

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2009 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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NOTICE**

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**

**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. Kenneth Reilly  
Mr. Steven Rogers  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Ms. Patricia Williams  
Dr. Philip T. Casale

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

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:35 PM Trustee Williams 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  
Personnel

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

**ROLL CALL**

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CALL**

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

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Ms. Ariane DiMarco, Student Representative

**Academic Report**

Mr. Zarra introduced Mrs. Francioso who gave an in-depth report on the test scores that were released. She provided two hand-outs regarding the test scores.

A discussion ensued among the Board regarding the test scores and the district's curriculum.

Mr. Zarra spoke about the personal finance course that the Board wants to implement into the high school curriculum.

President Casale suggested implementing a 0-9 period day that was used in the high school in 1972. He felt this would have a positive impact on the class sizes.

A Board discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of such a suggestion.

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

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

Resident Mike Russo thanked Mrs. Francioso for her report on test scores and asked if some of the details could be put on the website.

**Other Items**

Student Representative, Ariane DiMarco, gave a report on the activities at the high school.

Mr. DeVita spoke about the current budget and also the future budget. He stated that he is not expecting to see an increase in state aide for the future budget.

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)**

**None**

***RESOLUTIONS***

Trustee Frannicola moved, and Trustee Reilly seconded, Resolutions 1 and 2. Upon being put to a roll call vote Resolution 1 and 2 were unanimously approved.

**1. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST**

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

**APPROVAL  
TRAVEL LIST**

**A**

**APPROVAL  
FIELD TRIPS      B**

**2. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the field trip list and all expenses per (Appendix B).

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

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Resident Mike Russo spoke about the President's inaugural address on the website, the school website, Washington School break-in, the Attorney General Response, the construction manager's contract and the food service contract and lunch program.

Resident Neil Henning suggested asking the children what needs to be done to keep them from eating elsewhere at lunch time. He also spoke about the OPRA forms and how to cut down the time it takes to respond.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Zarra spoke about the alternative school program. He mentioned that he would be meeting with Bloomfield and Belleville District's Superintendents to discuss a joint effort.

Trustee Sautter mentioned Channel 77 not being shown to everyone.

A Board discussion ensued.

Trustee Rogers spoke about the Volunteers in Service to Nutley Schools Committee, which has about 60 people who volunteered their services. He said there are four sub-committees formed and they will be meeting this week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Rogers and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita  
Board Secretary