

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, November 3, 2008 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Trustee Reilly opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

**MEETING NOTICE**

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NOTICE**

Trustee Reilly 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**

**FLAG  
SALUTE**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**ROLL  
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 (Arrived 6:37 PM)

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 Alamo 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:

Legal 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 8:15 PM Trustee Reilly moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

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Trustee Reilly led the assembly in the flag salute.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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Mr. Angelo Frannicola  
Mr. James A. Kuchta  
Mr. Kenneth Reilly  
Mr. Steve Rogers  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Ms. Patricia Williams  
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

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

Student Representative gave her report on the activities going on in Nutley High School.

President Casale introduced Susan Scavone from Millennium Strategies. Ms. Scavone gave an explanation of the outstanding grants and projects the district currently has. She asked if anyone had any specific questions. Questions were asked about grants regarding matching grants, security grants, autistic grants and shared grants with the township.

Ms. Scavone gave a summary of the following grants the district received since being under contract with Millennium Strategies:

- \$700,000 Autism Program
- \$500,000 Geothermal Grant
- \$7,000 United States Golf Association Grant
- \$90,000 Stop, Drop and Go Grant for Spring Garden School

There are currently 1.7 million of grants that are currently outstanding

President Casale spoke about moving forward with the ROD Grant (Regular Operating Districts) for one billion dollars that Gov. Corzine signed into law in June. This is for facilities improvements in Non-Abbott districts.

Ms. Scavone said she would contact Mr. Zarra and Mr. DeVita to set up a meeting to discuss how to proceed for the grant.

### **Academic Report**

Mr. Zarra spoke about the President's Advisory Council on financial literacy and the district will look into forming a personal finance course.

Mrs. Francioso spoke about NJQSAC.

Mr. Zarra spoke about a letter from the Belleville Assistant Superintendent thanking Mrs. Francioso and Mr. Kearny for their assistance with the No Child Left Behind Grant.

Mr. Zarra spoke about an article in the Nutley Sun regarding AP exams.

Mr. Zarra gave a summary of the incidents that happened before the football game Nutley played against Barringer and he was thankful for all the support of the people who helped to ensure the safety of our students.

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Academic Report Only)**

Resident Mike Recchione spoke about grant money that is available for environmental education. The NJ Clean Energy Program is sponsoring the grant. He also spoke about Block scheduling. The Board will look into it.

Trustee Rogers presented an addendum resolution for honoring graduates and employees of Nutley school district who have served and are presently serving in the United States Military.

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)**

None

***RESOLUTIONS***

Trustee Reilly moved, Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves Resolutions numbers 1 and 2.

Resolutions 1 and 2 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**APPOINT BA/  
BOARD SEC.**

1. **APPOINTMENT – Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael DeVita as Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2008-09 school year at an annual salary of \$105,000.00 retroactive to July 1, 2008.

**APPOINT PERM.  
UNASSIGNED SUB**

2. **APPOINTMENT – Permanent Unassigned Substitute**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Miss Danielle Purciello as a permanent unassigned substitute, effective November 4, 2008, for the 2008-09 school year, at the rate of \$81 per day and fringe benefits which include health benefits and dental plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this candidate met the district's requirements for the permanent unassigned substitute position which is the possession of a County Substitute certificate.

**APPROVE PARTIAL  
PAYMENT TO LEARY**

**3. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO BILL LEARY  
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING**

Trustee Frannicola 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 approves partial payment in the following amounts to Bill Leary Air Conditioning & Heating as per the recommendation of the Board's architect, construction manager and attorney.

\$253,994 – HVAC Lincoln Elementary School

\$ 76,685 – HVAC Washington Elementary School

**HONOR GRADS  
& EMPLOYEES  
IN THE MILITARY**

**4. RESOLUTION HONORING GRADUATES AND EMPLOYEES  
OF NUTLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO HAVE SERVED AND  
ARE PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES  
MILITARY**

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

WHEREAS, in 1938, Congress passed a bill to make November 11<sup>th</sup> a permanent day dedicated to the cause of world peace and known as Armistice Day; and,

WHEREAS, after World War II, the day became known as Veterans Day and as a way to honor those who served in the United States Armed forces; and,

WHEREAS, graduates and employees of the Nutley School District have served and continue to serve with distinction and honor in the United States Armed Forces,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nutley Board of Education that the Board expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the service of all who have served and who are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2008.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

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Resident Bob Rusignuolo asked if there is any information for when the investigative report from the state will be ready.

President Casale said as soon as the district receives the report, it will be presented to the public.

He also spoke about the past Boards not sending students to schools that they felt were unsafe while in the Big 10 Conference.

Resident Neil Henning asked about the progress of the HVAC projects at Lincoln and Washington schools. He also asked about the plans for the Spring Garden project.

President Casale and Trustee Reilly responded.

John Melville of Tri-State HVAC Equipment came to the microphone. President Casale said that since he is not an employee of the District and does not live in Nutley, he could not speak. President Casale said he would speak to him in private.

Mr. Melville protested but agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM on a motion by Trustee Rogers seconded by Trustee Kuchta and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita  
Board Secretary