

The business/reorganization meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 2, 2025, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by Mr. James Testa, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary.

Present were Dr. Lauren Zirpoli, Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Uglialoro, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Jonathan Keaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Supervision, and thirteen (13) members of the public.

Mr. Testa led in the salute to the flag. Mr. Testa began the meeting by stating that before the new board president being elected, he would be conducting the meeting.

Mr. Testa 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.

Mr. Testa then asked Mrs. Castellano, Mrs. Gunderman, and Mrs. Zane to come up and be sworn in. The elected board members repeated the following oath after Mr. Testa:

"I, state your name, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people.

I, state your name, do solemnly swear, that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law, for the office of member of a Board of Education, am not disqualified as a voter, am not disqualified due to conviction of a crime or offense as per statute, and that I will faithfully, impartially, and justly, perform all the duties of that office, according to the best of my ability."

Mr. Testa took roll call. Present on roll call were, Bernadette Cuccaro, Laura Castellano, Kristin Empson Hayden, Stacey Gunderman, Amanda Marano, Joseph Walsh, and Donna Zane.

Mr. Testa read the official election results of November 5, 2024. <embers elected for three-year terms, Laura Castellano: 2,869 votes, Stacey Gunderman: 3,025 votes, and Donna Zane: 2,706. The total votes cast were 12,609 and the total number of registered voters was 10,585.

Mr. Testa then opened the nomination for the office of the Board of Education president.

Mrs. Marano nominated Bernadette Cuccaro for the office of president and summarized Mrs. Cuccaro's twelve years of service on the Board and various committees that she has served.

Mr. Walsh seconded the nomination.

Seeing no other motions, Mr. Testa closed the nominations and took a roll call vote:

Roll call vote:

<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Cuccaro
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Castello
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Gunderman
<u>Yea</u>	Dr. Empson Hayden
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Marano
<u>Yea</u>	Mr. Walsh
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Zane

Mrs. Cuccaro thanked Mrs. Marano for her kind words and opened the nomination for the office of vice president of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Gunderman nominated Mrs. Marano for the office of vice president. She summarized Mrs. Marano's five years of service on the board and various committees that she has served.

Dr. Empson Hayden seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were made and Mrs. Cuccaro closed the nominations.

Roll call vote:

<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Cuccaro
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Castello
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Gunderman
<u>Yea</u>	Dr. Empson Hayden
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Marano
<u>Yea</u>	Mr. Walsh
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Zane

Mrs. Cuccaro then continued to name the new committee assignments as follows:

Curriculum and Technology:

Chairperson: Dr. Empson Hayden

Committee Member: Mrs. Zane

Committee member: Mrs. Castellano

Finance, Facilities, and Safety/Security:

Chairperson: Mr. Walsh

Committee Member: Mrs. Gunderman

Committee member: Mrs. Marano

Personnel, Management, and Communication:

Chairperson: Mrs. Gunderman

Committee Member: Dr. Empson Hayden

Committee member: Mrs. Marano

Union County School Board Association Liaison: Mrs. Marano

Union County Educational Services Commission Liaison: Mrs. Castellano

New Jersey School Boards Association Liaison: Mrs. Cuccaro

Municipal Alliance Representative: Mrs. Gunderman

Morris Union Jointure Commission Liaison: Dr. Zirpoli

New Providence Education Foundation Liaison: Dr. Empson Hayden

New Providence Borough Council Liaison: Mrs. Zane

Board Policy: Mr. Walsh

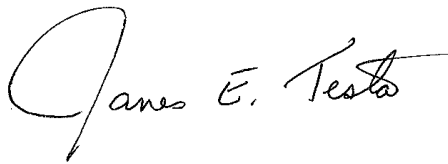
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Cuccaro opened the meeting to the public at 7:10 p.m.

There being no public comments, Mrs. Cuccaro declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Gunderman, and carried unanimously, Mrs. Cuccaro declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James E. Testa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary