

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2006**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Hearing/Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at the Nutley High School Library, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Parisi opened the meeting at 8:00 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MEETING NOTICE

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President Parisi 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 Public Hearing/Special Meeting was:

1. Published in the Nutley Sun on Thursday, March 23, 2006.
2. Posted at the entrance of the Board Office.
3. Mailed or faxed to the Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News, and the Nutley Journal.
4. Mailed or faxed to the Nutley township clerk.

The purpose of this meeting is:

1. Conduct the public hearing on the 2006-2007 school budget.
2. Adopt the 2006-2007 school budget.

Formal action will be taken.

FLAG SALUTE

**FLAG
SALUTE**

Trustee Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo
Dr. Philip T. Casale
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. Sal Olivo
Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.
Mr. James Viola
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John C. Sincaglia, Interim Business Administrator
Mr. Michael DeVita, Acting Board Secretary

Also Absent: Ms. Marissa Ryder, Student Representative

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

**PUBLIC
HEARING**

President Parisi thanked the Budget Committee and Administrators for their diligence in establishing the proposed 2006-07 School District Budget. He then introduced Superintendent Zarra who thanked and introduced Mr. John Sincaglia the district's Interim Business Administrator.

Mr. Sincaglia gave a detailed presentation, overview and summary of the proposed 2006-07 budget.

After Mr. Sincaglia gave the budget presentation, he thanked all those involved with preparing these detailed and comprehensive documents.

A discussion ensued among the trustees regarding the budget and what to do about the \$517,000 saved from the Board's decision to terminate participation in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan and switch to a private plan with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Mr. Zarra recommended adding three positions at the elementary level: a SAC Counselor, Gifted & Talented Teacher and a World Language Teacher.

The Budget Committee recommended replacing/purchasing music instruments and putting money aside for two referendums to address the elementary school needs.

The trustees also discussed putting money into the District's Capital Reserve Fund.

There was a lengthy discussion about the new items and using some of the money made available from employee benefits for future capital projects. Mr. Sincaglia indicated that the Board could reallocate money to be used for these new programs as well as adding additional funds to the Board's Capital Reserve account. After further discussion, he said that there would be \$275,000 available to deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund after deducting the cost of the new items being recommended for inclusion in the budget. The total Budget amount would not change from what was originally proposed.

There was agreement that the new items presented tonight should be included in the budget in the appropriate accounts. Trustee Viola moved, Trustee Del Tufo seconded, the following resolution:

**CAPITAL RESERVE
FUND RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves adding an additional \$275,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund for the 2006-07 Budget.

Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

**HEARING OF
CITIZENS**

None

RESOLUTIONS:

**APPROVE 2006-07 A
BUDGET**

1. **APPROVAL OF 2006-2007 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley adopted a tentative budget for the 2006-2007 school year on March 13, 2006, and

WHEREAS, said tentative budget was properly advertised on March 23, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the budget was conducted on March 28, 2006,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the official budget for the 2006-2007 school year in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$47,845,057
Special Revenue Fund	1,364,981
Debt Service Fund	<u>1,294,617</u>

Total Budget \$50,504,655

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

General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 40,579,354
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>1,267,648</u>

Total Tax Levy \$ 41,847,002

and,

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

Capital Outlay Expenditures	\$ 186,046
New School Costs	<u>81,943</u>

Total \$ 267,989

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to place on the ballot at the Annual School Election to be held on April 18, 2006 the proposal to approve the General Fund tax levy portion of the 2006-2007 school budget. The complete budget for 2006-2007 is attached as APPENDIX A.

**REQUEST SGLA FOR
CAPITAL OUTLAY
EXPENDITURES**

**2. RESOLUTION REQUESTING SGLA FOR CAPITAL
OUTLAY EXPENDITURES**

Whereas, there is currently a construction project underway for additions and renovations to the Franklin Middle School (project # 3750-060-04-1000), said projects having been approved by a referendum on September 28, 2004, and

Whereas, at a public meeting held on June 13, 2005, the Board of Education formally proposed the concept of relocating the district administrative offices from Radcliffe School to Franklin Middle School using space that would become available in the basement area of Franklin Middle School for the administrative offices, and to subsequently allow the vacated space at Radcliffe School to be used for instructional purposes, and

Whereas, the excess cost of this administrative relocation project is \$179,742*, and

Whereas, these costs will be funded by an appropriation of \$150,258 in capital outlay and a withdrawal of \$29,284 from capital reserve, and

Whereas, the district has equipment replacement needs for school buses, computer network servers, and musical instruments at an estimated cost of \$151,295, and

Whereas, as noted in the Adjustment for Capital Outlay Expenditures Worksheet, the school district is eligible for a maximum adjustment of \$186,046, and

Whereas, the district needs a Spending Growth Limitation Adjustment of \$186,046,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Nutley Board of Education hereby requests a Spending Growth Limitation

Adjustment for 2006-07 in the amount of \$186,046 for Capital Outlay Expenditures.

*The costs to convert the vacated space at Radcliffe School are not included in these costs. It is anticipated that funds will be appropriated beginning in 2007-08 for these purposes.

**REQUEST SGLA FOR
NEW SCHOOL FACILITY**

3. RESOLUTION REQUESTING SGLA FOR NEW SCHOOL FACILITY

Whereas, there is currently a construction project underway for additions and renovations to the Franklin Middle School, said projects having been approved by a referendum on September 28, 2004, and

Whereas, said project, State Project #3750-060-04-1000 includes additions of approximately 34,400 square feet that includes a new gymnasium, 3 classrooms, a science classroom, an art room, a vocal music room and an instrumental music room, as well as extensive renovations to existing parts of the facility, and

Whereas, the new additions are scheduled to be completed and in use during the first semester of the 2006-07 school year, and

Whereas, the October, 2005 enrollment at the school was 669, and a comparable number is anticipated for 2006-07, and

Whereas, the school district will need to expend additional funds in the 2006-07 school year to operate the new addition including, but not limited to, custodian salaries and benefits, energy expenses and instructional supplies, and

Whereas, the total amount in the school district budget for 2006-07 for these new expenses is \$ 162,405, and

Whereas the school district needs a Spending Growth Limitation Adjustment in the amount of \$81,943,

Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Nutley Board of Education hereby requests a Spending Growth Limitation Adjustment for 2006-07 in the amount of \$81,943 for the cost of opening the addition to the Franklin Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM on a motion by Trustee Restaino, seconded by Trustee Viola, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Sincaglia
Interim Business Administrator