

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:02 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 March 12, 2009. 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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President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

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

Absent: Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mr. Kenneth Reilly (arrived 6:14 PM)

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

Mr. DeVita discussed handouts given to the Board members regarding the 2009-2010 Budget.

Trustee Reilly arrived at 6:14 PM.

A Board discussion ensued regarding the budget and special education, athletics, alternative school, staff cuts, program cuts, health benefits, school bus parking, preschool program, curriculum, state mandates that are not funded, BOE membership dues and fees, communication and telephone accounts, time constraints with the budget and the time frame in getting budget information.

A Board discussion ensued on the impact of the budget and the Superintendent's recommended budget and cuts.

Mr. DeVita and Mr. Zarra explained the CAP and the reasoning for the amounts of cuts needed.

The Board discussed the impact of the budget on the district.

Mr. Zarra discussed the impact of the cuts on the budget.

The Board discussed having a special meeting on March 23, 2009 to go over the budget in more detail.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

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Resident Alan Thomas spoke about the existence of the CAP and what the district has done to prepare for the impact of it. He asked about fundraising.

Resident Mike Russo asked about having budget numbers for the public for the March 23, 2009 meeting. He also asked about the Volunteer Committee getting more information.

RESOLUTION

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1. APPROVAL OF 2009-2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Trustee Kuchta moved, and Trustee Alamo seconded, a motion that the Board approves the following resolution as listed below:

Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution passed with the following exception:

1. Trustee Rogers abstained.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tentative budget for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 53,938,495
Special Revenue Fund	1,501,523
Debt Service Fund	<u>3,741,749</u>
Total Budget	\$ 59,181,767

Of which the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 44,888,738
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>2,765,764</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 47,654,502

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an automatic CAP adjustment to the base tax levy for an adjustment for an increase in health costs of \$494,593.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the automatic CAP adjustment will increase the maximum permitted General Fund tax levy from \$44,888,738 to \$45,383,331.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to submit this budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to publish the 2009-2010 budget in the newspaper.

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Resident Joseph Fisher asked about the finances of the old drawings for the Spring Garden gym on the total referendum.

Resident Mike Russo asked about the food service operation and the RFP process.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Rogers and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael DeVita
Board Secretary