

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 29, 2021, in the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mrs. Misiukiewicz.

Present on roll call were Rebecca Coniglio, Jennifer Killea, Amanda Marano, Mary Misiukiewicz and Joseph Walsh. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and eight members of the public as well as forty-two Zoom participants.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz led 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 actual 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.

ZOOM INFORMATION

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Comments from the Board President

Mrs. Misiukiewicz welcomed everyone.

Good evening everybody! Hope your summer is treating you well and you have been able to find some time to take a break from your everyday life and spend extra time with your friends and families. As we are rounding out the end of July and we are just a mere six weeks away from the start of the 2021/22 school year.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented, "I took a quick look over my comments from the last seven months. Whoa what a difference a year can make". This time last summer the focus was on the New Jersey Department Of Education's *The Road Back* document. This document gave us guidance and

resources to assist every district so that they could plan and return our students to a safe learning environment. This summer, the Board alongside Dr. Miceli and his team have been reviewing the NJ DOE document entitled *The Road Forward*; this document as well, provides guidance and resources necessary to return to a safe, enriching, fully in-person learning environment for the upcoming school year.

We are excited to start our school year providing full-day, full-time, in-person instruction. Dr. Miceli will be reviewing the normalcy that is planned for instruction and operations in his report. I imagine that many of you are on the call tonight to hear our position and/or policy on mask wearing at the start of school. We want to take this opportunity to share with you what we do know as of today, July 29th.

On June 28, 2021, Governor Murphy announced that Executive Order #175 would expire on July 4th. This executive order indicated that masks were required for all students, staff, visitors in the 20/21 school year. This order has been lifted. Governor Murphy also indicated in the document, *The Road Forward*, which I just referenced would be the current guidance and replace *The Road Back* document. It reads, "*The Road Forward*", in terms of masks, under section 1.3, "Updated CDC guidance on masking in this setting is expected prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year and will factor into the final recommendations from the State for masking this fall".

On July 9, 2021, The CDC updated its guidance to revise and emphasize its COVID-19 prevention strategies for in-person learning for k-12 schools. The updated guidance specifically notes that "schools where not everyone is fully vaccinated should implement physical distancing to the extent possible within their structures, in addition to masking and other preventive strategies". The guidance also expressly recommends "indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk", and the CDC guidance at this time noted that "fully vaccinated people did not have to wear masks", and then about a week after that guidance, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued stricter guidance, recommending that everyone older than 2 wear a mask in schools, regardless of their vaccination status. In the most recent CDC press conference held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, the CDC indicated that "When we released our school guidance on July 9, we had less Delta variant in this country, we had fewer cases in this country, and importantly, we were really hopeful that we would have more people vaccinated, especially in the demographic between 12 to 17 years old".

On Tuesday the CDC made three major points during their briefing, they were:

1. Children and adults in K-12 schools should wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.
2. Vaccinated Americans should wear masks indoors if they are in high or substantial transmission areas.
3. The CDC wants local leaders in high transmission areas to support vaccination and universal masking.

Because of the ever changing CDC guidance, the Delta Variant gaining traction, not receiving guidance from our local Department Of Health, not receiving an update from the Department of Education, specifically, *The Road Forward* document, needing more time to monitor the cases in our community (New Providence reported today we have twelve cases) and monitoring the vaccination percentages among our staff and students, we will not be rendering our mask policy this evening. We will be watching all these components over the next several weeks and we are planning to share our mask policy at our August 26th Board of Education meeting. The decision to continue to monitor guidance until August 26th, was apparent for the Board, as it does not require any preparation. Before I turn the meeting over to Dr. Miceli, I want to share with you our policy on Travel quarantine.

For Domestic Travel :

- We will not require our staff and students, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to quarantine after domestic travel

For International Travel:

- We will require our unvaccinated staff and students to quarantine after travel for seven days with a negative test and ten days if they do not get tested.

Thank you.

Superintendent's Report

Enrollment

Dr. Miceli reported on enrollment. As of the close of our school year, June 30, 2021, we had a total of 689 students at AWR School, 644 students at Salt Brook School, 397 students at the middle school, and 636 students at the high school. We had 31 students receiving services outside the district, with a total number of 2,397 students. In addition, kindergarten registration is at 66 at AWR School and 45 at Salt Brook School. These numbers are low and will continue to monitor them, this is consistent with what we were anticipating with our enrollment starting to go down. For first grade, we had an additional 13 students registering at AWR school and an additional 16 at Salt Brook School. At the August meeting, an updated registration for the fall will be reported.

Fall 2021 Update

Dr. Miceli commented that we are monitoring all guidelines, speaking to our colleagues and surrounding communities. He commented that we do not want to be advantageous at this point to take our position one way or the other regarding masks as we are anticipating things will change in a couple of weeks. Mrs. Misiukiewicz indicated that we currently have twelve cases in our community, last week we had zero.

As far as travel regulations, Dr. Miceli commented that a lot of parents and staff have been inquiring about travel restrictions. He commented that if you travel within the United States, you do not need to be quarantined. International travels, for people that are not vaccinated, you will need to quarantine before the school begins. Hopefully, this flexibility will allow folks to plan for trips and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Dr. Miceli commented in addition, from a pure instructional perspective, in terms of all of our programs pre-k through 12, as we shared with the community back in June, we are fully anticipating going back to our normal programs and as of today we are continuing to feel strongly about that. We will have our full day programs across the district and we plan to have all of our instructional programs to normalcy before the pandemic. He commented that we have no intention of offering any type of remote learning options or zoom options for our students or our staff. That will not exist as we proceed into the school year.

Dr. Miceli commented that with respect to lunch, we will not have any barriers in our cafeterias, we thought we would need them when we were closing but at this point in time, working closely with the Department of Health, it does not seem to be a requirement, so we do not intend to have the dividers. We plan to strategically have the elementary students in cohorts in their specific classrooms so we can continue to monitor their locations while they are in the cafeteria. In the middle and high school setting, it will be open seating for lunch and also have open lunch available for our students. We plan fully to have athletics and all of our co-curricular activities and field trips. Per NJDOE, masks will be required in the buses, for field trips, athletics and any co-curricular activities. We do not have any intentions of having the daily screening as we open up this school year, as of today, but we will require a one time acknowledgement from that will be disseminated to all parents indicating that they will take responsibility to monitor their children's health and any symptoms they may see at the beginning of each day.

Dr. Miceli commented, in terms of vaccination, he wants to give everyone a sense of what is happening in our community. As of today we have approximately 90% of our staff currently vaccinated in district. We got an update from the Department of Health, currently, ages 12-17, we have 60% of that population vaccinated and will have about 80% of our students vaccinated by the end of September. We also have information that it is anticipated that students ages 5 and up, they will have the opportunity to get vaccinated by September, that's not confirmed yet, but it will be advantageous if that occurs as well. More details will come in the month of August, where details with respect to protocol for identifying and sharing your children's vaccination status with us with the nurses. This will help us assist us with contact tracing and exclusion.

Dr. Miceli commented on snow days. Coming from the Department of Education guidance, we will no longer be able to have a remote day for a snow day. The only day we will be able to access our remote instruction would come from an emergency declared from the Department of Health and it would have to be out of school for more than three days.

Dr. Miceli commented, with respect to contact tracing and exclusion, that criteria remains the same. We are currently working on our plans to address our students and staff members with respect to being excluded from the classroom, and/or if they are indeed safe, related to COVID. More to come on that, specifically at the August meeting. This information tonight will be disseminated by Mrs. Mangel sometime next week.

Public Comments (on specific agenda items)

Mrs. Misiukiewicz opened the opportunity for the Public to be heard (on specific agenda items at 7:18 p.m.

Reissued Check #	Date	Amount	Account	Reason
358173	7/29/2021	\$6,062.20	11-000-100-562-11	Replacement
358276	7/29/2021	\$ 371.70	11-190-103-610-04/ 11-190-103-610-06	Replacement

Dell Servers, Power Switches, Monitors, Cables and Transceivers Purchases Approved

4. Approve the purchase of Dell servers, power switches, monitors, cables and transceivers through New Jersey State Contract Number A89967, in an amount not to exceed \$65,227.58

Athletic Supplies through Ed Data Services, Inc. Approved

5. Approve the purchase of athletic supplies through Educational Data Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,438.11.

Transport of by Parent of Student #11896 to Dickerson School for ESY 2021 and Bragg Elementary School Chester for 2021/2022 School Year Approved

6. Approve the parent of student #11896 to transport to Dickerson School, Chester, New Jersey for the extended school year 2021, in an amount of \$1,210.00 and Bragg Elementary School, Chester, New Jersey for the 2021/2022 school year in the amount of \$11,189.00.

MUJC Trip Rates for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

7. Approve the following Morris Union Jointure Commission trip rates for the 2021/2022 school year.

Service	Rates
Trip Rate 54 Passenger (Mon-Sat)*	\$ 81.21
Trip Rate 54 Passenger (Sun & Holidays)*	\$105.04
Trip Rate Small Bus (Mon-Sat)*	\$ 76.89
Trip Rate Small Bus (Sun & Holidays)	\$ 93.12
*Weekend/Holiday trips have four-hour minimum	

Following Bus Companies for Athletics, Extra-Curricular and Field Trip Transportation in the Event MUJC is Unable to Provide for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

8. 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 2021/2022 school year:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>2021/2022 Rates</u>
Belair Transport	Orange	\$75.00/hr. – In-state \$85.00/hr. – Out-of-state
Passaic Valley Coach	Chatham	\$115.00/hr. (Or \$4.75/mile if higher than hourly rate) 55 Passenger Coach
		\$105.00/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
First Student	Chatham	\$435.00 base trip \$92.00 each additional hour
Durham Charter Services	Roselle	Price to be determined based on trip

District Software/Online Subscription Inventory for 2021/2022 School Year Approved

9. Approve the list of District Software/Online Subscription Inventory for 2021/2022 school year, copies in the hands of Board members.

Textbooks and Online Resources for HS/MS Algebra I and 2 from National Geographic Approved

10. Approve the following purchase in accordance with N.J. Statutes 18A:18A-5(a)(5) for the 2021/2022 school year:
 - Big Ideas textbooks and online resources for high school and middle school
 - Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 courses from National Geographic, not to exceed \$41,000.00.

NPSD Cyber Incident Response Plan for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

11. Approve the New Providence School District Cyber Incident Response Plan for the 2021/2022 school year.

Seconded by: Mrs. Coniglio
Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Coniglio	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Marano
<u>Absent</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Killea	<u>Absent</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Wash	

FACILITIES ACTION

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

Bid Sale of iPads Approved

1. Bids were received in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary on July 21,2021 at 10:00 a.m. Award as indicated:

Sale of iPads – New Providence Board of Education. Bid # 22-1

Vendor: Tech to School
Base Bid: \$85,892.00

Seconded by: Mrs. Killea
Roll Call Vote:

<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Coniglio	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Marano
<u>Absent</u> Mrs. Cuccaro	<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Misiukiewicz
<u>Yea</u> Mrs. Killea	<u>Absent</u> Mr. Smith
<u>Yea</u> Mr. Wash	

EDUCATION ACTIONS

Mrs. Coniglio moved to approve Items 1 through 10 as listed below:

2021/2022 HIB Investigations Approved

1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approve the recommendations of the Superintendent regarding the following 2021/2022 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
Middle School:	6 and 7
Allen W. Roberts:	3 and 4
Salt Brook:	1

Provisional Teacher Mentoring Plan - 2021/2022 Approved

2. Approve the New Providence School District annual mentoring program, "Provisional Teacher Mentoring Plan- 2021/2022", prepared in compliance with the New Jersey Mentoring for Quality Induction during the 2021/2022 school year, a copy of which is attached. In addition, approve the New Providence School District submission of the Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2021/2022 school year to the NJDOE.

(EXHIBIT A)

Submission and Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 ESSA Consolidated Grant Application Approved

3. Approve the submission and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Every Student Succeeds Act Consolidated Grant Application for Title IIA, Title III, and Title III Immigrant funds totaling \$37,540.00 for the period 7/1/21 through 6/30/22.

Acceptance Into a Title III Consortium with the Springfield Board of Education Approved

4. Approve acceptance into a Title III Consortium with the Springfield Board of Education in order to receive the amount of \$7,393.00 since federal legislation requires a consortium given that our allocation is below the \$10,000.00 minimum requirement. The Springfield Board of Education will be the lead district in this consortium.

Adoption of Textbooks and Other Educational Materials for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

5. Approve the adoption of textbooks and other educational materials for the 2021/2022 school year, as per attached list. **(EXHIBIT B)**

Enrollment of Student #11234 at Hunterdon Prep School for the 2021 ESY and 2021/2022 School Year Approved

6. Approve the enrollment of Student #11234 at Hunterdon Preparatory School for the 2021 Extended School Year, at a tuition cost of \$8,078.00, effective 7/1/21, and for the 2021/2022 school year, at a tuition cost of \$48,465.00, effective 9/1/21.

Enrollment of Student #11896 at Dickerson School for 2021 ESY and for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

7. Approve the enrollment of Student #11896 at Dickerson School for the 2021 Extended School Year, at a tuition cost of \$6,226.00, effective 7/6/21, and for the 2021/2022 school year, at Bragg School, at a tuition cost of \$62,235.00, effective 8/25/21.

Attendance of Student #1601152 2021 ESY Program at Deron I Rescinded

- 8. Rescind the approval of student #1601152 to attend the 2021 Extended School Year Program at Deron I, in the amount of \$15,429.00.

Submission of FY 2022 IDEA Consolidated Grant Application for 2021/2022 School Year Approved

- 9. Approve the submission of Fiscal Year 2022 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Consolidated Grant Application, in the amount of \$516,711.00.00 (Basic: \$497,196.00; Preschool: \$19,515.00), for the period 7/1/21 thru 6/30/22.

Dr. Haran, for Neurodevelopmental Evaluations for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

- 10. Approve Pahirathi Haran, M.D., for neurodevelopmental evaluations at a rate Of \$550.00 per evaluation for the 2021/2022 school year.

Seconded by: Mrs. Marano

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Absent Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Wash

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mr. Walsh in the absence of Mrs. Cuccaro, moved to approve Items 1 through 11 as listed below:

Appointments for the 2021/2022 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 2021/2022 school year:
 - a. Suzanne Kruep, ESY program substitute nurse, \$100.00 per half day
 - b. Farah Elghaziri, student teacher, 5 days per week, effective 9/5/21 through 12/23/21
 - c. Shane Mallory, student teacher, effective 9/5/21 through 12/23/21
 - d. Chloe Chan, school psychology practicum student, to work in the district for 8 to 12 hours a week, effective 9/5/21 thru 6/30/22

- e. Mary Barlow, student teacher, to work in the district a total of 150 hours, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22
- f. Madeline Blumm, student teacher, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22
- g. Chris Hasenkopf, internship, effective 9/1/21 through 12/23/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- h. Kelly DiGeronimo, teacher, \$57,774.00*, effective 9/1/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- i. Rachel Kane, long-term substitute teacher, effective 9/1/21, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$283.87* (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$56,774.00*)
- j. Ben Ruben-Schnirman, summer curriculum writing, Band, Grades 4-8, not to exceed 30 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.
- k. Ben Ruben-Schnirman, summer curriculum writing, Band, Grades 9-12, not to exceed 30 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.
- l. Katherine Blanco, summer curriculum writing, Reading, Grade 6, not to exceed 30 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.
- m. Sandra Natale, summer curriculum writing, Social Studies, Kindergarten, not to exceed 20 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.
- n. Michael Criscitello, summer curriculum writing, Research 2, Grades 11-12, not to exceed 40 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.
- o. Marjorie Linda Constantino, teacher, \$66,137.00*, effective 9/1/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- p. Deborah Leonard, ESL Summer Academic Support, 20 hours @ 54.87*/hr.
- q. Kristina Berrios, ESL Summer Academic Support, 20 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.
- r. Scott Rahner Jr., teacher, \$57,274.00*, effective 9/1/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- s. Cathie Morgan, summer substitute teacher aide for extended school year program, \$26.07*/hr.
- t. John Paul Sagendorf, summer custodial work, \$11.10/hr., effective 7/14/21
- u. Lisa Matrale, teacher, \$71,288.00*, effective 9/1/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- v. David Hall, teacher, \$63,134.00*, effective 9/1/21 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
- w. David Aprill, long-term substitute teacher, effective 9/1/21, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$283.87* (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$56,774.00*)
- x. Danielle DeKunchak, teacher, \$65,127.00*, effective 9/1/21
- (*) Subject to completion of negotiations for the 2021/2022 school year

Appointments of Non-Tenured Teachers for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

2. Approve the appointment of the teachers, including non-tenured teachers, with the salaries as noted on file with the Board Secretary per the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2021/2022 school year.

(EXHIBIT C)

Appointments for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

3. Approve the appointment of the following people, including non-tenured staff, with the salaries as noted on file with the Board Secretary per the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools for the 2021/2022 school year: included in this group are custodians, maintenance workers, secretaries, department heads, and cocurricular personnel.

(EXHIBIT D)**Resignations Accepted**

4. Accept the resignations of the following employees:
 - a. Alessandro Pizzo, teacher, effective 6/30/21
 - b. Kristen Schmidt, teacher, effective 7/1/21
 - c. Raymond Walker, custodian, effective 7/31/21
 - d. Michael Giordano, teacher, effective 7/1/21
 - e. Alexis Jacqueney, teacher, effective 7/1/21
 - f. RoseMaria Russo, teacher, effective 7/5/21
 - g. Jaimee Rothenberg, teacher, effective 9/24/21

Revisions for the 2021/2022 School Year Approved

5. Approve the following revisions for the 2021/2022 school year:
 - a. Kim Chrisostomides, MS summer guidance, from a period not to exceed 6.25 days at \$2,916.28* to a period not to exceed 6 days at \$2,968.92
 - b. Amy McNany, MS summer guidance, from a period not to exceed 6.25 days at \$2,050.84* to a period not to exceed 6.5 days at \$2,153.52
 - c. Leah Bromley, summer curriculum review work, from a period not to exceed 4 hours @ \$54.87*/hr. to a period not to exceed 6 hours @ \$54.87*/hr.

(*) Subject to completion of negotiations for the 2021/2022 school year

Summer 2021 Appointments Rescinded

6. Rescind the following summer 2021 appointments:
 - a. Janet Calvert, summer substitute teacher for extended school year program and/or teacher for IEP meeting
 - b. Alessandro Pizzo, summer curriculum writing, Research 2, Grades 11-12, not to exceed 40 hours @ \$54.87/hr.

2021/2022 School Year Appointments Rescinded

7. Rescind the following appointments for the 2021/2022 school year:

- a. Lauren Elmsblad, playground/lunchroom aide
- b. Danielle DeKunchak, , long term substitute teacher, \$65,127.00*, effective 9/1/21 through 6/30/22

Request for Unpaid Leave for Maria Savino Approved

- 8. Approve the request for unpaid leave for Maria Savino, teacher, under the state Family Leave Act for a period of twelve weeks commencing 8/31/21 and ending 11/22/21 with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law.

Ratification of the Agreement Between NPEA Teachers Unit for July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2024 Approved

- 9. Approve the ratification of the agreement between the New Providence Education Association Teachers Unit for the duration of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to execute the final agreement.

Ratification of the Agreement with the NPEA Secretarial Unit for July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2024 Approved

- 10. Approve the ratification of the agreement with the New Providence Education Association Secretarial Unit for the duration of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to execute the final agreement.

Ratification of the Agreement with the NP Custodian and Maintenance Association for July 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2024 Approved

- 11. Approve the ratification of the agreement with the New Providence Custodian and Maintenance Association for the duration of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The Board President and the Board Secretary are authorized to execute the final agreement.

Seconded by: Mrs. Marano

Dr. Miceli commented that he would like to congratulate the Board, the Maintenance/Custodians, Secretaries and Teachers for their successful ratification and approval of their contracts for the next three years. A lot of work has gone into the process and we appreciate working collaboratively together. In addition, we had spent a lot of time on personnel. Mr. Henry is here tonight for six of the new appointments on the agenda for the high school. Three of them are here tonight, Lisa Matrale, who will be our english teacher at the high school, Scott Rahner, Jr., special education teacher at the middle school and David Hall, the new art teacher at the middle/high school. We appreciate you all working with us and appreciate your experience from your prior districts. We are looking forward to your contributions to our district.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea Mrs. Coniglio

Yea Mrs. Marano

Absent Mrs. Cuccaro

Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Yea Mrs. Killea

Absent Mr. Smith

Yea Mr. Wash

BOARD POLICY

No Board Policy for review

Committee Reports

Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

Nothing to report at this time.

Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security

Mr. Walsh, committee chairperson, commented that they met as a committee and they had a discussion on the air conditioning and when will be the opportune time when we can address this.

Personnel, Management, and Communication

Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Miceli commented on the demographic report with Dr. Grip. He commented that we got an update on the construction project and what potentially may lie ahead there from the Borough. That project is anticipated to have the building permits by this October, and it is estimated the project will be completed eighteen months later, which is Spring, 2023. The anticipated number of units at that site is 192. We do not have all of the specificity of what they may look like. What we do have is that there are 492 projected bedrooms, 192 of those are master bedrooms and 260 are more traditional bedrooms. He commented that he shared this information with Dr. Grip and asked to provide us with an additional proposal for us to review. As we have additional information related to this project, we will share that with him and once we have our official enrollment numbers in September, more specifically October 15th. Dr. Grip recommends that we choose option # 1 right now on the demographic study update. This provides us with the comparison of actual and projected enrollments, our community overview, live birth data, historical enrollment trends, special education data, enrollment projections, housing growth, capacity now says homes sales and GIS mapping, which is a new feature they are offering in this package. He also is recommending we go with option 2, so that we get

specific projections by individual schools. Once that service is completed and has that data, he can do his presentation in person or via Zoom. Another consideration is option 6, which will be the redistricting and attendance boundary modification. Depending upon what the numbers are and what our enrollment is, we also want to take a look at where students are actually housed and located and what our current boundaries are and whether or not we may want to shift. As per his last report he produced, we were seeing an overall decrease in our overall enrollment projections. We are starting to see that take place in our current enrollment now. He commented that this is just our projections and what our options are.

Dr. Miceli commented that he wanted consensus from the Board tonight to authorize Dr. Grip to begin options 1 and 2, and we can provide him with information and then hopefully he may be able to render a report to us sometime in the fall or maybe winter which can certainly help us with our planning and some of the things the committee are doing in terms of potential construction and/or any addition throughout the District. Dr. Miceli asked, does anyone have any questions?

Mr. Walsh asked about option 6.

Dr. Miceli is not recommending this option at this point. He recommends option 1 and 2.

The Board agreed to proceed with option 1 and 2 and have him present his report via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS

School Calendar

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that the two year school calendars were approved back in January and some changes have been made. She commented that remote will no longer be an option as well as remote snow days. Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that the Board is not required to observe all federal holidays however, there is a new federal holiday, Juneteenth, which is very important to discuss, which will be on Monday, June 20, 2022. She commented that she would like to set up an ad hoc committee. She would like to sit on the committee and ask for volunteers. Mrs. Killea, Mrs. Coniglio will sit with Mrs. Misiukiewicz on the committee.

Board Meetings – New Providence School District Communications Plan Recommendation

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that she recommends that starting in August, to offer live streaming, with the community coming in person to make any comments.

Mrs. Killea commented that she agrees with this recommendation. She commented that something to remind everyone that we will have no restrictions on capacity, so we will be able to open this up and more people can attend in person. She asked if people would be able to email questions ahead of time?

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that we can talk about it, but it is not what she is recommending. Past practice to have people engage in person, to have people have a dialogue, this is not only effective, but the most respectful way.

Mr. Testa commented that we have to look at policy, with regards to live streaming. We would have to do a change notice for August, and a resolution to change the meeting schedule for the rest of the year, if the Board chooses to go just with the live stream option. We should also talk about the live streaming, of option to record. He commented that he will speak to Mrs. Mangel to discuss the live streaming option.

Mrs. Marano asked what the negative would be to record the live streaming. The Council meetings are recorded, could we do the same?

Mr. Testa commented that it is up to the Board on if they want to decide to record the meetings.

Dr. Miceli commented that prior to COVID, the major reasons why we didn't broadcast the meetings, which is different from the Council, was that the Council would speak more about what is happening in the community, it doesn't get to the confidentiality nature of the students. Very often, for many years, we have parents who have come to the meetings and spoke about very specific events related to their children. It's a one time conversation, it's not recorded, it's not for the public to share with everyone.

Mrs. Coniglio commented that she agrees.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz commented that there's been so many questions, to live stream or record. We can talk about it at the next meeting.

Mr. Testa commented that we will keep the current format for the next meeting and discuss it further.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Misiukiewicz opened the meeting for the opportunity for the Public to be heard at 7:44 p.m.

Christine Vivino, NP Resident

Mrs. Vivino commented that she wants to discuss having Zoom at the board meetings. The attendance on Zoom is a large number, so she really agrees with keeping the Zoom meetings. A lot of the parents like that. More parents will attend the meetings if still on Zoom, so if we can keep it for the school year and not take it away.

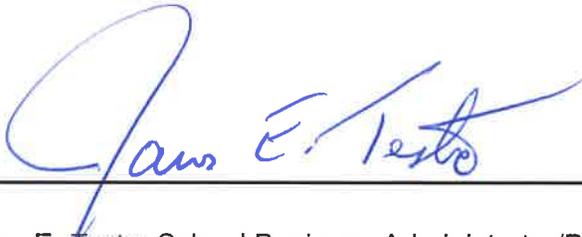
Jeane Pate, NP Resident

Mrs. Pate commented that participation has gone up through Zoom. Sometimes she is busy at home and cannot attend so she can go on Zoom and also be able to call in and speak. She doesn't know about taping but definitely broadcast. Parents want more access, especially when parents have to travel.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mrs. Killea, and carried unanimously, Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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