

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2009 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

CALL TO

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

**FLAG
SALUTE**

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 April 27, 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.

ROLL CALL

**ROLL
CALL**

Present: Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (arrived 6:03 PM)
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo (arrived 6:03 PM)

Mr. Kenneth Reilly

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

Also Absent: Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Trustees Moscaritola and Russo arrived at 6:03 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION SESSION

EXECUTIVE

At 6:05 PM Trustee Kuchta moved and Trustee Rogers 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:

- Personnel Issues
- Legal Issues
- Contractual Issues
- Student Issue

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

RECONVENE

At 8:08 PM Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sposato 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 & MOMENT OF SILENCE

**FLAG
SALUTE**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute & moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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Present:

Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mr. Kenneth Reilly
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Also Present:

Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Michael DeVita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Urso, Student Representative

Absent:

Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVE
OF MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

September 14, 2009 – Open Public Meeting
September 14, 2009 – Closed Executive Session
September 3, 2009 – Open Public Meeting
August 24, 2009 – Closed Executive Session
August 24, 2009 – Open Public Meeting

Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sautter seconded, and the Board minutes were approved with the following exceptions:

1. Trustee Frannicola abstained on the minutes of September 3, 2009 due to his absence.
2. Trustee Kuchta abstained on the minutes of August 24, 2009 due to his absence.
3. Trustee Reilly abstained on the minutes of August 24, 2009 due to his absence.

CORRESPONDENCE

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A letter from Spring Garden's PTO President, Vice-President, Executive Board and Class Parents regarding a vote of confidence in Spring Garden Elementary School principal.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPT'S REPORT A

Mr. Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated September 28, 2009, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents as well as other activities going on in the district.

Mr. Zarra also welcomed Stephanie Urso, the student representative to the Board for this school year.

Trustee Moscaritola exited at 8:44 PM.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

**BOARD
SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeVita spoke about the status of the heating in Washington and Lincoln schools and the 2008-2009 School Audit.

Trustee Moscaritola returned at 8:47 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

Trustee Rogers – H1N1 Virus
Consolidating Communications

Trustee Reilly – Facilities Committee

Stepahnie Urso - Student Representative

PRESENTATIONS:

Website Presentation – Mr. John Carrino gave a power-point presentation on the website his company can provide to the Nutley School District.

A discussion ensued among the Board.

K-12 Curriculum Mapping – Mr. John Calicchio, JHWMS Principal, and Mrs. Rosemary Clerico, Spring Garden Principal, gave an in-depth report on the process of curriculum mapping and where the district stands.

A discussion ensued among the Board.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Resident Terry Quirk asked if the memorial was for Mrs. McDonald who taught in Washington School.

Resident Alan Thomas asked about the NCLB Grant Stipends and where the funds for the Business Administrator's Resolution 10 – Approval of Additional Services – Spiezle Group is coming from.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS SUPT'S

RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Sposato moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 17 as listed below.

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 17 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**RESIGNATION
PART TIME AIDE**

1. **RESIGNATION – Part-time Aide**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Joann Krupka as part-time aide effective September 25, 2009.

**RESIGNATION
ATHLETICS**

2. **RESIGNATION – Athletics**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Frank Francia as head girls basketball coach effective September 10, 2009.

**AMEND PROF.
STAFF**

3. **AMENDING RESOLUTION – Professional Staff**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Reappointments – Professional Staff, (Schedule F) approved at the June 22, 2009 Board Meeting to reflect a change in full-time status for Mrs. Rosa Santoriello to part-time.

**AMEND
PERSONNEL**

4. **AMENDING RESOLUTION – Personnel**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the Addendum Resolution Reappointments – Part-time School Aides approved at the August 24, 2009 Board Meeting to reflect the following change:

Reinstate the following Part-time School Aide:

Corinne DeGennaro
(Replacing Joann Krupka)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
TEACHER**

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Teacher**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family

Leave Act for Mrs. Maria Strumolo effective November 2, 2009 through January 29, 2010 with a return date of February 1, 2010.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
TEACHER**

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act for Mrs. Michelle Yasso effective October 29, 2009 through January 29, 2010 with a return date of February 1, 2010.

**APPOINT
TEACHER SUBS
B**

7. APPOINTMENTS – Teacher Substitutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule B for the 2009-10 school year.

**APPOINT
SEC./CLERICAL/AIDE
SUBS**

8. APPOINTMENTS – Secretarial/Clerical/Aide Substitutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2009-10 school year:

Secretarial/School Aide

Bonnie D'onofrio
Leigh Flynn
Diane Guarino
Joy Intindola
Denise Lewis

School Aide

Angela Gil
Agata Mastropasqua

**APPOINT
EXTENDED DAY**

9. APPOINTMENT – BOE Extended Day Program

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Kristen Puzio as a part-time Child Care Instructor for the 2009-2010 school year at the hourly rate of \$27.00.

**APPOINT
ATHLETICS**

10. APPOINTMENT – Athletics

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Fall athletic appointment listed below for the 2009-10 school year in accordance with the 2008-09 Coaches Salary Guide.

The salary will be adjusted in accordance with the new 2009-10 Coaches Salary Guide:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u> Assistant Coach	Ryan McMullen	1	\$3,275

**APPOINT
VOLUNTEER NURSE**

11. APPOINTMENT – Volunteer Nurse

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Angelina Fernandez as volunteer nurse for the Lincoln/Spring Garden camping trip on October 14, 15, and 16, 2009.

**APPOINT CAFÉ.
BUS AIDE SUB**

12. APPOINTMENT – Cafeteria/Bus Aide Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitute for the 2009-10 school year:

Cafeteria/BusAide

Eileen Aiello

**APPROVE
STIPENDS**

13. APPROVAL OF STIPENDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid stipends for the NCLB Grant in the following amounts:

Title III	Ciro Violante	\$2,000
Title IV	Natale Ferrara	\$1,000

**LONGEVITY
PAY**

14. LONGEVITY PAY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following longevity payment:

Lottie Alama	-\$2,150(prorated)	Eff. Oct. 1, 2009 (25 yrs.)
Donald Barlow	-\$1,400 (prorated)	Eff. Oct. 1, 2009 (10 yrs.)
Lawrence P. Koster	-\$2,000 (prorated)	Eff. Oct. 1, 2009 (17 yrs.)
Sharon Larcara	-\$4,300 (prorated)	Eff. Oct. 1, 2009 (25 yrs.)

**EXTRA
COMP.**

15. EXTRA COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

PAYMENT FOR FILMING BOE MEETINGS- June 22, 30, July 9, 27, August 24, September 3, and June 24 Graduation

Steven Gerechoff	\$127.50
Angelo Lambroschino	127.50
Erika Regalado	82.50

PAYMENT FOR ESL SUMMER WORKSHOP – ACCESS for ELLs test results and reviewing new ESL text series

Kathleen Cullity	\$275.04
Jane Frost-Guzzo	151.44

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Technology Department – July 27 through August 21, 2009

John Schwarz	\$9,766.80
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PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Librarians

Erin Battaglia	\$ 530.00
Susan Bresnan	1,207.18
Jainine Gambaro	825.12
Christina Stendardi	161.44
Louise Walk	695.00

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Guidance

High School

Donna Cocco	\$1,072.50
Jill Divilio	1,200.00
James Mauro	1,465.02
Kathryn Mitchell	1,465.02
Susan Scerbo	1,465.02
Mary Fran Simmons	1,465.02

JHW Middle School

James Cummings	\$ 976.68
Joyce Wood	947.68

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER BAND CAMP

Jeff Brown	\$1,342.50
Aurilla Card	1,342.50
Michael Coppola	1,006.88
John Maiello	1,342.50
Stephanie Tirri	1,342.50

Chaperones:

Carol Bender	\$ 500.00
Quinn Blandford	500.00

**PAYMENT FOR ACADEMY OF FINE & PERFORMING
ARTS CLASSES – September 2008 through June 2009**

Elliott Bradley	\$3,500.00
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**PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Taping, Editing and
Logging in of new equipment**

James Kelly	\$2,105.70
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**TRANSFER OF
PERSONNEL**

16. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following transfers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Susan Furnari	Yantacaw	High School
Mari Konn	Radcliffe	Lincoln
Rena Lazar	High School	Lincoln

**SPECIAL CLASS
PLACEMENT
C**

**17. SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT – Educationally
Disabled Students**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to assign classified handicapped children to educational programs according to how they can best achieve success in learning in accordance with the rules and regulations pursuant to Title 18A, Chapter 46, NJ Statutes, and Title 6 Chapter 28, NJ Administrative Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of Nutley students at the special education classes for the 2009-10 school year as per the attached Schedule C.

MEMORIALS

18. Memorial:

Mrs. Irene Aragona

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mrs. Irene Aragona on July 17, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Aragona was employed in September, 1998 as a teacher in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Aragona won the admiration and respect of her fellow teachers and the friendship of pupils who came under the influence of her understanding and capable teaching.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

19. **Memorial:**

Mrs. Anita McDonald

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mrs. Anita McDonald on September 22, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDonald was employed in January, 1976 as a teacher in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career until her retirement in July, 2006, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McDonald won the admiration and respect of her fellow teachers and the friendship of pupils who came under the influence of her understanding and capable teaching.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

20. **Memorial:**

Mr. Marvin "Mark" Blaustein

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. Blaustein on September 13, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaustein was employed in September, 1964 as a guidance counselor in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career until his retirement in July, 1989, and

WHEREAS, through the years, Mr. Blaustein has exemplified the finest qualities of his profession at all times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

**TRANSFER OF
PERSONNEL**

21. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

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

1. Trustee Rogers abstained.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
William Farkas	Spring Garden	High School

BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Moscaritola moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 15 as listed below.

Upon a roll call vote Resolutions numbers 1 through 15 were approved with the following exceptions:

1. Trustee Reilly abstained on check No. 080970.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of application for I.D.E.A. for FY 2010 as follows:

I.D.E.A. ARRA- Basic - Public	\$ 893,264
I.D.E.A. ARRA- Basic – Non-Public	\$ 82,664
I.D.E.A. ARRA-Preschool - Public	\$ 35,295

**ACCEPT
DONATION**

7. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation from the Spring Garden PTO in the amount \$3,000 to be used for school clubs.

**ACCEPT
DONATION**

8. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation from the Yantacaw PTO in the amount \$804.59 for a laminator.

**SCHOOL-TO-CAREER
TRANSITION
PROGRAM**

**9. SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM
AT NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL - 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a voluntary partnership with the following job sites to provide daily transition activities for Nutley High School students for the 2009-10 school year:

Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, New Jersey
Township of Nutley: Mayor Cocchiola's Office
Parks and Recreation Dept.

Tempo Music, Nutley, New Jersey
Dr. James Muglia/Smile for Today
Nutley, NJ
CVS, Harrison Street, Nutley
Nutley Family Service Bureau Thrift Shop

Nutley Public Schools:

Lincoln School
Nutley High School
Radcliffe School

Spring Garden School
Washington School
Yantacaw School
Restaurant Passione, Montclair, New Jersey
UMDNJ, Scotch Plains, New Jersey

**APPROVE ADDITIONAL
SVCS – SPIEZLE GROUP**

10. APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES – SPIEZLE GROUP

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the additional scope of work, which is inclusive of a new standby emergency generator and HVAC system in Nutley High School. All architectural and engineering design and construction administration services will be provided for a lump sum fee of \$44,500.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT GPC, INC.**

11. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO GPC, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of \$135,577.12 to GPC, Inc. for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT HILT CONST.**

**12. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO HILT
CONSTRUCTION CO.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amounts of \$242,873.87 to Hilt Construction Co. for the Exterior Façade Repairs at Spring Garden School as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT CIRCLE-A
CONSTRUCTION CO.**

**13. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO CIRCLE-A
CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of \$411,784.84 to Circle-A Construction Co. Inc. for the Exterior Façade Repairs at Lincoln Elementary School as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT LEVY**

CONSTRUCTION CO.

14. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO LEVY

CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of \$178,845.10 to Levy Construction Co. Inc. for the Window and Door Replacement at Lincoln and Radcliffe Elementary Schools as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

APPROVE

CHANGE ORDERS

15. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS – EXTERIOR FAÇADE REPAIRS AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following change orders, on file in the Business Office, for the Exterior Façade Repairs at Washington Elementary School to Hilt Construction as follows:

Change Order No. 5 – \$ 7,551.84

Change Order No. 6 – \$ 1,104.25

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT WOJCHIK
ELECTRIC**

16. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO WOJCHIK ELECTRIC

Trustee Rogers 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 partial payment in the amount of \$20,209.67 to Wojchik Electric for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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CITIZENS**

Resident Mike Russo expressed his concerns for the senior cruise being the night before the SAT's. He also asked if the Board looked into hand sanitizers.

Resident Lisa Danchak Martin asked about the Doctrine of Necessity and the senior cruise.

Resident Alan Thomas expressed his concerns with the senior cruise. He made positive comments about the curriculum report that was presented.

Trustee Rogers exited at 9:55 PM.

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), asked for clarification on who is in charge of the gifted and talented program and her OPRA request for cell phone records.

Trustee Rogers returned at 9:59 PM.

Resident Robert Rusignuolo made reference to his OPRA request for cell phone records.

Resident Greg Palmer spoke about the observance of religious holidays in the schools.

Resident Neil Henning asked about the heating system being used for Washington and Lincoln schools.

Resident Alan Thomas asked about testing scores and also asked to make the EAN contract public.

Resident Lisa Vallo asked about the permanent substitutes health benefits.

Resident Steve Picciano suggested alternatives to the conflict with the senior cruise.

OLD BUSINESS

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Trustee Russo asked if this meeting was advertised in April.

Trustee Reilly supported the position of benefits for permanent substitutes.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Rogers spoke about the Doctrine of Necessity, celebrating Christmas in the schools and the donations that the schools receive from their PTO's.

Trustee Sposato asked about the work-study program.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at

11:00 pm on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Rogers, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Board Secretary