

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2005**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2005 in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Alamo opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MEETING NOTICE

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President Alamo stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided as specified in the Act. Proper notice of this Special Meeting was provided on March 3, 2005. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk.

This is an official meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

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SALUTE**

Trustee Parisi led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present: Mr. John Cafone
Dr. Philip T. Casale
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. Sal Olivo
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi
Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
Mrs. Maria Alamo

Absent: Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (Arrived 7:03 PM)
Mr. James Viola

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. James Vivinetto, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Dennis M. Oblack, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Board Secretary Oblack explained the Resolution – Approval of 2005-2006 Tentative Budget that was being voted on at this meeting.

A discussion ensued particularly around the issue of crossing guard expenses.

Trustee Del Tufo pointed out that four items comprise the bulk of the 4.5% increase.

Trustee Restaino, Finance/Budget Committee Chairperson, indicated that the intent of tonight's meeting was to meet the statutory request to submit the tentative budget to the county office by tomorrow and the repercussions of not addressing these can be severe. He added that the educational value and benefits of each program/position cut has been taken into consideration.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

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None

RESOLUTION

Trustee Restaino moved, and Trustee Del Tufo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved with the following exception:

1. Trustee Casale voted "No."

APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 TENTATIVE BUDGET

**APPROVE
TENTATIVE
BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tentative budget for the 2005-06 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 45,762,259
Special Revenue Fund	1,221,270
Debt Service Fund	<u>1,322,874</u>

Total Budget \$ 48,306,403

Of which the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 38,856,442
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>1,303,973</u>

Total Tax Levy \$ 40,160,415

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to submit this budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board also requests approval of the statutory Spending Growth Limitation Adjustments as follows:

Special Education Costs	\$ 225,955
Use of Banked SGLA	<u>470,677</u>
Total	\$ 696,632

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to publish the 2005-06 budget in The Nutley Sun.

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Trustee Del Tufo introduced John Calicchio - Franklin Middle School Principal, Alan Ianuzzi -Tri-Tech Engineering, Rob Benson – DCM Architecture, and Dave Van Ocker – CVM Engineers whom all gave an update on the Franklin Middle School Project.

Superintendent Zarra said there might be a required adjustment in the school calendar to accommodate the construction schedule.

Superintendent Zarra indicated that there is the possibility to relocate the Board Offices in the existing Boiler Room area in the Franklin Middle School.

Trustee Restaino commented that relocation of the Board Offices would result in a more professional atmosphere.

A discussion ensued.

The general consensus of the Board was to have the architect proceed to include the Board Offices at Franklin Middle School.

Trustee Restaino left this meeting at 8:30 PM.

The trustees, administration and the professionals present extensively discussed the elementary school project.

Trustee Del Tufo indicated that the application must be to the Department of Education by the end of March for a September referendum.

Trustee Restaino returned at 8:55.

President Alamo indicated that for the Franklin Middle School project there was input from the Commissioners and we should do the same for the elementary school project.

A discussion ensued.

**ADJOURN
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 PM Trustee Del Tufo moved and Trustee Casale seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary