building Nurse.	Please fill out the <u>Attendance Matters Form</u> and contact the Building Nurse.	Please fill out the <u>Attendance Matters Form</u> and contact the Building Nurse.
Days Absent	Any absences that extend beyond the tenth school day, will initiate the home-instruction process.	Return to School -10 days from symptom onset and symptoms have greatly improved.	Get a negative COVID test result on any day of symptoms and return to school.	Quarantine for 14 days or student must produce a negative COVID test result (rapid or PCR) from day 5 (or later) and may return to school on day 8. (Test out	Domestic Travel- no quarantine. International Travel/Beyond the Contiguous US- Unvaccinated-travel

				option only applicable in low or moderate risk).	quarantine required. Vaccinated- no quarantine
Absent Code-PowerSchool	Absent-illness	QUR	QUR	QUR	Absent-unverified
What will be my child's instructional program?	-Your child's teacher will post class work in Google Classroom.	- Your child's teacher will post class work in Google Classroom. -Within 48 hours, your child will receive teaching support hours from a teacher that is certified in the course area. These hours will be communicated between the teacher and student/parent.	-Your child's teacher will post class work in Google Classroom. (If the student becomes COVID positive, they move to the COVID positive column).	-Your child's teacher will post class work in Google Classroom. -Within 48 hours, your child will receive teaching support hours from a teacher that is certified in the course area. These hours will be communicated between the teacher and student/parent.	-Your child's teacher will post class work in Google Classroom.
Who do I report my absence to?	Aesop	Aesop and your building nurse.	Aesop and your building nurse.	Aesop and your building nurse.	Aesop
Aesop definition-	Sick days	Sick days	Sick days	Sick days	Traditional Measures (If not vaccinated, the expectation is that you will not travel internationally)
Expectations of Teacher-	Post work in Google Classroom for students and leave substitute plans.	Post class work in Google Classroom and provide substitute plans.	Post class work in Google Classroom for students and provide substitute plans.	Post class work in Google Classroom for students and provide substitute plans.	Post class work in Google Classroom for students and provide substitute plans.

Student Instructional Program Payment	Traditional Measures / No payment.	Covid-19 Support Teacher Hours-\$54.87 All teachers must have a timesheet approved by their principal.	Traditional Measures/ No payment.	Covid-19 Support Teacher Hours-\$54.87 All teachers must have a timesheet approved by their principal.	Traditional Measures/ No payment.
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After walking the Board through the charts, Mrs. Zirpoli reinforced that this is subject to change based on the guidelines from the Department of Health.

Mrs. Marano asked if New Providence or Union County is at the high risk level. Mrs. Cuccaro said the entire State is at the high risk level.

Mrs. Zirpoli mentioned the flow chart for the staff is very self-explanatory and she will go over it with the staff on opening day.

NEW PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT/ STAFF COVID-19 EXCLUSION CRITERIA FLOW CHART
All elements subject to change pending health status and updated guidance from the NJ Department of Health

STAFF	Regular Illness	COVID Positive	COVID-Like Symptoms	Close Contact	Travel Quarantine
Vaccination Status	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	Unvaccinated & Vaccinated
Days Absent-	When absence exceeds (4) or more days- doctor's note required to Personnel Department, Ms. Maurer, jmaurer@npsdnj.org.	Return to School -10 days from symptom onset and symptoms have greatly improved.	Get a negative COVID-19 test result on any day of symptoms and return to school.	Quarantine for 14 days or staff must produce a negative COVID test result (rapid or PCR) from day 5 (or later) and may return to school on day 8. (Test out option only applicable in low or moderate risk).	Domestic Travel- no quarantine. International Travel/Beyond the Contiguous US unvaccinated- travel quarantine required. vaccinated- no quarantine

Mr. Carangelo presented the symptomatic and asymptomatic flow charts. They are basically the same charts as last year with the exception that a vaccinated individual does not have quarantine for exposure or travel provided they remain asymptomatic and provide proof of vaccination record to the school nurse.

NPSD - "Asymptomatic" STUDENT/STAFF Flow Chart (UNVACCINATED)

ATTENTION:
A VACCINATED INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE FOR EXPOSURE OR TRAVEL, PROVIDED THEY REMAIN ASYMPTOMATIC AND PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION RECORD TO THE SCHOOL NURSE

Student/Staff member has traveled internationally in the last 14 days

Student/Staff member has had close contact with someone who is currently sick with COVID-19

Student/Staff member has had close contact with someone who is currently experiencing symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 exclusion criteria. *NOTE: If someone in the household is being tested for COVID-19 due to illness, student/staff members should also stay home until the test result is received. (If result is negative, may return to school)*

DO NOT REPORT TO SCHOOL

**Those quarantined for travel may return to school on DAY 8 after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result (test must occur 3-5 days after travel).*

Student/Staff Member is ASYMPTOMATIC

Student/Staff Member Develops SYMPTOMS

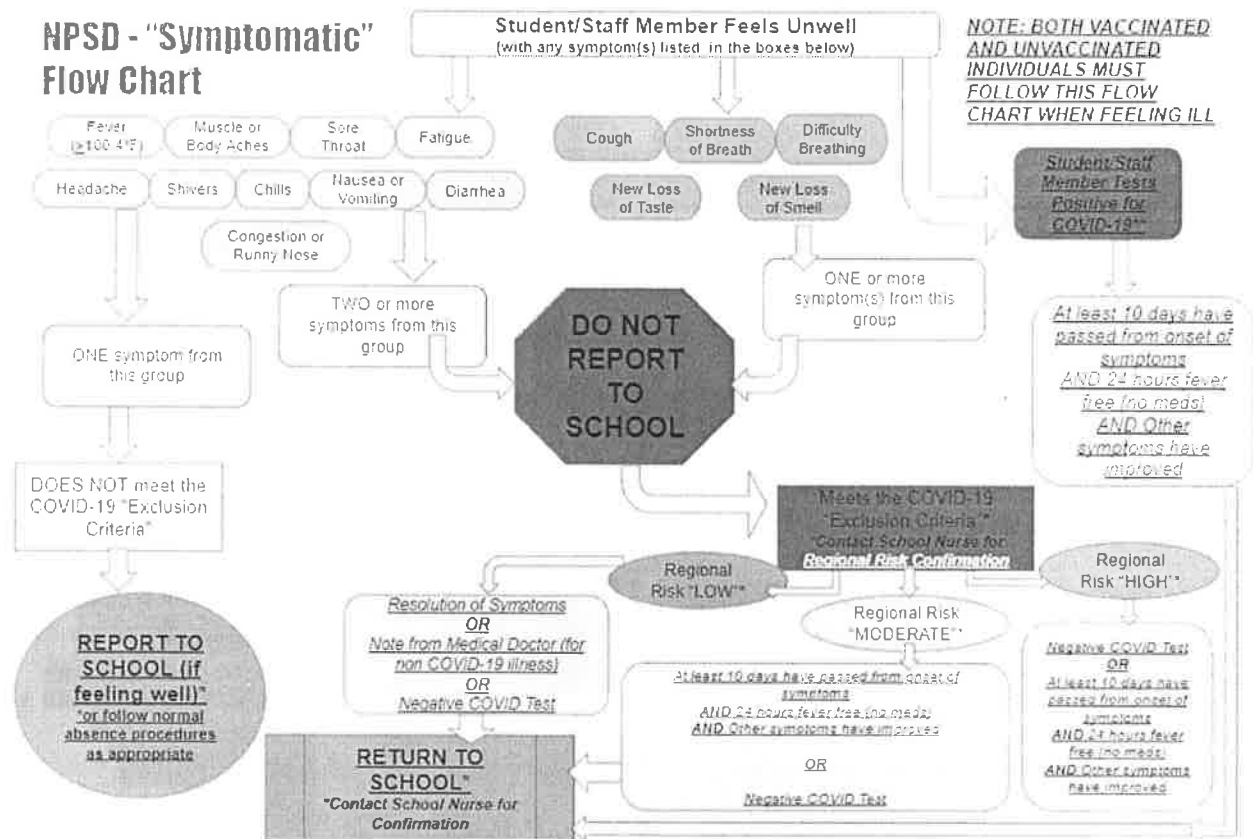
Quarantine 10 days* from last date of travel
OR
Quarantine 14 days** from last known exposure to COVID-19 positive**/symptomatic individual

Follow NPSD "Symptomatic" STAFF Flow Chart

***Exposed Staff/Student may return to school on DAY 8 after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result (test must occur on day 5 or later). (A FULL 14 DAY QUARANTINE IS REQUIRED DURING PERIODS OF HIGH COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION).*

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF 14 DAY QUARANTINE*

**Contact School Nurse for Confirmation*



Mr. Carangelo said the main thing is to work with the school nurse in the student's building. Dr. Miceli said the District would be sending correspondence stating it is the parents' responsibility to monitor children for symptoms.

Mrs. Coniglio asked how parents would be notified regarding an exposure. Dr. Miceli answered via letter and the dashboard will be updated.

Mrs. Cuccaro asked if the District is proactively collecting information on students who are eligible to be vaccinated. Mr. Carangelo indicated that Mrs. Zirpoli is creating a form which will track which vaccines were administered, and how many doses. Staff and students will upload vaccination cards and the nurses will keep the information.

Dr. Miceli said once the Board approves the policy it will be emailed to the staff and parents and posted on the website. Dr. Miceli continued by recognizing a lot of the students and staff are going through social emotional elements of COVID. He invited Dr. Harvey and Ms. Shadis to speak about some initiatives they have been working on to help students deal with the changes they have gone through in the last year and a half, especially the C group, many of whom were remote for the entire school year. Dr. Harvey wanted to emphasize that Group C students had opportunities to practice coming back with the summer achievement program, SEL mini camp and optional counseling sessions. Additionally new student orientations were opened up to Group C students. Information will be going out to parents tomorrow to help them support their children as they start back to school. Parents should be on the lookout for

- Unwillingness to separate
- Worry that is not normal, interferes with daily functioning
- Loss of sleep or appetite

- Emotional outbursts

Parents should be aware of anything that is beyond the normal emotional content of just returning to school. Parents can help students by validating feelings, remaining calm and positive, setting clear routines and practice separating.

Parents should seek help if they following occurs:

- Excessive meltdowns
- School avoidance
- Increased worry
- Decrease in ability to function

Ms. Shadis continued that the District is here to help. The SEL website is up to date with new and archived articles and has resources in Spanish. The website also shows any programming that is being offered. The best place to start is the counseling website. Ms. Shadis mentioned that there is a new elementary school counselor, Ms. Yanni, who will split time between Allen W. Roberts and Salt Brook School.

Dr. Harvey reiterated that Special Services has a number of psychologists and social workers under its umbrella. Kira Shmuler, the mental health/crisis counselor, supports the entire District and is a good resource.

Ms. Shadis said that she and Dr. Harvey are hosting a question and answer for families on August 30, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is an open house and does not have a presentation, just an open dialog. She mentioned other resources include the pediatrician or PerformCare/Children's Mobile Response which can be reached at 877-652-7624. It is a free resource and available 24 hours, seven days a week. They specialize in diffusing immediate crises at home. An email blast will go out on Friday with the information.

Dr. Miceli thanked the Board for being supportive of hiring the additional staff to make sure we have a robust network of resources and families should reach out if necessary.

Dr. Miceli moved on to the demographic study. He sent the contract to Dr. Gripp and shared the data which was received from the Borough regarding the Bard property, including the projected number of units to be built. He updated Dr. Gripp on the enrollment numbers and projections. An additional data set will be sent on October 15th and the District should receive the report by November/December.

Dr. Miceli turned the meeting over to Ms. Zirpoli for enrollment information. Allen W. Roberts has seventy (70) students enrolled for Kindergarten and will have four (4) sections. Salt Brook has forty-eight (48) students enrolled and will have three (3) sections for a total of one hundred and eighteen (118) students. First grade at Allen W. Roberts has eighty-four (84) students with four (4) sections and Salt Brook has eighty (80) students with four sections for a total of one hundred and sixty four (164) first graders.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2019/2020 SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT

Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared a Public Hearing on the 2019/2020 School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

Mrs. Zirpoli presented the 2019/2020 self-assessment scores and District average:

The self-assessment contains eight (8) core elements.

- HIB Programs, Approaches and Other Initiatives
- Training on the BOE approved HIB Policy
- Other Staff Instructions and Training Programs
- Curriculum and Instruction on HIB and Related Information and Skills
- HIB Personnel
- School-Level HIB Incident Reporting Procedure
- HIB Investigation Procedures
- HIB Reporting

Each Core Element contains several specific indicators for which each School Safety/Climate Team determined a ranking. The possible points each school could earn on the assessment is 78.

The 2019/2020 self-assessment scores for each our schools and our district average were:

- High School	71
- Middle School	74
- Salt Brook	75
- AWR	72
- District Average	73

The rankings can be found on District's Website

Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared the Public Hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zoom Caller 1: Device titled, Nandini Anant

Caller stated that her children missed the open house this summer because they were away. Her children were remote all of last year and she asked if they could visit the school prior to the first day of school. Dr. Miceli told her to reach out to the building principals to set up a time. She followed up and asked what the ratio of the cohort at lunch would be, if there would be a certain number of students per table. Mrs. Greenwald commented that each homeroom will have two tables. Caller stated that she was concerned because that would mean students are not socially distanced and are not vaccinated. Dr. Miceli said the District is trying to socially distance to the extent possible but in some instances distances will be greater and in other instances distances will be less. Caller said she is concerned that older children at the high/middle school and Salt Brook can eat outdoors but AWR can't eat outside. Dr. Miceli stated that unfortunately AWR's cafeteria does not have direct connected outdoor space so it would be difficult to supervise. Mrs. Greenwald reiterated that the staff at AWR will be very strict about assigned seats and cafeteria protocol. Caller asked if Dr. Miceli could share the vaccination numbers. Dr. Miceli shared that 90% of the staff is vaccinated and the District is working with the unvaccinated with regards to the Executive Order which was issued at the end of July. The July number from the Department of Health for individuals twelve (12) and over was about 70% and he hopes that number will be around 80%-90% by September. Mrs. Cuccaro commented that the community as a whole is around 86% vaccinated. The twelve (12) to thirty (30) year old population, which is only 70% vaccinated, seems to be more hesitant to get vaccinated. The Borough will be holding vaccination clinics on September 2nd and 23rd.

Zoom Caller 2: Device titled Danielle

Caller asked to reconsider installing plexiglass at AWR. Dr. Miceli spoke at length with the Department of Health and they informed him that there is not strong data to support the use of plexiglass and may in fact collect more germs. The Department of Health is encouraging districts not to use plexiglass. Caller also

asked what happens when a child tests positive, are the students at the lunch table considered close contacts. Mr. Carangelo answered that if the student was within six (6) feet for fifteen (15) cumulative minutes within a twenty-four (24) hour time frame, then it would be a close contact. Caller followed up by asking if masks will be worn at recess. Dr. Miceli said masks at recess will be optional. Caller also asked if a student goes home for lunch, can they come back for recess. Dr. Miceli responded no. Caller asked since rapid tests are unreliable, why would the Department of Health reference both, rapid and PCR tests. Mr. Carangelo stated a student will remain home until PCR test is given and results are available. Dr. Miceli further commented that the 3rd party vendor will only do PCR tests.

Zoom Caller 3:

Caller stated her children were in Group C all of last year and she asked if the schools will do a temperature check. Dr. Miceli said the school will not do a temperature check. Parents will need to sign a form acknowledging they will monitor their children for symptoms. She also asked if she picks her children up for lunch, can she eat in the car or sit on the field at AWR. Dr. Miceli stated that if parents pick up children for lunch, they will have to leave school property.

Zoom Caller 4: Greg Schivley, 17 Badgley Drive, New Providence

Mr. Schivley stated COVID-19 is airborne and it spreads quickly and he asked if all the schools use Merv 13 filters in the HVAC system. Mr. Testa responded that the filters used are based on the manufacturer's recommendations. The District did an assessment of all the interior rooms looking at air flow and any rooms that needed to be were addressed to make sure there was adequate flow of fresh air based on the number of students. Outside rooms have all the windows open. Air filters are checked daily and the exhaust fans run daily. Mr. Schivley asked if the teachers would keep the windows open. Dr. Miceli said yes. Mr. Testa added the plan will be to keep the windows open, continue with the vigorous cleaning protocol and mask wearing. The District is following the same plan as last year and there were no classroom transmissions. Mr. Schivley stated that he was concerned because the Delta variant puts us in a very different position than last year.

Zoom Caller 5: Katie

On the days where masks are optional because of the 75 degree threshold, will teachers have the ability to contact trace based on those students who were wearing masks. Dr. Miceli told her the nurse does the contact tracing with the Department of Health and will collaborate with the teachers and rely on the information from the student. Katie also asked if the District would consider early dismissal on really hot days. Dr. Miceli said if the building is unsafe, the District would dismiss. She also asked if a remote option could be considered. Dr. Miceli said the State is mandating in-person instruction and will not allow a remote option. She asked about music, singing and band and social distance. Dr. Miceli said to the extent possible, the District will try to maximize the distance between students.

Zoom Caller 6: Megan DiSabato, 35 Walnut Street, New Providence

Ms. DiSabato asked if the LLD students would eat lunch with their class or grade. SEPAC has worked with Dr. Harvey and Mrs. Drexinger over the last few years on increasing inclusion for these students. Mrs. Drexinger stated that depending on their grade level, the LLD class will eat lunch as a class, next to another table. LLD students Kindergarten and first grade will eat with the first grade. LLD students in second and third grade will eat lunch with either the second grade or third grade. LLD students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade will eat lunch with fifth or sixth grade. Inside they must stay with their cohort but outside they don't have to stay with their cohort.

Zoom Caller 7: Monica Macauley, 80 Inwood Road, New Providence

Mrs. Macauley confirmed that for Salt Brook, students can eat indoors in their assigned seats, outdoors without seat assignments and if students leave for lunch it is on a trimester basis. Dr. Miceli confirmed and mentioned that Salt Brook has the space adjacent to the cafeteria which is easily accessible. Mrs. Macauley followed up by asking if students are considered close contacts if they are outside. Dr. Miceli stated that there is no caveat between indoor and outdoor settings with regard to contact tracing. Mrs. Macauley also confirmed that if grades 7th through 10th leave the building for lunch it must be done on a marking period basis. She said this presents a problem if the weather is inclement because most of the students would be walking. Dr. Miceli said that is something they will take into consideration and discuss. He said that if students leave school property they can't stay on the property. It presents a problem with supervision. She asked how the sign in/sign out procedure would work. Mr. Henry said grades 11th and 12th would have a QR code to get in and out of the building safely. Every parent will receive a google form for the QR code.

Zoom Caller 8: Molly Springer, 109 Tall Oaks Drive, New Providence

Mrs. Springer asked about using air purifiers as preventative means. She would be willing to do a fundraiser to help get an air purifier in every room. Mr. Testa responded that at this point the data does not say air purifiers make a lot of difference in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Ms. Springer said that the HVAC study was great for last year but that was before the Delta variant. Time is of the essence and the District must look into getting air purifiers. Mrs. Springer also noted that not all masks are the same. KN95 is the most effective and she would like the District to mandate KN95 masks.

Zoom Caller 9: Jason Hung, 135 Southgate Road, New Providence

Mr. Hung wanted to know about the type of support that would be available to students who must quarantine. He asked if virtual support is more like office hours or some type of instruction. Dr. Miceli commented that for COVID support hours, the teacher of record will be asked to provide individual support via Zoom on the prep period, lunch period or after school. If the teacher of record cannot offer support, additional teachers have volunteered to provide COVID support hours and the building principals will reach out to those teachers. There will not be an opportunity to zoom into the classroom. It does not allow the staff to provide the best instruction to the students in the classroom.

Zoom Caller 10: Danielle

Caller indicated that she was not comfortable with the option for children to remove masks if the temperature exceeds 75 degrees. She is requesting that all children keep their masks on at all times. She also suggested having a table for students who want to keep masks on.

Zoom Caller 11: Jennifer Niederhoffer, 32 Club Lane, New Providence

Ms. Niederhoffer expressed concern that many parents are uncomfortable with students not wearing a mask. She is worried that the short lunch period for middle schoolers is not enough time for them to leave campus or get picked up for lunch. Mr. Henry acknowledged that a twenty-two minute lunch period makes it difficult to leave campus for lunch.

Zoom Caller 12: Ryan McDonald, 22 Hillside Terrace, New Providence

Mr. McDonald asked if all the equipment would be back in the rooms. Dr. Miceli responded yes, all of the resources will be back in the room. Social distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible. At this time there is no social distancing requirement. Mr. McDonald also asked if there was a cohort within the classroom. Dr. Miceli stated that the entire classroom is the cohort.

Zoom Caller 13:

Caller asked if crossing guards will be available for students who leave for lunch. Dr. Miceli said over the summer the District worked with the police department to get summer crossing guards. The District will need to get a sense of the number of students who are leaving for lunch and typically there are no crossing guards for 11th and 12th grade. If it is necessary to get crossing guards, the District will work with the Borough to set that up. Caller asked if there was an option to eat outside and not leave campus. Dr. Miceli said students can eat outside in the courtyard.

Zoom Caller 14: Monica Macauley, 80 Inwood Rd, New Providence

Mrs. Macauley asked what the capacity of the courtyard was. Mr. Henry did not know the exact capacity. She followed up by asking if the high/middle school had cafeteria aides. Mr. Henry said the school uses cafeteria aides, school resource officer, administrative team, hall monitor and teachers and they monitor the cafeteria, hallway and courtyard. Mrs. Macauley asked if one of the aides could be stationed outdoors. Dr. Miceli said it is a safety concern to have the students eat outside without supervision. Juniors and seniors are not supervised and that is why they must leave campus if they choose to do so.

Mrs. Coniglio asked Mr. Henry to talk about the courtyards. He said they are two different spaces, the middle school and the high school courtyard. They are contained outside spaces but still offer safety and security.

Zoom Caller 15:

Caller asked with pre-COVID seating model, how can you keep children socially distanced during snack time. Mrs. Drexinger said snack has been eliminated for all students except for those whose lunch periods are later than 12:50 p.m. For those who will have snacks, the students will be socially distanced.

Zoom Caller 16: Amy Mascarina, 29 Whitewood Drive, New Providence

Mrs. Mascarina said the Delta variant is much more contagious and can be spread by vaccinated individuals. She feels the District is doing less this year than last year to protect against it and the District has not improved ventilation. The kids facing each other and the lack of social distancing, concerns her. She would like the District to purchase air purifiers. Dr. Miceli said the major change has been the mandatory order to provide full day in-person instruction and based on the enrollment it is not possible to go back to the pre-COVID set up. The District spent a lot of time addressing the ventilation of the buildings and can certainly look at air purifiers. Mrs. Mascarina also stated that she wanted masks to be mandatory if the temperature was above 75 degrees. The protocols for last year worked but this year is different. Dr. Miceli said that 30% of the District is air conditioned. The Board and the architect have looked at the long range plan for District-wide air conditioning but that is not something that will happen overnight. Delta changed things within a couple of weeks and the District needs more than a couple weeks to address air conditioning which will cost approximately \$16 million.

Zoom Caller 17: Peter

Caller is concerned that eating lunch together will cause a COVID outbreak. The goal of the District should be to get outdoor tents with heaters and allow outdoor eating all year. He wanted to know why the District was not pursuing that option. There is a school in New York City that is offering outdoor lunch all year. Dr. Miceli said that it is not possible to compare the District to that school because there are many factors that we don't know about, such as size and enrollment. Caller said the District needs to be more aggressive and innovative with regard to lunch.

Zoom Caller 18: Monica Macauley

Mrs. Macauley suggested the District set up a committee to discuss ideas to explore ways to eat outside.

Zoom Caller 19: Amy Mascarina, 29 Whitewood Drive, New Providence

Mrs. Mascarina said this is the third school year with COVID and the District has done nothing to change.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz said the Board would not take any more comments and would move on with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Coniglio moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as follows:

Business Meeting:

July 29, 2021

Seconded by: Mr. Walsh

Roll Call Vote:

Yea ___ Mrs. Coniglio

Yea ___ Mrs. Marano

Absent Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea ___ Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea ___ Mrs. Killea

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea ___ Mr. Walsh

ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE ACTION

Mr. Walsh, Committee Chairperson moved to approve Items 1 through 10 as listed below:

Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports Accepted

1. After review, we hereby accept the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for July 2021. No major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

August 2021 Bills List Approved

2. Approve the payment of bills for August 2021, in the amount of \$2,327,450.57.

Joint Transportation Agreement Approved

3. Approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Morris Union Jointure Commission and the New Providence School District for the 2021/2022 extended June 2021 Bills List Approved school year as stated below:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Total Route Cost</u>	<u>Aid Per Diem</u>
902sA	\$11,887.61	\$139.91
903s	\$ 5,302.58	\$ 93.27
908s	\$ 9,195.04	\$ 85.50
938s	\$ 4,552.27	\$ 46.64
940s	\$ 6,912.55	\$ 62.17

Preschool Tuition Refunds Approved

4. Approve the refund of 2021/2022 preschool tuition deposits in the amount of \$320.00 to each of the following:

Valerie Cortes
Meera Khedkar

Nonpublic School Security Initiative Approved

5. Approve the Nonpublic School Security Initiative Program for the participating school located within the District, New Providence Presbyterian School, for the 2021/2022 school year.

Nonpublic Technology Initiative Approved

6. Approve the Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program for the participating school located within the District, The Academy of Our Lady of Peace, for the 2021/2022 school year.

Rental Agreements Approved

7. Approve the Rental Agreements between the New Providence Board of Education and the Berkeley Heights YMCA, for before and after school care at Allen W. Roberts School and Salt Brook School, for the 2021/2022 school year.

Emergency Substitute Nursing Services Agreement Approved

8. Approve the agreement between the New Providence School District and Bayada Home Health Care, Inc for emergency substitute nursing services at a rate of \$60.00 per hour for RN services for the 2021/2022 school year.

Generous Donation Accepted

9. Approve to accept the generous donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the New Providence High School Marching Band from the JCP Foundation, in memory of Julia Claire Prasad, Class of 2021.

Substitute Athletic Trainer Services Agreement Approved

10. Approve the agreement between the New Providence School District and JAG-ONE ATC for substitute athletic trainer services at a rate of \$55.00 per hour for the 2021/2022 school year.

Seconded by: Mrs. Coniglio

Mr. Walsh wanted to note the generous donation from the JCP Foundation in memory of Julia Prasad.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

FACILITIES ACTION

Mr. Walsh, Facilities Committee chairperson, moved to approve items 1 and 2 below:

Disposal of Items at Salt Brook School Approved

1. Approve the disposal of the following items that are damaged, outdated and no longer deemed useful for school needs.

Quantity	Item Description	Model/ISBN #	BOE #/Ser. #	School
2	Science Classroom Work Station	N/A	BOE # 100199 BOE # 100200	Salt Brook
1	Snapper Snow Blower	Model # 10301	BOE # 100256	Salt Brook

Disposal of Items at Allen W. Roberts School Approved

2. Approve the disposal of the following items that are damaged, outdated and no longer deemed useful for school needs.

Quantity	Item Description	Model/ISBN #	BOE #/Ser. #	School
1	Kiln	TMZ2329	BOE # 100366	AWR
1	Snow Plow	5665	BOE # 100449	AWR

Seconded by: Mr. Smith

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

EDUCATION ACTION

Mrs. Coniglio, Education Committee Chairperson, moved to approve items 1 through 6 as listed below:

Curriculum Guides Approved

1. Approve the following curriculum guides with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

Visual and Practical Arts

Foods I	Grades 9-12	Revised
Foods II	Grades 9-12	Revised

Language Arts

World Study	Grades K-2	Revised
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STEM

Junior Engineering	Grade 7	Revised
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Professional Development Plan Approved for 2021/2022 School Year

2. Approve the New Providence School District Annual Professional Development Plan for the 2021/2022 school year, prepared in compliance with the New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:9C-4.2, inclusive of its funding.

Out-of-District Enrollment and Tuition Approved for 2021/2022

3. Approve the enrollment of Student #10982 at Hunterdon Preparatory School for the 2021/2022 school year, at a tuition cost of \$48,465.00, effective 9/1/21.

Out-of-District Enrollment and Tuition Approved for 2021/2022

4. Approve the enrollment of Student #12155 at Hunterdon Preparatory School for the 2021/2022 school year, at a tuition cost of \$48,465.00, effective 9/1/21.

Out-of-District Cost of Aide Approved for 2021/2022 School Year

5. Approve the cost of a one-to-one aide for student #10233 at the Calais School for the 2021/2022 school year, in the amount of \$17,028.00, effective 9/1/21.

District Blood Borne Pathogen Plan Approved for 2021/2022 School Year

6. Approve the New Providence School District Bloodborne Pathogens Standard Exposure Control Plan for the 2021/2022 school year.

Seconded by: Mrs. Marano

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mrs. Cuccaro, Personnel Committee Chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 6 as listed

below:

Appointments Approved for the 2021/2022 School Year

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 2021/2022 school year:
 - a. Leonard Thomas, Jr., night custodian, \$46,660.00 (base \$53,054.00), effective 8/16/21
 - b. Daniel Barletta, teacher, \$55,319.99 (base \$63,585.00), effective 10/12/21
 - c. Andrew Palubniak, playground/lunchroom aide, (3 hrs/day), \$6,943.00, effective 9/1/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - d. Patricia Glen, long-term substitute nurse, effective 8/16/21, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$385.00 (prorated Step 13, Column I, base of \$76,969.00)
 - e. Sarah Niez, long term substitute teacher, \$63,585.00, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - f. Patricia Beemer, long-term substitute teacher, effective 9/1/21, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$284.50 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$56,899.00)
 - g. Aracely DiGirolamo, HS, for teaching eighteen (18) periods per four (4) day rotation (full year), \$8,000.00
 - h. Laina Magnani, HS, for teaching eighteen (18) periods per four (4) day rotation (full year), \$8,000.00
 - i. Nicholas Webber, MS, for teaching one (1) additional period (half year), \$4,000.00
 - j. Pamela Crockett, HS Vocal Music Director, \$6,640.00
 - k. Susan Kirkland, MS Ensemble Advisor, \$2,064.00
 - l. Laurel Brockman, Intramural- For Students with Special Needs Advisor (fall/winter/spring), \$2,064.00
 - m. Julie Spoerl, summer technology work, not to exceed 40 hours @ \$54.87/hr.
 - n. Amanda Mahlstedt, teacher, \$48,179.00 (base \$58,399.00.00), effective 10/25/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - o. Wendy Zigon, teacher aide, \$22,210.00, (base \$22,482.00) effective 9/8/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - p. Britt Boegershausen, long term substitute teacher, \$32,799.00 (base \$66,262.00), effective 9/1/21 through 1/28/22
 - q. Noelle Stock, school nurse, \$66,963.00 (base \$76,969.00), effective 10/12/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - r. Michael Santoro, teacher, \$62,185.00 (base \$75,836.00), effective 10/26/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - s. Michael Santoro, world language department head, \$5,744.00 (base \$7,005.00), effective 10/26/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - t. Substitute: teachers, teacher aides, nurses, secretaries, home instructors, custodians, and athletic trainers as listed below.

Teacher/Teacher Aides

Margaret Albanese	Patricia Gerace	Ahmed Mohamed
Caitlyn Alongi	Nicholas Giordano	Christine Munn
Marilou Anderson	Brianna Graziano	Jeanne Marie Naclerio

David Aprill	Mary Jo Griffith	Samantha Narciso
Patricia Beemer	Sabah Hamdalla	Jennifer Niederhoffer
Mary Beth Bernoskie	Ann Marie Hanley	Matthew Norlleet
Jill Bigham	Taryn Hansen	Marc Parlavecchio
William Bigham	Saltanat Holmes	Tatyana Petrova
Donna Bird	Abeer (Abi) Hourani	Margaret Pfeifer
Roberta Bloom	Jeanne Lawton	George Pharmakides
Marianne Browe	Elizabeth Lee	Mindy Posner
Lisa Bruckman	Karen Lee	Laura Puorro
Maria Victoria Cadavid	Webster Lewin	Patricia Reed
May Lam Chan	Arlene Lo	Nicole Karas Ropke
Natasha Clerihue	Laura Lopez	Ashly Roy
Dolores Crisafi	Diane MacRichie	Stacey Ryan
Michelle Cutlip	Matthew Mahoney	Thomas Schwartz
Stacy Dixon	Alexandra Maravelias	James Sheerin
Jennifer Dowden	Eric Martin	Elizabeth Skrinski
Dawn Doyle	Tara Martin	Rhonda Stern
Hala Ebedo	Natalie Matonis	Cynthia Sullivan
Farah Elghaziri	Noreen McCarthy	Eman Toalp Elmahroukey
Ellen Evins	Kelly McHale	Joanne Trimble
Kate Forbes	Carole Mea	Kenneth Turso
Donna Gangi	Chris Melhuish	Nitsa Vardy
Christopher Gawrych	Janet Michaels	

Nurses

Kathy Andrews	Elizabeth Geminder	Suzanne Kruep
Bianca Crowley	Patricia Glen	Kathleen Maurice
Bianca Regan (Di Nardo)	Mary Ann Kertes	Kate McRoberts

Secretaries

Dolores Crisafi	Arlene Lo	Mindy Posner
Natasha Clerihue	Natalie Matonis	Cindy Sullivan
Patricia Gerace	Jennifer Niederhoffer	

Home Instructors

Margaret Albanese	Dawn Doyle	Margaret Pfeifer
Dina Artale	Elizabeth Giaime	Randall Pratt
Gina Bellitti	David Goldstein	Glen Robertson
Jessica Beltz	Melissa Halpern	Leah Russo
Kristina Berrios	Alicia Hennessy	Daniel Smith
Jill Bigham	Jacqueline Henriques	Sharon Snapp
Roberta Bloom	Joann Jackovino	Christina Suczewski
Marianne Browe	Walter Kempner	Jennifer Tiongson
Maureen Bulger	Janos Kollonitsch	Joanne Trimble

Maria Victoria Cadavid	Jennifer Limone	Carleigh Twillmann
Janet Calvert	Marla Malinauskas	Daniel Mango
Colleen Cortese	Carole Mea	Jody Novitsky
Barbara Denike	Cynthia de Keyzer	Daniel Dougher
Jennifer Pasuit		

Custodians

Dominick Mammone	Ramon Perez	Peter Soccodato
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Athletic Trainers

Mary Housel

ESSER Appointments Approved for the 2021/2022 School Year

2. 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 2021/2022 school year. These appointments are made under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER). The following people will serve as COVID support teachers at the rate of \$54.87/hr.:
 - a. Heather Maguire, effective 9/1/21
 - b. Erika Vanadia, effective 9/1/21
 - c. Scott Rahner, effective 9/1/21
 - d. Wendi Kane-Millard, effective 9/1/21
 - e. Alicia Hennessy, effective 9/1/21
 - f. Jenna Stickle, effective 9/1/21
 - g. Melissa Halpern, effective 9/1/21
 - h. Kathleen Lennon, effective 9/1/21
 - i. Joanna Silva, effective 9/1/21

Resignations Accepted and Approved

3. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
 - a. Jennifer Muraview, teacher, effective 10/4/21
 - b. Theodora Scott, teacher, effective 10/4/21
 - c. Laura De Nicola, department head/ teacher, effective 10/8/21
 - d. Cynthia Vincent, playground/lunchroom aide, effective 8/27/21
 - e. Laurie Barletta, secretary, effective 12/1/21

Revisions Approved for the 2021/2022 School Year

4. Approve the following revisions for the 2021/2022 school year:
 - a. Leah Russo, teacher, from Step 7, Column I (\$61,739.00), to Step 7, Column II (\$63,367.00), effective 9/1/21, due to course credits
 - b. Lori Gallitelli, teacher aide, from .5 AWR and .5 High School to High School
 - c. Laurel Brockman, teacher aide, from AWR to Salt Brook
 - d. Janet Bronocco, teacher aide, from AWR to .5 Salt Brook and .5 High School
 - e. Jeanne Cook, teacher aide, from AWR to Salt Brook

- f. Elizabeth Bland, secretary, ending FMLA on 8/13/21 instead of 8/24/21.
- g. Pamela Crockett, teacher, from Salt Brook to the Middle School
- h. Catherine Flynn, teacher, from .2 AWR and .8 Middle School to AWR
- i. Erika Vanadia, teacher, from Step 5, Column II (\$60,951.00), to Step 5, Column III (\$62,909.00), effective 9/1/21, due to course credits
- j. Shayna Stemmer, teacher, from Step 7, Column V (\$70,179.00), to Step 7, Column VI (\$72,875.00), effective 9/1/21, due to course credits
- k. Jacqueline Henriques, teacher, from Step 7, Column I (\$69,739.00) (including extra teaching periods stipend), to Step 7, Column II (\$71,367.00) (including extra teaching periods stipend), effective 9/1/21, due to course credits
- l. Michael Criscitello, from HS Computer Programming Club Co-Advisor, \$1,032.00 to HS Computer Programming Club Advisor, \$2,064.00
- m. Laura Freeman, from long-term substitute teacher, effective 8/31/21, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$284.50 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$56,899.00) to long term substitute teacher, \$22,960 (base \$57,399.00), effective 9/1/21 through 12/23/21

Rescinded Appointments Approved for 2020/2021 School Year

5. Rescind the following appointments for the 2021/2022 school year:
- a. Catherine Flynn, MS Ensemble
 - b. Shane Mallory, Head Coach, Wrestling (Winter)
 - c. Michael Criscitello, MS Robotics Club Advisor
 - d. Laura De Nicola, HS Italian Club Advisor
 - e. Laura De Nicola, HS Senior Class Advisor
 - f. Jennifer Muraview, HS Sophomore Class Advisor
 - g. Jennifer Muraview, HS Culinary Arts Club Advisor
 - h. Jennifer McSweeney, Intramural- For Students with Special Needs Advisor (fall/winter/spring)

Family Leave Approved

6. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Mitsuru Noguchi, teacher under state Family Leave Act for a period of twelve weeks commencing 11/15/21 and ending 2/4/22 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 10/27/21 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

Seconded by: Mrs. Coniglio

Mrs. Cuccaro thanked the administration for working so diligently to hire teachers. There is a teacher shortage, so she is very pleased with how well the District did. Dr. Miceli welcomed the new teachers at the meeting. He said the District would be hiring more COVID support teachers. COVID support teachers will be paid through ESSER funds not the operating budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

BOARD POLICY

Mr. Smith moved to approve Item 1 as listed below:

1. Approve the following Policies on first reading:

Policies:

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| 1. | Policy 1648
(Mandated) | Restart and Recovery Plan
(Smith) | (Abolish) |
| 2. | Policy 1648.11
(Mandated) | The Road Forward COVID-19 -
Health and Safety
(Smith) | |
| 3. | Policy 1649
(Mandated) | Federal Families First Coronavirus
(COVID-19) Response Act
(Smith) | (Abolish) |
| 4. | Policy 1649a
(Mandated) | Employee Return from Travel-
COVID-19
(Smith) | (Abolish) |

Seconded by: Mr. Walsh

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Yea Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Yea Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Walsh

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology - Mrs. Coniglio commented that the committee is reviewing curriculum.
2. Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security - Mr. Walsh commented that the committee would meet soon to discuss the air conditioning systems as well as the development of the Bard property.
3. Personnel, Management, and Communication: Mrs. Cuccaro said there were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Meetings – New Providence School District Communications Plan Recommendation
Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that the Board meetings will move away from Zoom and will

be livestreamed. Members of the public must be present to ask questions. The Board agreed with moving the meetings to livestream.

- School Calendar Ad Hoc Committee

Mrs. Misiukiewicz said she was joined on the committee by Mrs. Killea and Mrs. Coniglio. They reviewed the snow day protocols. There will not be any virtual snow days. The current calendar has two snow days and the committee decided not to change the calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Misiukiewicz mentioned the NPEF Kindergarten parents and new first grade mixer at Crestview Swim Club on September 9 at 7:00 p.m. She said it was a good way to meet other families.

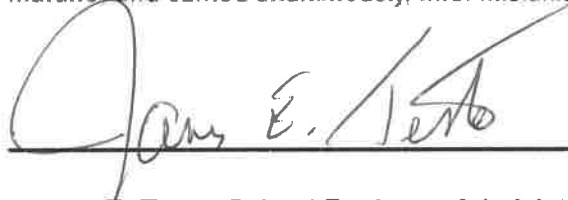
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Niederhoffer, 32 Club Lane, New Providence

Mrs. Niederhoffer asked the Board to reconsider using Zoom to allow for questions. There has been a lot of participation via Zoom and live streaming will not allow for questions. Mrs. Coniglio asked if in person capacity will increase. Mr. Testa responded yes capacity would increase.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Cuccaro, seconded by Mrs. Marano, and carried unanimously, Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
8/26/21 Board Meeting

