

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MEETING NOTICE

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President Casale 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 Open Public Meeting was provided in the notice of May 12, 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

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SALUTE**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo
Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James A. Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Ms. Patricia Williams
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVita, Acting Board Secretary

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

At 6:35 PM Trustee Reilly 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:

Student Matters
Personnel Matters

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 Kuchta moved, Trustee Alamo seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

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

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MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence in remembrance of those serving our nation.

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Mr. Michael Cundari gave a presentation for the building usage at the high school auditorium. He revised the following:

- Application for the use of the high school auditorium
- Revised Schedule of Fees
- Request for Equipment
- Lease Agreement

After a Board discussion ensued, it was agreed to present the revised forms to the Board attorney.

Mr. Zarra gave his academic report and read a summary of the middle states review. A full copy of the report will be available at the next meeting.

Mr. Zarra gave a report on the list of priorities that were handed out at the last meeting and asked if the Board had any comments to let him know.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Several residents spoke about the importance of an academic committee.

President Casale responded.

Trustee Kuchta felt it was not in the district's best interest to pass Resolution 8 – Adoption of Bylaw – 1st Reading which abolishes the Academic and Personnel committees.

Trustee Sautter felt the Board should try this new policy out and see if it works, if it does not work the Board could always go back to the old way.

President Casale spoke about the importance of being open with the public regarding academics and have the discussions in open session.

Trustee Alamo spoke about the importance of the academic committee and the accomplishments it has made in the past.

Trustee Williams agreed with both Trustee Kuchta and Trustee Alamo regarding the academic committee.

Trustee Rogers said inclusion was the right message and wants to try the change.

RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Sautter moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, a motion that the Board approves Resolutions numbers 1 through 8 as listed below.

Resolutions 1 through 8 were approved by roll call vote with the following exception:

1. Trustees Alamo, Kuchta and Williams voted "No" on Resolution 8 – Adoption of Bylaw – 1st Reading.

**RESIGN
TEACHER**

1. RESIGNATION – Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Lynn Ambrose, mathematics teacher, effective August 29, 2008.

**AMEND
APPOINT
PROF. STAFF**

2. AMENDING APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Reappointments – Professional Staff, (Schedule D), approved at the May 28, 2008 Board Meeting to reflect a change in part-time status and salary for Mrs. Rosa Santoriello to full-time, \$64,900 retroactive to September 1, 2008.

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3. AMENDING APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Appointments – Professional Staff, approved at the August 25, 2008 Board Meeting to reflect a change in effective date for Toni Safonte to September 10, 2008.

**APPOINT
PROF. STAFF**

4. APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Michael McFarland as teacher for the 2008-09 school year, effective September 1, 2008, at the annual salary of \$44,000, B.A. Step 6, in accordance with the 2008-09 Teachers' Salary Guide.

**APPOINT
COORDINATOR OF
ATTENDANCE**

5. APPOINTMENT – Coordinator of Attendance

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Joseph Affinito as interim ten-month Attendance Coordinator, at a per diem salary of \$250.00.

**APPROVAL
OF
PAYMENT**

6. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the payment to William Farkas, C.I.E. Coordinator for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of \$7,000 (includes 140 summer work).

**APPROVAL
OF PARTIAL
PAYMENT
ACP**

**7. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO ACP
CONTRACTING INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of \$18,677 to ACP Contracting Inc. for the HVAC at the high school as per the recommendation of the Board's architect and construction manager.

**ADOPTION
POLICY
1st READING A**

8. ADOPTION OF BYLAW (First Reading)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following bylaw (first reading) on file in the Business Office (Appendix A):

Bylaw - 0155 Board Committees

**APPOINT
B&G SUBS**

9. APPOINTMENTS – B&G Substitutes

Trustee Alamo moved, and Trustee Frannicola 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 following building and grounds substitutes for the 2008- 2009 school year:

Building & Grounds

Robert Battoglia
Philip DiMaria
Anthony Feraco

**APPOINT
INSTRUCTIONAL
AIDES**

10. APPOINTMENTS - Instructional Aides

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Kuchta 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 appointment of the instructional aides listed below, effective September 9, 2008, for the 2008-09 school year, at the classification and step as indicated in accordance with the 2008-09 Secretarial Guide.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jaime Graham	7	\$17,800
Ashley Hauer	7	17,800
Layne Vicidomini	7	17,800

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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Resident Victoria Flynn asked for more communication from the Board regarding the construction projects. She also asked about the air quality tests at Lincoln School and the cleanliness of the building.

Resident Greg Palma asked if the books assigned to students are screened before being assigned.

OLD BUSINESS

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Trustee Kuchta asked for a report on the investments from the 2006 Referendum.

NEW BUSINESS

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Trustee Sautter asked if we could open up an area in any of our schools for students sent out of district for behavior problems.

Trustee Alamo asked about software for foreign language.

Mrs. Francioso responded that it is not in the budget but will be looked into.

Trustee Frannicola reminded the public of upcoming athletic events.

Trustee Sautter asked to revisit and review the attendance policy.

Trustee Rogers read a memo about developing a security plan and a safety plan. He stated he has copies of suggested policies to help solve the problem.

Mr. DeVita gave an update on the windows construction at Radcliffe, Yantacaw and Lincoln schools and went over questions the architect had.

President Casale created an ad hoc Academic Committee of all nine Board members.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM on a motion by Trustee Frannicola seconded by Trustee Kuchta and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Acting Board Secretary