



NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Administrative Offices
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AGENDA
December 12, 2024
High School/Middle School Media Center
7:00 p.m.

[New Providence Board of Education YouTube Link](#)

I Roll Call:

_____ Mrs. Coniglio	_____ Mrs. Gunderman
_____ Mrs. Cuccaro	_____ Mrs. Killea
_____ Dr. Empson Hayden	_____ Mrs. Marano
_____ Mr. Walsh	

II Flag Salute

III Opening Statement by the President:

- A.** 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 a 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.

- B.** Other comments

IV Report of the Superintendent of Schools

1. Student Report- Vince Graziano
2. Enrollment
3. General Information
4. School Calendars- 2026/2027 (New), 2025/2026 (Revised)

V Audit Report- Mr. Bobby Bedara
Donohue, Gironda, Doria, & Tomkins, LLC.

VI Public Comments:

- A.** Opportunity for the Public to be heard (on specific agenda items)
B. Public portion of the meeting declared closed

VII Approval of Minutes as follows:

Business Meeting:

November 14, 2024

Closed Meeting:

November 14, 2024

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

_____ Mrs. Coniglio

_____ Mrs. Gunderman

_____ Mrs. Cuccaro

_____ Mrs. Killea

_____ Dr. Empson Hayden

_____ Mrs. Marano

_____ Mr. Walsh

VIII Action Items**A. Finance Actions – Mr. Marano**

Approve Items 1 through 11 as listed below:

1. After review, we hereby accept the Board Secretary and Treasurer reports for November 2024. No major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
2. Approve the payment of bills for December 2024, in the amount of \$4,880,158.77.
3. Approve the voided and reissued checks.

Voided

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Reason</u>
365188	11/14/24	\$ 254.93	11-000-230-590-99	Lost
364897	10/17/24	\$5,176.84	11-000-262-610-01	Lost
364358	7/25/24	\$ 353.00	11-000-261-890-00	Lost

Reissued

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
365344	12/12/24	\$ 254.93	11-000-230-590-99
365207	12/12/24	\$5,176.84	11-000-262-610-01
365305	12/12/24	\$ 353.00	11-000-261-890-00

4. Approve the acceptance of the 2023/2024 Audit Report.
5. Approve the Reimbursement for Services Per Pupil Fees (New Providence School District tuition rates for members of the MUJC), as a member of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission for the 2024/2025 school year, as follows:

Pre-School Disabled (Half Day Program)	\$46,503.00
Pre-School Disabled (Full Day Program)	\$57,979.00
Early Primary LLD-1	\$25,717.00
Primary LLD-2	\$59,914.00
Primary LLD-3	\$51,834.00
LLD-4	\$25,376.00
LLD-5	\$42,711.00
Middle School Resource Center	\$20,565.00
High School Resource Center	\$18,866.00

6. Approve the generous donation from the Salt Brook Elementary School PTA in the amount of \$17,525.00, towards the purchase of a new upper playground at Salt Brook Elementary School.
7. Approve the generous donation from Ms. Delia M. Cheng to the New Providence High School Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00.
8. Approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Morris Union Jointure Commission and the New Providence School District for the 2024/2025 school year as stated below:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>Aide Per Diem</u>
992	\$41,271.33	\$0.00

9. Approve the following resolution:

Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the District is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for school use; and

WHEREAS, the District is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Providence Board of Education as follows:

The sale of surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is www.govdeals.com. Terms and conditions of the agreement with GovDeals are available on GovDeals website.

The surplus property to be sold is as follows:

- MovinCool Air Conditioner Unit
Model No.: Office Pro 36
Serial No.: 01150053360

The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

10. Approve the swimming pool rental agreement between the New Providence School District and Wood Aquatics, LLC for the 2024/2025 school year.
11. Approve Settembrino Architects for post-referendum architectural services as per N.J.S.A. – 18A:18A-5, on a fee basis not to exceed \$160,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses.

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

_____ Mrs. Coniglio

_____ Mrs. Gunderman

_____ Mrs. Cuccaro

_____ Mrs. Killea

_____ Dr. Empson Hayden

_____ Mrs. Marano

_____ Mr. Walsh

B. Facilities Actions – Mrs. Marano

Approve Item 1 as listed below:

1. Approve the submission of a Local Recreation Improvement Grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 with a cash match funded through donations and/or fundraising. The grant will fund a project that will replace the upper playground equipment at Salt Brook School.

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

_____ Mrs. Coniglio

_____ Mrs. Gunderman

_____ Mrs. Cuccaro

_____ Mrs. Killea

_____ Dr. Empson Hayden

_____ Mrs. Marano

_____ Mr. Walsh

C. Education – Mrs. Gunderman

Approve Items 1 through 6 as listed below:

1. Per the 2011 Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, approve the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools regarding the following 2024/2025 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying investigations:

<u>School</u>	<u>Incident Report Number(s)</u>
High School:	3
Middle School:	2
Allen W. Roberts:	2
District:	2

2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between New Providence High School and Rutgers School of Health Professions for the Health Science Careers Program, effective for the 2024/2025 school year. Such agreement was Board approved on December 14, 2023 and is to automatically renew for a successive three-year period.
3. Approve the following additional field trip destinations for the 2024/2025 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8:
 - a. Kawa Ramen, Japanese Restaurant, New Providence, New Jersey
 - b. Shofuso: A Japanese Garden in Philadelphia, West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

4. Approve the following textbook/educational material adoption for the 2024/2025 school year, details of which are in the hands of each Board member:
 - a. The Will to Meaning (AP Language and Composition--11th & 12th grades)
5. Approve the enrollment of Student #11608 at Chatham High School, for the 2024/2025 school year, at a tuition cost of \$54,232.00, effective 12/2/24.
6. Approve the enrollment of Student #11224 at The Midland School, for the 2024/2025 school year, at a tuition cost of \$77,403.70, effective 12/2/24.

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

_____ Mrs. Coniglio

_____ Mrs. Gunderman

_____ Mrs. Cuccaro

_____ Mrs. Killea

_____ Dr. Empson Hayden

_____ Mrs. Marano

_____ Mr. Walsh

D. Personnel Action – Mrs. Coniglio

Approve Items 1 through 6 as listed below:

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 2024/2025 school year:
 - a. Karen Gaeta, long term substitute teacher, \$31,936.00 (base 63,872.00), effective 2/1/25 through 6/30/25
 - b. Brandon Hilf, winter track, boys and girls, first assistant, \$6,103.00
 - c. Brandon Hilf, spring track, boys, first assistant, \$6,614.00
 - d. Devon Buchanan, HS winter guard, assistant color guard instructor, \$1,162.00
 - e. Angel Cabrera III, long-term substitute teacher, \$38,323.00 (base \$63,872.00), effective 1/1/25 through 6/30/25 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - f. Ryan Glatz, baseball coach intern, for the 2025 baseball season
 - g. Ji Hwan Ryu, teacher, \$35,767.00 (base \$68,783.00), effective 1/27/25
 - h. Ji Hwan Ryu, substitute teacher
 - i. Nancy Babbitt, long term substitute teacher, effective 1/2/25, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$290.93 (prorated Step 1, Column I, base of \$58,186.00), to work 3 days a week (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - j. Leah Bromley, HS science competition club, advisor, \$2,064.00
 - k. Krista Saturnia, substitute teacher, teacher aide, and secretary
 - l. Dean Licari, substitute teacher, teacher aide, and secretary (subject to issuance of substitute certification) (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - m. Patricia Gribbon, substitute teacher, teacher aide, and secretary (subject to issuance of substitute certification) (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - n. Sharon O'Day, substitute teacher, teacher aide, and secretary (subject to issuance of substitute certification) (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - o. Rachel Curcio, reading specialist, \$40,222.00 (base \$90,386.00), effective 2/18/25 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - p. Michael Makmur, HS ESports. advisor, \$1,032.00 (base \$2,064.00), effective 2/1/25-6/30/25
 - q. Daniel Mango, HS musical (winter), music director, \$3,300.00
 - r. Gabrianna Boomer, teacher, \$47,853.00 (base \$79,755), effective 1/1/25 (subject to criminal history review procedures)

- s. Susan Sirna, teacher aide, \$14,817.00 (base \$24,695.00), effective 1/1/25
 - t. Rayana Patania, substitute teacher, teacher aide, and secretary (subject to criminal history review procedures)
 - u. Rayana Patania, long-term substitute teacher, effective 1/13/25, to be paid on a per diem basis of \$319.36 (prorated Step 1, Column IV, base of \$63,872.00) (subject to criminal history review procedures) (subject to issuance of certification)
2. Accept the resignation of the following employee:
 - a. Maria Halkias, reading specialist, effective 1/10/25
 3. Approve the following revisions for the 2024/2025 school year:
 - a. Noelle Vallario, MS ensemble advisor, \$825.60 (base \$2,064.00), effective 9/1/24-12/31/24
 - b. Brandon Hilf, MS ESports, advisor, \$619.20 (base \$2,064.00), effective 9/1/24-11/30/24
 - c. Rachel Fintz, HS ESports, advisor, \$1,032.00 (base \$2,064.00), effective 9/1/24-1/31/25
 - d. Katherine Witte, long term subistitue teacher, \$34,621.00 (base \$58,186.00), effective 11/4/24-5/5/25
 4. Rescind the following appointments for the 2024/2025 school year:
 - a. Leslie Ditta, HS musical (winter), choreographer, \$3,300.00
 - b. Grace Kinsella, lacrosse (spring), girls, second assistant, \$5,231.00
 - c. Rachel Fintz, HS science competition club, \$2,064.00
 5. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Dana Branstetter, teacher, under the state Family Leave Act for a period of twelve weeks commencing 3/21/25 and ending 6/18/25, with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 2/20/25 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)
 6. Approve the request for unpaid maternity leave for Nina Kania, occupational therapist, under the federal Family Leave Act for a period of six weeks commencing 2/24/25 and ending 4/22/25, and under the state Family Leave Act for a period of twelve weeks commencing 4/23/25 and ending 9/19/25, with continued health insurance benefits pursuant to law. (Based on 3/4/25 due date. Dates subject to adjustment by actual birth.)

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

_____ Mrs. Coniglio

_____ Mrs. Gunderman

_____ Mrs. Cuccaro

_____ Mrs. Killea

_____ Dr. Empson Hayden

_____ Mrs. Marano

_____ Mr. Walsh

E. Board Policy – Mrs. Coniglio

No Board Policy for review.

IX Committee Reports

1. Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology
2. Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security
3. Personnel, Management, and Communication

X Old Business

Re-organization Meeting Reminder- Thursday, January 2, 2025
Official School Board Election Results

XI New Business

XII Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

XIII Motion to Recess to Closed Session, if necessary

XIV Adjournment