

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 7, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Public Meeting on Monday, April 7, 2008 at the JHWMS Library located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

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 Special Public Meeting was posted on April 2, 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.

FLAG SALUTE

**FLAG
SALUTE**

Trustee Williams led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

**ROLL
CALL**

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

Absent: Mr. Angelo Frannicola (arrived 6:38 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 to the Business Administrator

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 PM Trustee Alamo moved and Trustee Olivo 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. Pending legal claims –Middle School Construction
2. Tuition Student
3. Other items of concern

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 Moscaritola 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.

ROLL CALL

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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
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HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolution Only)

None

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CITIZENS**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS – IDEA GRANT -
2008 FISCAL YEAR**

**ACCEPT
IDEA GRANT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the grant acceptance certificate for the IDEA Grant for the 2008 Fiscal Year as follows:

IDEA

Basic \$823,377

Preschool \$ 41,098

2. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST**

**APPROVE
TRAVEL LIST**

Trustee Frannicola moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, the following amended resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved with the following exception:

1. Trustee Alamo abstained.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the travel list and all expenses per (Appendix A).

Spring Garden Construction Project

Trustee Del Tufo, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee, provided information to the public concerning the Spring Garden construction of the gymnasium. Major topics that were discussed are as follows:

- Gym Usage
- Gym Floor construction
- Safety and Security
- Gym Size
- Parking
- Gym Height
- Potential Cafeteria

Several residents expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the above issues that were discussed. As a whole, most residents were dissatisfied with the new gymnasium plans for various reasons and felt the public should have had some input before the plans were drawn.

Trustee Casale stated that the project plans should have been brought to the full nine-member Board for a formal vote instead of only the Board Members on the Facilities Committee.

Trustee Moscaritola moved, and Trustee Casale seconded, a motion that the Board approves the returning six-member Board, after the April 14, 2008 election, to reject the bids for the New Gymnasium and Facilities Upgrades for the Spring Garden School on April 24, 2008.

The motion was withdrawn by Trustee Moscaritola contingent upon a vote being taken on the April 14, 2008 Public Meeting.

Trustee Moscaritola moved, and Trustee Casale seconded, a motion that the bids not be opened or accepted on April 24, 2008.

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

The Administration will seek advice from their legal counsel and architect.

RECESS MEETING

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At 10:10 PM upon the suggestion of President Olivo, Trustee Casale moved, Trustee Moscaritola seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to recess.

Trustee Moscaritola exited the room at 10:20 PM.

RECONVENE MEETING

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At 10:20 PM Trustee Del Tufo moved, Trustee Williams seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the open public meeting.

Trustee Moscaritola reentered the room at 10:30 PM.

Mr. David Gurgel of Energy for America provided hand outs to the Board.

Mr. Gurgel provided a detailed presentation on the services of Energy for America, which is appended to these minutes.

Time was allotted for comments and questions from the Board and Public.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta, seconded by Trustee Moscaritola, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr.
Board Secretary