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 5, 2022, at 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, Bernadette Cuccaro, Stacey Gunderman, Jennifer Killea, and Mary Misiukiewicz. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Lauren Zirpoli, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; six (6) members of the public.

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 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.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz welcomed everyone to the meeting. She noted the Senior Breakfast was held on Friday, April 29th. She thanked the PTA along with the many parent volunteers who did an outstanding job and made it a very special event. It was very nice to see all the students in their college gear. She said despite the difficult past two years with COVID, these students preserved and nothing can take away the pioneer perseverance.

Mrs. Misiukiewicz thanked Dr. Miceli and Mr. Testa for facilitating the bond referendum presentation at the Superintendent's Forum on Tuesday night and thanked those who attended. Tonight the approval of Settembrino Architects for pre-referendum services is on the Agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Misiukiewicz opened the meeting for the Public to be heard (on specific agenda items) at 7:05 p.m.. There were no public comments.

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

**FINANCE ACTION** 

Mrs. Killea, in the absence of the chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 through 5 as listed below:

## **TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE APPROVED**

1. Approve the purchase of technology, filtering systems and software from DynTek through NJSBA #E-8801-ACES-CPS, in an amount not to exceed \$24,952.27 for the 2022/2023 school year.

#### **PURCHASE OF IPADS AND CASES APPROVED**

2. Approve the following resolution for the 2022/2023 school year:

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey("ESCNJ"), as Lead Agency for the ESCNJ cooperative pricing system (system identifier #65MCESCCPS), has awarded a contract for proprietary

Apple technology products (bid number ESCNJ 18/19-67), effective May 13, 2019 following the public solicitation of sealed bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-15, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Providence Board of Education is a member of the ESCNJ cooperative pricing system and is authorized to make purchases from contracts awarded by the ESCNJ pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Apple technology products covered by the ESCNJ contract sought by the New Providence Board of Education are of such a specialized nature that only such products will meet the needs of the New Providence Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS,** the New Providence Board of Education has heavily invested time and funds into the acquisition and integration of Apple products in local operations; and

**WHEREAS,** it's not feasible to use non-Apple products to supplement the existing technology initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of non-Apple products would require either the wholesale replacement of the technology currently used by the New Providence Board of Education or an unsupportable level of training, support and maintenance services that would utterly defeat the purpose of the public contracting laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the New Providence Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of proprietary Apple technology products through ESCNJ contract (Co-op # 65MCESCCPS) from Apple, Inc. 5505 W. Parmer Lane, MS 578-ROA Austin, TX 78727-6524, for the following items during the 2022/2023 school year:

Purchase five hundred fifty (550) 10.2-inch iPads, 64 GB, Wi-Fi, Silver, in the amount of \$161,700.00

Purchase three hundred ten (310) Logitech Rugged Combo 3 Case for 10.2-inch iPad, in the amount of \$30,984.50.

#### PURCHASE OF DELL OPTIPLEX PCs APPROVED

3. Approve the purchase of ninety-seven (97) Dell OptiPlex 3090 Small Form Factor PCs through New Jersey State Contract #19-TELE-00656, in an amount not to exceed \$74,575.54 for the 2022/2023 school year.

## PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FROM TURN-KEY TECHNOLOGIES APPROVED

4. Approve the purchase of equipment and services from Turn-key Technologies through, New Jersey State Contract #21-TELE-01517 (NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement #AR3228) to upgrade the District's wireless network, in an amount not to exceed \$105,970.56 for the 2022/2023 school year.

# SETTEMBRINO ARCHITECTS APPROVED FOR PRE-REFERENDUM SERVICES APPROVED

5. Approve Settembrino Architects for pre-referendum architectural services, per N.J.S.A. – 18A:18A-5, in an amount of \$47,500.00.

Mrs. Coniglio seconded the motion.

Mrs. Killea noted Items 1 through 4 were technology purchases for the 2022/2023 school year. Due to supply chain issues, these items were being approved now to ensure delivery by the start of the school year.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

| <u>Yea</u>    | Mrs. Coniglio     |
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| <u>Yea</u>    | Mrs. Cuccaro      |
| <u>Yea</u>    | Mrs. Gunderman    |
| <u>Yea</u>    | Mrs. Killea       |
| <u>Absent</u> | Mrs. Marano       |
| <u>Yea</u>    | Mrs. Misiukiewicz |
| <u>Absent</u> | Mr. Walsh         |

**FACILITIES ACTION** 

Mrs. Killea, in the absence of the chairperson, moved to approve Items 1 below:

## RESOLUTION APPROVING ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS APPROVED

1. Approve the following resolution:

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) seeks to submit to the voters various school facilities projects (collectively, the "Projects") consisting generally of capital improvements to various school facilities as set forth in Section 6; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District will seek debt service aid with respect to the Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of: (i) the Projects; and (ii) a School District election at which time a bond referendum authorizing the Projects shall be presented to the voters of the School District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence, in the County of Union, New Jersey that:

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the preparation of schematic plans and educational specifications, as necessary in accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey

Administration Code ("N.J.A.C."), by Settembrino Architects ("Settembrino") in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and directs Settembrino to submit the same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Union County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the schematic plans to the municipal planning board for review, if required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.2(c), and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for review, to the extent required by law.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves an amendment to the Long Range

Facilities Plan, as necessary in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.3, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of any such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

- Section 3. The Board hereby approves the applications for the Projects and Settembrino is hereby directed to submit such applications to the New Jersey Department of Education seeking debt service aid for the Projects, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.2.
- Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Project cost estimate sheets and all related documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.
- Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Settembrino, and Fitzpatrick & Merritt, as Bond Counsel, as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Projects to the voters via a bond referendum at the School District election to be held on November 8, 2022 or such other date as may be available to the Board.
- Section 6. School Facilities Projects to include the following:

### Allen W. Roberts Elementary School – 39-3560-055

- Replacement of existing heating and ventilation systems (HV) in the school with new heating, ventilating and air conditioning units (HVAC) at classrooms, gymnasium, and cafeteria
- Upgrade existing electrical service
- Replacement of existing exhaust fans in toilet rooms
- New classroom furniture

## Salt Brook Elementary School – 39-3560-090

- Replacement of existing heating and ventilation systems (HV) in the school with new heating, ventilating and air conditioning units (HVAC) at classrooms, gymnasium, and cafeteria
- Upgrade existing electrical service
- Replace existing multizone air handling unit and chiller
- Replacement of existing exhaust fans in toilet rooms
- New classroom furniture
- Replacement of existing bleachers in gymnasium

# New Providence Middle School - 39-3560-080

#### New Providence High School – 39-3560-050

- Replacement of existing heating and ventilation systems (HV) in the school with new heating, ventilating and air conditioning units (HVAC) at classrooms, middle school and high school gymnasiums, auditorium, music rooms, TV room, and cafeteria
- Upgrade existing electrical service
- Replacement of existing exhaust fans in toilet rooms

- New classroom furniture
- Replacement of existing bleachers in high school gymnasium
- Roof replacement at the art/music wing, guidance, gymnasium, lower cafeteria and boiler room
- Resurfacing of the existing track at Lieder Field
- Renovation of existing faculty toilet rooms
- Replace existing corridor flooring

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effective immediately.

Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion and it was carried on the following vote:

YeaMrs. ConiglioYeaMrs. CuccaroYeaMrs. GundermanYeaMrs. KilleaAbsentMrs. MaranoYeaMrs. Misiukiewicz

Absent Mr. Walsh

**EDUCATION** 

No Items for approval.

**PERSONNEL ACTION** 

Mrs. Cuccaro, Personnel Chairperson moved to approve Item 1 as listed below:

#### **APPOINTMENTS 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 2022/2023 school year:
  - a. Christian Rizzo, teacher, \$56,939.00, effective 9/1/22 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - b. Dena Sweeney, teacher, \$63,625.00, effective 9/1/22 (subject to criminal history review procedures)
  - c. Jennifer Pasuit, STEM Department Head, \$1,086.00 (base \$7,005.00), effective 5/16/22

Mr. Coniglio seconded the motion.

Mrs. Cuccaro said there were three appointments. Dr. Miceli welcomed the new staff and mentioned Mrs. Pasuit was moving into the role of STEM Department Head. He asked them to come forward to meet the Board.

The motion was carried on the following vote:

YeaMrs. ConiglioYeaMrs. CuccaroYeaMrs. GundermanYeaMrs. Killea

Absent Mrs. Marano
Yea Mrs. Misiukiewicz

Absent Mr. Walsh

### **BOARD POLICY**

Mrs. Killea moved to approve Item 1 as listed below:

1. Approve the following Policy on second reading:

#### **Policy**

1. Policy 0142.1 Nepotism Revised (Mandated) (Killea)

Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion and the motion was carried on the following vote:

YeaMrs. ConiglioYeaMrs. CuccaroYeaMrs. GundermanAbsentMrs. MaranoYeaMrs. Misiukiewicz

Absent Mr. Walsh

# **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Mrs. Misiukiewicz, Board President, opened the meeting to public comments at 7:11 p.m. and reminded the public to limit their comments to two minutes and to state their name and address.

There being no public comments, Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:11 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Misiukiewicz, seconded by Mrs. Gunderman and carried unanimously, Mrs. Misiukiewicz declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12p.m.

James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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