



NEW PROVIDENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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AGENDA
March 19, 2026
High School/Middle School Media Center
7:00 PM

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I Roll Call:

_____ Mrs. Castellano	_____ Mrs. Kale
_____ Dr. Empson Hayden	_____ Mrs. Lepre
_____ Ms. Gunderman	_____ Mrs. Marano
_____ Mrs. Zane	

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.** The following change notice was posted on March 2, 2026:

The New Providence Board of Education Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, has been cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

IV Opening Comments

V Public Comments:

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

VI Action Items

- A. Finance Actions – Ms. Gunderman**

Approve Items 1 through 7 as listed below:

1. Approve the tentative budget for the 2026/2027 school year using the 2026/2027 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 N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6:

<u>2026/2027 School Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total Expenditures	\$53,516,890.00	\$1,055,673.00	\$2,902,467.00	\$57,475,030.00
Less:				
<u>Anticipated Revenues</u>	<u>\$ 6,058,180.00</u>	<u>\$1,055,673.00</u>	<u>\$ 894,560.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,008,413.00</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$47,458,710.00	\$0.00	\$2,007,907.00	\$49,466,617.00

After approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, advertise said tentative budget in the Courier News and TAPinto New Providence in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey 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 30, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026/2027 School Year.

2. Approve that the following adjustments are included in the tentative 2026/2027 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: \$1,362,819.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$1,362,819.00. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

- Adjustment for deferred PERS pension contribution: \$0.00
- Adjustment for responsibility transferred: \$0.00
- Adjustment for banked cap: \$0.00

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.

4. Approve the following resolution:

The Board of Education approves establishing a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$74,300.00 for the 2026/2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2025/2026 school year is \$70,200.00, of which \$36,584.49 has been spent and \$10,055.35 encumbered to date.

- 5. Approve an annual maximum expenditure for the professional services for the 2026/2027 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:	\$42,500.00
Architectural/Engineering:	\$ 5,000.00
Legal Services:	\$50,000.00
Public Relations Services:	\$58,706.00
School Physician Services:	\$38,000.00

- 6. Approve the appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$2,063,000.00 in the 2026/2027 tentative school budget.
- 7. After the Board and Executive County Superintendent of Schools' approval of the tentative 2026/2027 budget, authorize the Board Secretary to publish said budget.

Seconded by: _____
 Roll Call Vote:

_____ Mrs. Castellano	_____ Mrs. Kale
_____ Dr. Empson Hayden	_____ Mrs. Lepre
_____ Ms. Gunderman	_____ Mrs. Marano
_____ Mrs. Zane	

B. Facilities Actions – Ms. Gunderman

No facilities items for approval.

C. Education – Mrs. Castellano

No education items for approval.

D. Personnel Action – Dr. Empson Hayden

No personnel items for approval.

E. Board Policy – Mrs. Zane

No board policy items for approval.

VII Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

VIII Motion to Recess to Closed Session, if necessary

IX Adjournment