

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2007 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MEETING NOTICE

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President Olivo 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 Meeting was provided in the meeting notice of October 31, 2007. 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**

Mr. Del Tufo led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

**ROLL
CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo
Dr. Philip T. Casale
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. James Viola
Ms. Patricia Williams
Mr. Sal Olivo

Absent: Mr. Angelo Frannicola

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert A. Green, Jr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Michael DeVita, Assistant to the Business Administrator

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 PM Trustee Williams moved and Trustee Viola 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 recess to closed executive session at this time to discuss the following:

1. Employment contract for Mariana Francioso
2. Health Benefits for Domestic Partners – Briefing on the Legal Aspects by Board Attorney
3. School Security

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 approved by voice vote.

RECONVENE MEETING

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At 8:00 PM Trustee Del Tufo moved, Trustee Viola seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

The meeting reconvened in the JHWMS Library located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. James Viola
Ms. Patricia Williams
Mr. Sal Olivo

Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale (arrived 8:17 PM)
Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James Kuchta (arrived 8:15 PM)
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert A. Green, Jr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Michael DeVita, Assistant to the Business Administrator

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

None

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARKING LOT

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Change Order, on file in the Business Office, in the amount of \$125,000 to Chanree Construction Co. for improvements to the south-side parking lot at the middle school as per the recommendation of the Board's architect, construction manager and civil engineer.

Presentation by Michael Cundari

Mr. Cundari gave a presentation on auditorium seating and provided pictures to the Board.

Trustee Kuchta entered the room at 8:15 PM.

Mr. Cundari received a price for replacing the 700 seats in the high school auditorium of \$98,875 plus \$7,980 to remove the old seating.

Sue Scavone, the District's Grant Writer, explained that no grants were available for auditorium seating, but spoke about the idea of a lease-purchase agreement. The idea was that the Nutley Education Association could purchase the seats and pay for the lease each year with donations. Friends of Nutley Singers (FONS) could try to raise money through fundraisers. A suggestion was made to place a nameplate on each seat for individual donations to help with the cost.

Trustee Casale entered the room at 8:17 PM.

Trustee Alamo explained positive aspects of new auditorium seating and was in support of the plan.

After a question and answer period the Board decided that it would like to have a formal plan on paper for review.

Trustee Alamo requested to meet with the Business Administrator to discuss the financial aspects.

**HEARING OF
CITIZENS**

RESOLUTION

Presentation by Paul Palozzola

Mr. Palozzola provided an overview of the special education program and areas in need of improvement.

Some of the topics mentioned were as follows:

- Substitute Callers
- Change in Level of Leadership
- Effectiveness of the Program
- Internal Procedures
- I.E.P. Evaluations

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board.

Presentation by Marsha Napolitano

Ms. Napolitano gave an overview of the gifted and talented program being implemented. Some of the topics mentioned during the presentation were as follows:

- Testing Range of Students
- Three Components of the Program: Enrichment
Whole Class Lessons
Identified Program
- Courses Offered

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board.

Mr. Zarra announced the Boys' Soccer Playoff Game at 2:00 PM tomorrow along with the homecoming festivities, that were previously canceled, beginning at 11:30 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Trustee Alamo - Academic Committee

Trustees Del Tufo, Viola and Williams exited the room at 9:33 PM.

Trustee Alamo requested the Board Secretary obtain an opinion from legal counsel pertaining to district funds being used for Board Members to attend local functions such as Tricky Trays or Beefsteaks.

Trustee Williams returned at 9:34 PM.

Trustees Del Tufo and Viola returned at 9:36 PM.

President Olivo stated there is a company donating stone to develop a parking area at Washington School.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta, seconded by Trustee Del Tufo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael De Vita
Assistant Business Administrator