NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING **MARCH 26, 2007**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 26, 2007, at the Nutley High School Cafeteria, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 8:00 PM.

CALL TO **ORDER**

MEETING MEETING NOTICE NOTICE

President Olivo stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was legally advertised in the Nutley Sun on September 28, 2006. 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 FLAG SALUTE **SALUTE**

Trustee Reilly led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL **ROLL CALL** CALL

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo

> Dr. Philip T. Casale Mr. Gerard Del Tufo Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

Mr. Sal Olivo Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly Dr. Gerard M. Parisi Ms. Patricia Williams

Absent: Mr. James Viola

Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools Also Present:

Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Robert A. Green, Jr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Aaron DaSilva, Student Representative Also Absent:

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Administration provided a power-point presentation to the public on the 2007-2008 budget. A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Budget Only)

Resident Rory Moore commented on district comparisons, technology issues, Board Member conflicts for voting on the budget and cost savings in health care costs.

Resident Terry Quirk representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN) stated that NPAN supports the budget. She also inquired on the personnel for the Gifted and Talented Program.

Resident Rory Moore inquired on the software utilization of the separate proposal.

APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 BUDGET

Trustee Casale moved, and Trustee Moscaritola seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley adopted a tentative budget for the 2007-2008 school year on March 12, 2007, and

WHEREAS, said tentative budget was properly advertised on March 22, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the budget was conducted on March 26, 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the official budget for the 2007-2008 school year in the following amounts:

 General Fund
 \$ 50,165,493

 Special Revenue Fund
 1,265,585

 Debt Service Fund
 1,294,304

Total Budget \$ 52,725,382

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

General Fund Tax Levy \$ 42,055,862 Debt Service Tax Levy \$ 1,283,284

Total Tax Levy \$ 43,339,146

and,

HEARING OF CITIZENS

> APPROVE 2007-2008 BUDGET

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 requests approval for an increase in health care costs adjustment to the base tax levy for the FY 2007-08 school year to provide additional tax levy of \$373,394, 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 17, 2007 the proposal to approve the General Fund tax levy portion of the 2007-2008 school budget. The complete budget for 2007-2008 is attached as APPENDIX J.

APPROVE SEPARATE QUESTION PROPOSAL

2. APPROVAL OF SEPARATE QUESTION PROPOSAL TO VOTERS

Trustee Casale moved, and Trustee Moscaritola seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley to approve a separate question to be presented to the voters as follows:

RESOLVED, that there should be raised an additional \$553,700 for General Funds in the same school year, 2007-2008. These taxes will be used exclusively for technology upgrades in all seven-district schools. The additional levy will provide funds for 124 computers at the high school including desk jet printers for classrooms and labs, 52 computers at the middle school including desk jet printers for classrooms and labs, 39 computers at each elementary school to be used in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classrooms. Also included are network upgrades including switches, tape backup systems, all necessary hand tools, network testers, cable, network jacks, plugs and software. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for these purposes and will result in an adjustment for the 2007-2008 budget year only. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Alamo moved, Trustee Williams seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by roll call vote the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

APPROVE MINUTES March 12, 2007
March 12, 2007
February 26, 2007
February 26, 2007
February 26, 2007
February 26, 2007

- Conference/Special Meeting
- Closed Executive Session

CORRESPONDENCE

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A thank-you note from Lynn Moiser for the Board's expression of sympathy on the passing of her mother.

A letter from Peggy Windheim representative for the John Walker Foundation regarding the name change of Franklin Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPT'S REPORT

Superintendent Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated March 26, 2007, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Board Secretary Green thanked all who helped in the preparation of the Budget especially Mike DeVita, Madeline Cucuzza, Josephine Mleziva, Ian Viemeister, the Principals and the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Trustee Parisi - Personnel Committee

Trustee Parisi requested that the Business Administrator compile information directly from a State Health Benefits Representative.

Trustee Del Tufo - Facilities Committee

Trustee Del Tufo (On behalf of Trustee Viola)

Negotiations Committee

Trustee Alamo - Academic Committee

Trustee Casale - Finance Committee

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board after each committee report.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the public on resolution items only.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

SUPT'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Parisi moved, and Trustee Casale seconded, a motion that the Board approve the Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 7 as listed below.

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 7 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

RETIREMENTS

1. RETIREMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of the following personnel:

Dianne DeRosa -Language Arts Coordinator

Effective July 1, 2007

Diane Giangeruso -Central Office Secretary

Effective September 1, 2007

APPOINT PROF STAFF

2. APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Adelia Pacella as teacher for the 2006-07 school year, effective March 27, 2007, at the annual salary of \$22,500, M.A. Step 6 (p/t .5) in accordance with the 2006-07 Teachers' Salary Guide.

3. APPOINTMENT - Teacher Substitutes

APPOINT B
TEACHER SUBS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule B for the 2006-07 school year.

4. APPOINTMENTS - Substitutes

APPOINT SUBS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2006-07 school year:

School Aide: Anna Marzullo Gail Schmanko Luanne Vigna

Bus Aide/Cafeteria

Gail Schmanko

EXTRA COMP

5. EXTRA COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

PAYMENT FOR HEALTH DYNAMICS CLASSES – Month of February, 2007

Rose Cioffi \$250.00

PAYMENT FOR ZERO PERIOD BASIC SKILLS MATH CLASSES – Month of February, 2007

Leann Martin \$504.00 David Sorensen 504.00

PAYMENT FOR SPRING SAT REVIEW CLASSES – February 5, 7,12, 26, 28 March 5 and 7, 2007

Jenifer Hecht \$727.44 Leann Martin 727.44 Cheryl Rossillo 727.44

PAYMENT FOR MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION – NJIT – Saturday, February 10, 2007

Nancy Foglio \$233.82

PAYMENT FOR FAMILY SCIENCE PROGRAM – During weeks of February 5 – March 12, 2007

Karen Beckmeyer Danielle Ferraro	\$540.48 540.48
Jill Freedman	540.48
Carol Gurney	540.48
Beverly Masullo	540.48
Michele Shahinian	540.48
Joanne Tibaldo	540.48
Lisa Venezia	540.48
Holly Moscaritola	540.48
Stephanie Zaros	540.48

PAYMENT FOR NJ ASK/GEPA PREPARATION CLASSES – During weeks of January 23 – March 8, 2007

Jennifer Ambrose	\$415.68
Deanna Fredricks	381.04
Nicole Ferraro	415.68
Janine Thomas	415.68
Nancy Foglio	415.68

Sarah Misner	415.68
Connie Inguanti	415.68
Frank Sasso	415.68
Denise Cleary	415.68
Maureen Lazur	103.92

CENTRAL DETENTION COVERAGE – Month of February, 2007

High School

Lori Ferrara	\$112.62
John Gulardo	93.85
Tarik Huggins Michael Russomanno	37.54
Michael Řussomanno	168.93
David Sorensen	18.77
Lisa Vallo	75.08
Karen Vander Have	93.85
Daniel Wormann	56.31

Franklin School

Jennifer Ambrose Joseph Cappello Melissa Echevarria Tracy Egan Louis Manganiello Nicholas Norcia MaryLou Schiavone	\$ 56.31 56.31 18.77 37.54 56.31 18.77
MaryLou Schiavone Luann Zullo	18.77 18.77

SATURDAY MORNING SUSPENSIONS – Month of February, 2007

High School

Joseph Affinito	\$225.20
Lori Ferrara	235.35
John Gulardo	78.45
Marcellino Marra NHS(FMS)	235.35
Lisa Vallo	78.45

Franklin School

Joseph Cappello	78.45
Melissa Echevarria	156.90

APPROVE LONGEVITY

6. **LONGEVITY PAY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following longevity payment:

Patricia Keating -\$2,900 (prorated) Eff.Oct.1, 2006 (20 yrs.)

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN FY 2007-2010

7. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN FY 2007-2010

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan for the years 2007 through 2010 to the Essex County Office of Education and the Office of Bilingual Education and Equity issues.

8. APPROVAL OF CALENDARS – 2007/2008 School Year

APPROVE CALENDARS

Trustee Alamo moved, and Trustee Parisi seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the adoption of the following attached calendars for the 2007-08 school year:

School Calendar -Schedule C Calendar for Twelve-Month Employees -Schedule D

BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

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Trustee Reilly moved, Trustee Del Tufo seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 20 as listed below.

Resolutions 1 through 20 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

1. SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

SECY. & TREAS. A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acknowledgement and acceptance of the reports of the Board Secretary (Appendix A) and Treasurer of School Monies (Appendix B) for the period of February 28, 2007.

2. CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 4, the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of February 28, 2007, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major funds are General Fund, Capital Outlay and Debt Service.)

CERTIFICATION MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS

3. BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated March 27, 2007 in the total amount of \$5,304,814.96 (Appendix C).

BILLS & MANDATORY

4. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Appendix D), that conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

USE OF BUILDINGS [AND GROUNDS

5. TRANSFER SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)3ii, and NJSA 18A:22-8-1, the transfers in the 2006-07 budget dated February 28, 2007 in the amount of \$289,816.83 as appended (Appendix E).

TRANSFER E SCHEDULE

6. ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - Chapter 192/193 and Approval of Contract for Homebound Instruction - 2007-08

WHEREAS, Chapter 192, P.L. 1977 requires the provision of certain auxiliary services to children in nonpublic schools, and Chapter 193 requires the provision of certain services to handicapped children in nonpublic schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be entered into with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide these services during the 2007-08 school year to students who attend non-public schools in Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the price to be paid to the Essex County Educational Services Commission for these services shall not exceed the amount paid to the Nutley Board of Education by the state to implement this program, and

ESSEX SVCS COMM CHAP 192/193 & HOME INST BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves a contract with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide homebound instruction for public school students in hospital/rehabilitation facilities outside of Nutley for the 2007-08 school year.

7. AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program - 2007-08 School Year

ESSEX SVCS COMM TECH INITIATIVE PROG

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves an Agreement with the Essex County Educational Services Commission hereby the Commission will administer the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for nonpublic schools located within the Township of Nutley for the 2007-08 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education pay 5% of the allocation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to the Commission to cover the Commission's cost for administering said Program.

ESSEX SVCS COMM IDEA-B

8. ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION IDEA-B Services 2007-08 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the contract with the Essex County Educational Services Commission for IDEA-B Services for the 2007-08 school year.

ACCEPT DONATION

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation of \$2,500.00 to be used for the baseball program from Lawrence F. Mohs of Janifast Inc.

ACCEPT DONATION

10. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation of \$22.80 from Sport A Cut.

ACCEPT DONATION

11. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation of \$1,657.00 for a baseball net from the Third Half Club of Nutley.

ADOPT POLICY F,G 2nd READING H,I

12. ADOPTION OF POLICY (Second Reading)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following policies (second reading) on file in the Business Office:

Policy #2412 Homebound Instruction (Appendix F)

Policy #2417 Pupil Intervention and

Referral Services (Appendix G)

(Appendix H)

Policy #2481 Home or Out-of-School

Instruction for General

Education Pupils

Policy #7441 Electronic Surveillance in (Appendix I)

School Buildings and School Grounds

APPROVE DISABILITIES GRANT

13. APPROVE APPLICATION OF A GRANT — Governor's Initiative: Expanding and Enhancing in District Program Options for Students with Disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the application to apply for the Governor's Initiative: Expanding and Enhancing In District Program Options for Students with Disabilities.

APPROVE PAYMENT

14. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of \$433.32 to Frank Fochesato for opting out of his insurance coverage.

APPROVE PARTIAL PAY TRU-VAL ELECTRIC CORP.

15. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO TRU-VAL ELECTRIC CORP.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of \$25,489.80 to Tru-Val Electric Corp. for the Franklin Middle School Additions and Alterations Project as per the recommendation of the Board's architect and construction manager.

APPROVE PARTIAL PAY CHANREE CONSTRUCTION CO.

16. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO CHANREE CONSTRUCTION CO.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of \$637,247.32 to Chanree Construction Co. for the Franklin Middle School Additions and

Alterations Project as per the recommendation of the Board's architect and construction manager.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, SOLICIT QUOTATIONS OR PURCHASE BY STATE CONTRACT

APPROVE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the authorization of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise for bids, solicit quotations, purchase by State Contract or recommend for contract renewal the following items/services:

Air Conditioners

Alarm System Service/Installation Athletic Supplies and Equipment Audio Visual Supplies and Equip.

Auditorium Seating

Boiler Repair

Boiler Water Treatment

Bread and Rolls **Building Materials**

Calculators Carpeting

Chalkboards/Bulletin Boards

Commercial Printing

Computers and Accessories

Computer Hardware Maintenance

Computer Networking Custodial Uniforms **Electrical Supplies**

Electrical Work

Floor Repair & Floor Tile Installation

Grounds Supplies & Equipment Gym & Classroom Floor Restoration

Hánd & Power Tools

Heating Plant Modifications

Ice Cream Products

Industrial Arts Supplies &

Equipment

Internet Service Provider

Janitorial Supplies Locker Refinishing

Milk and Dairy Products

Musical Instruments & Supplies

Office Furniture & Equipment

Office Paper

Paint

Periodical Subscriptions

Photocopiers

Pupil Transportation Vehicles

Replacement Doors & Hardware

Roofing Work School Furniture

School Health Supplies

School Supplies

Science Supplies & Equipment

Sidewalk and Paving Work

Solid Waste Disposăl Stage Drapery

Ventilating Equipment

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

18. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the Secretary to be authorized to enter into transportation agreements with the Hopatcong Borough Board of Education (Sussex County Regional Cooperative) for transportation of Special Education Students for the 2007-08 school year. The agreement will provide Coordinated transportation services between the Hopatcong Borough Board of Education and any joining districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreements be presented for ratification at the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVE INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

19. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Nutley and the Board of Education have collaborated together in an effort to develop projects that will improve access and maintenance that access school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Board of Education recognize the value of interlocal cooperation as a way of reducing duplication and overlap of services and as a means of efficient and economical utilization of resources; and

WHEREAS, the Township would like to assist the Board of Education, if practicable and possible, in its efforts to obtain property for a parking upgrade at the Community Center located at the Franklin Middle School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners will enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Board of Education to enumerate the duties, roll and responsibilities of the parties in an effort to obtain property for a parking upgrade at the Community Center located in the Franklin Middle School.

APPLICATION TO LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

20. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:24-7 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board of Education") desires to make application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-7 et seq. for its approval of a maturity schedule pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-8 in order to provide a more level tax impact for the taxpayers of the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; and
- (b) the purpose or improvements are for the health, the welfare, the convenience or the betterment of the inhabitants of the school district; and
- (c) the amounts to be expended for such purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and

(d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the school district and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the school district;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Board of Education's Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, and Auditor, along with other representatives of the Board of Education, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Board of Education in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of the proposed resolution with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its approval as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Resident Terry Quirk representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN) commented on her support of the budget, absentee ballots and the CAT Program. She also commented on expanding the defribulator program, band uniforms, Board Member attendance and provided a handout on information of the sale of the company who owns The Channel One contract.

High School Principal Greg Catrambone reported on the status of the Channel One Contract and installation.

Resident Greg Palma commented on the name change of the Franklin Middle School to the John Walker Middle School.

Hearing no further comments, President Olivo closed this portion of the meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

OLD BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Williams reported on a trip taken to the Secaucus School District to investigate school uniforms.

Mrs. Francioso who attended in Mr. Zarra's place also commented on the trip.

NEW BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Alamo commented on a new law A-5 concerning Board Member training and administrative contracts.

Trustee Casale commented on the "List of Student Needs" posted on the website and asked for it to be posted sooner in the year.

ADJOURNMENT ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Parisi, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr. Board Secretary