

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2026, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by Mrs. Marano, Board President.

Present on the roll call were Laura Castellano, Dr. Kristen Empson Hayden, Rupa Kale, Amy Lepre, Amanda Marano, and Donna Zane. Also present were Dr. Lauren Zirpoli, Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Ugialoro, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Jonathan Keaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Supervision, James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board, and three (3) members of the public.

Mrs. Marano in the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Marano 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 a notice was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

Whenever the business of the Board requires it to convene to a Closed Session, the session will begin no later than 9:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the need for a Closed Session, the Board will reconvene for 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Marano opened the meeting to the public at 7:01 p.m. There being no comments, Mrs. Marano declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:01 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

FINANCE ACTIONS

No finance items for approval.

FACILITIES ACTIONS

No facilities items for approval.

EDUCATION ACTIONS

No education items for approval.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Dr. Empson Hayden moved to approve Items 1 and 2 as listed below:

2026/2027 REAPPOINTMENT OF NON-TENURED STAFF APPROVED

1. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the Board of Education approve the reappointment of certain non-tenured staff for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Superintendent's recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the reappointment of the non-tenured certificated and non-certificated staff identified on EXHIBIT A, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employment shall be contingent upon receipt of all required documentation and continued compliance with state statutes and Board policies.

(EXHIBIT A)

RESIGNATION APPROVED

2. Accept the resignation of the following employee:

a. Carolyn Olsen, teacher, effective 6/30/26

Mrs. Marano seconded the motion. It was carried on the following vote.

Roll call vote:

<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Castellano
<u>Yea</u>	Dr. Empson Hayden
<u>Absent</u>	Ms. Gunderman
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Kale
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Lepre
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Marano
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Zane

BOARD POLICY

No policies for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Marano opened the meeting to the public at 7:03 p.m.

Sunil Abrol, 1532 Springfield Avenue

Mr. Abrol invited the Board to the Unity Day that will be held on June 6, 2026 in the High School gymnasium. He had invited students to speak more about the Unity Day event, but the students were not available due to AP testing. Mr. Abrol also requested, if possible, that there be a table set up specifically for Belonging and Community.

Mrs. Kale asked Mr. Abrol to confirm the time of the event.

Mr. Abrol responded that the event will start at 3:00 p.m. and last through 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Marano declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Empson Hayden moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall, on May 7, 2026, in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, specific matters which may generally be described as follows:

- Student matters related to HIB.

The minutes of the discussion in closed session of the aforementioned matters may be disclosed to the

public after the final determination of action has been reached.

Mrs. Kale seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

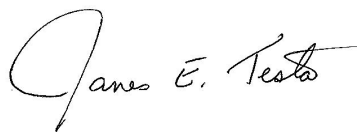
RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to public session at 8:33 p.m.

Mrs. Marano called the Board to order. Board members present were Mrs. Castellano, Dr. Empson Hayden, Mrs. Kale, Mrs. Lepre, Mrs. Marano, and Mrs. Zane.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Castellano, seconded by Mrs. Kale, and carried unanimously, Mrs. Marano declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Testa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary