

The business meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 13, 2023, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by Mrs. Cuccaro, Board Vice President.

Present on roll call were Rebecca Coniglio, Bernadette Cuccaro, Stacey Gunderman, Amanda Marano, and Joe Walsh. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools, James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Jon Keaney, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision, and two members of the public.

Mrs. Cuccaro led in the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Cuccaro 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 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.

The following change notice was posted on February 8, 2023:

The New Providence Board of Education Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, has been canceled and rescheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cuccaro opened the meeting to the public at 7:01 p.m.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

**FINANCE ACTIONS**

Mr. Walsh moved to approve Items 1 through 7.

**2023/2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET APPROVED**

1. Approve the tentative budget for the 2023/2024 school year using the 2023/2024 state aid figures and authorize the Board Secretary to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

<u>2023/2024 School Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Expenditures	\$49,325,992.00	\$570,736.00	\$2,092,356.00	\$51,989,084.00
<b>Less:</b>				
<u>Anticipated Revenues</u>	<u>\$ 7,192,652.00</u>	<u>\$570,736.00</u>	<u>\$ 537,634.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,301,022.00</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$42,133,340.00	\$0.00	\$1,554,722.00	\$43,688,062.00

After approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law. A public hearing will be held at New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, New Providence, New Jersey, on April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2023/2024 School Year.

Mr. Walsh commented on item 1, the approval of the tentative budget. Pointed out that there was no principal interest payment in 2023/2024 for the bond sale and two million dollars of the surplus will be used to get down to the 2% surplus balance, and estimated tax increase on a per household bases will be one hundred ninety-nine dollars estimated as of now.

**2023/2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET ADUJSTMENTS APPROVED**

2. Approve that the following adjustments are included in the tentative 2023/2024 annual school budget, which will be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for technical review:

- Adjustment for enrollment: \$0.00
- Adjustment for health care costs: \$936,060.00
- Adjustment for deferred PERS pension contribution: \$0.00
- Adjustment for responsibility transferred: \$0.00
- Adjustment for banked cap: \$0.00

**TRAVEL EXPENSES RESOLUTION APPROVED**

3. Approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the New Providence Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, Policy #6471, School District Travel Procedures covers the reimbursement process for travel expenses in accordance with New Jersey Statutes;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with Policy #6471.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH BUDGET APPROVED**

4. After Board and Executive County Superintendent of Schools approval of the tentative 2023/2024 budget, authorize the Board Secretary to publish said budget.

**TRAVEL EXPENDITURE RESOLUTION APPROVED**

5. Approve the following resolution:

The Board of Education approves establishing a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$69,800.00 for the 2023/2024 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for

the 2022/2023 school year is \$69,800.00 of which \$29,398.71 has been spent and \$4,114.62 encumbered to date.

**ANNUAL MAXIMUM EXPENDITURE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPROVED**

- 6. Approve an annual maximum expenditure for the professional services for the 2023/2024 school year. As defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)1, upon notification if it becomes necessary to exceed the maximum amount, as indicated below, the Board of Education may adopt an increase in said dollar amount through formal Board action.

Account /Auditing Services:	\$39,000.00
Architectural/Engineering:	\$ 5,000.00
Legal Services:	\$75,000.00
Public Relations Services:	\$51,847.00
School Physician Services:	\$29,000.00

**APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS IN 2023/2024 TENTATIVE SCHOOL BUDGET APPROVED**

- 7. Approve the appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$3,760,000.00 in the 2023/2024 tentative school budget.

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

Roll call vote:

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

**FACILITIES ACTIONS**

No facilities items for approval.

**EDUCATION ACTIONS**

Mrs. Coniglio moved to approve Item 1.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT #1301217 APPROVED**

- 1. Approve the settlement agreement for Student #1301217.

Mr. Walsh seconded the motion and it was carried on the following vote:

Roll call vote:

<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Coniglio
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Cuccaro
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Gunderman
<u>Absent</u>	Mrs. Killea
<u>Yea</u>	Mrs. Marano

Absent  
Yea

Mrs. Misiukiewicz  
Mr. Walsh

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Mrs. Coniglio moved to approve Item 1.

**RESIGNATION APPROVED**

1. Accept the resignation of the following employee:

a. Marguerite Gavakos, secretary, effective 3/17/23.

Mr. Walsh seconded the motion and it was carried on the following vote:  
Roll call vote:

Yea  
Yea  
Yea  
Absent  
Yea  
Absent

Mrs. Coniglio  
Mrs. Cuccaro  
Mrs. Gunderman  
Mrs. Killea  
Mrs. Marano  
Mrs. Misiukiewicz

**BOARD POLICY**

No Board Policy or Regulations for approval.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Testa commented on the budget. He stated that the budget was going to be sent to the County tomorrow, and hopes to hear back from the County by the beginning April. If the budget is approved, the next step is to advertise the budget the week of April 11, 2023. The budget presentation will be prepared for the April board meeting. After the presentation, the Board will have the public hearing and budget approval.

Mr. Testa then moved on to give an update of the bond sale. A tentative schedule has been developed and it is expected that we have a bond sale auction on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. The closing will be on May 10, 2023. More to come once we have additional information and it will be sent to the finance committee for review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cuccaro opened the meeting to the public at 7:06 p.m.

There being no public comments, Mrs. Cuccaro declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 7:06 p.m. and asked for a motion to move to closed session to discuss student matters related to HIB.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Coniglio moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on March 13, 2023 at 7:09 p.m. 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 final determination of action has been reached.

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

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

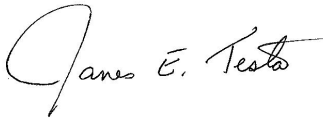
The Board reconvened to public session at 7:18 p.m.

Mrs. Cuccaro called the Board to order.

Board members present were Rebecca Coniglio, Bernadette Cuccaro, Stacey Gunderman, Amanda Marano and Joe Walsh.

**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 7:19 p.m.



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James Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary