

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008 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 February 6, 2008. 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.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo
Dr. Philip Casale
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James Kuchta
Ms. Patricia Williams
Mr. Sal Olivo

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (arrived 6:34 PM)
Mr. James Viola (arrived 6:44 PM)

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 Business Administrator

Trustee Moscaritola entered at 6:34 PM.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 PM Trustee Del Tufo moved and Trustee Kuchta 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. Interview Investment Advisory Services
2. Personnel Matter
3. Student Matter

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 Alamo moved, Trustee Williams 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.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

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None

RESOLUTION

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

AUDITORIUM SEATING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education passed a Resolution on December 3, 2007, regarding an auditorium seating project being undertaken jointly by the Nutley Board of Education and The Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has committed to donating \$20,000.00 each school year for a four (4) year period for a total commitment of \$80,000.00 to The Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc., beginning with the 2008-09 school year for this auditorium seating project; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc., have contracted with Allied Equipment Co., Inc. to have the existing auditorium seats removed and the installation of 700 new seats; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc., is borrowing funds to finance the project from Commerce Bank, 1100 Lake Street, Ramsey, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Commerce Bank is seeking assurances that the Nutley Board of Education will remain committed to the \$80,000.00 guaranteed payment as contained in the original Resolution of December 3, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has every intention to honor the \$80,000.00 commitment and wants to assist The Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc., in procuring the loan from Commerce Bank; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Resolution passed on December 3, 2007, shall be deemed irrevocable and irreversible and not subject to rescission or revocation, and

BE IT RESOLVED that no subsequent Resolutions shall be passed by the Nutley Board of Education abolishing or changing the December 3, 2007 Resolution without the prior written consent of Commerce Bank and/or its assigns;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$20,000.00 annual donation referred to in the December 3, 2007 Resolution be remitted each year by the Nutley Board of Education directly to Commerce Bank, attention David Komor, 1100 Lake Street, Ramsey, New Jersey 07446, for the benefit of The Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc., to be applied to the open loan of the said Friends of the Nutley Singers, Inc. with Commerce Bank.

DCM Architecture – Elementary School Project

Robert Benson, Board Architect, provided a presentation on the Elementary School Construction Project. Subject matters discussed were as follows but not limited to:

Finances
Scope of Project
Recent HVAC Bids
Changes in the Re-bid for HVAC
Changes in the Project Scope
History of Referendum
Surplus of Funds

The presentation was an open forum discussion among Board Members.

Trustee Casale exited at 8:25 PM.

Committee Reports

Mr. Green provided a handout from a request of the Finance Committee for the School Board Election results for the years 2000, 2004 and 2007.

The Board discussed the importance of passing a separate proposal by 60% in the upcoming election.

Trustee Del Tufo - Facilities

Other Items of Concern:

Mr. Zarra stated he would have a presentation on the test scores that was handed out at tonight's meeting at the next public meeting.

ADJOURN

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta, seconded by Trustee Viola and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr.
Board Secretary