

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the John H. Walker Middle School Library, 325 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 notice of October 22, 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**

**FLAG  
SALUTE**

Trustee Frannicola led the assembly in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**ROLL  
CALL**

Present:

Dr. Philip Casale  
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo  
Mr. Angelo Frannicola  
Mr. James Kuchta  
Mr. James Viola  
Ms. Patricia Williams  
Mr. Sal Olivo

Absent:

Mrs. Maria Alamo  
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 Business Administrator

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION****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. Update on Tri-Tech Litigation
2. Tentative Negotiations Settlements

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.

**RECONVENE MEETING****RECONVENE**

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

**ROLL CALL****ROLL  
CALL**

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

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

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SALUTE**

Trustee Williams led the assembly in the flag salute.

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## Committee Reports

Trustee Del Tufo - Facilities Committee  
Trustee Casale - Finance/Budget Committee

Trustee Casale requested to allow the public to address the Board. No Board Members raised opposition.

Trustee Williams - Policy Committee

## Other Items of Concern

Resident Mike Riccioni addresses the Board and appealed to the Board to change the budget, specifically removing the Oval lights.

Trustee Viola responded stating all previous funds spent on the Oval Project Reconditioning has been with donated or grant funds.

The forum became an open and amicable discussion between the public and the Board.

Resident Jerry Parisi addressed the Board and stated he did not support the Oval lights at the current time. He also asked if the funds were not spent on Oval lights could they be spent on an English teacher.

Resident Neil Henning addressed the Board and stated the Oval lights represent excess spending in the budget. He asked the Board to show restraint and not use the funds for the Oval lights.

Resident Ken Reilly asked various questions on the Budget, specifically on the budget for energy.

Resident John Haligan stressed the importance of academic items in a budget rather than Oval lights.

Mr. Zarra stated that there are many academic programs being addressed such as new teaching staff, technology, an autism program along with many capital projects. Many other programs such as an advanced placement testing, various classes, clubs and activities have been added. He also stated that the District has grown drastically in the past few years with the support of the Board and community and each day the importance of academics are stressed.

He summarized by stating children are first and the District attempts to be better everyday.

Resident Luisa Frey Gainor stated that the budget must be marketed properly and volunteered to assist the Superintendent.

**ADJOURN****ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Kuchta and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr.  
Board Secretary