

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2010**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Public Meeting on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the JHWMS Choir Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:40 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

FLAG SALUTE

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President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

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 Special Meeting was provided in the notice of March 23, 2010. 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

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CALL**

Present: Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Walter Sautter
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (arrived 7:05 PM)
Mr. Kenneth Reilly
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

President Casale announced the purpose of the meeting and opportunity for questions, answers and suggestions.

Trustee Sautter asked if any additional cuts were found. Mr. Zarra responded that no significant cuts were found.

Trustee Rogers suggested that the Board and Town look closely at shared services as we move forward and plan for 2010-2011.

Trustee Moscaritola arrived 7:05 PM.

Trustee Frannicola thought that the Board would review line item by line item to look for cuts.

Trustee Sautter feels the administration needs to make decisions based on needs.

Mr. Zarra reviewed the budget process starting with comparing the current year and the projections to finish the balance of the year against the new budget. Then review the budgets submitted by the principals.

Trustee Frannicola wants to look closer at the location of athletic events and why we have to travel far and incur additional expenses. He also expressed the possibility of the pension change for current staff.

Mr. Zarra gave an update of what was known and reminded everyone that this is not the law as yet.

Trustee Sautter offered exploring use of a town motor pool to fix vehicles.

Trustee Rogers suggested we contact Hoffman La Roche to use their property for busses. Mr. Zarra stated that the option was already explored and was not feasible because of security issues.

Trustee Russo asked if there would be 39 cuts if the state aid remained the same.

President Casale asked about the social worker positions and their responsibilities.

Trustee Sautter asked about the possibility of eliminating some high school classes.

Trustee Sautter asked if the \$200 average tax increase was correct.

A discussion ensued about closing freshmen lunch for 2010-2011.

President Casale would like Chartwells to give us an idea on what savings we could realize on food service.

Trustee Moscaritola wanted to know if the goal was to reduce the tax levy.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 PM Trustee Frannicola moved and Trustee Russo 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

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

Trustee Moscaritola spoke about a newspaper article given to the board from a member of the public about Montclair Board's Union offering to freeze wages and still needing to lay off 89 members of their staff.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Resident Mike Russo offered suggestions for cutting over one million dollars to the budget. He stated he would like to hear from the President of the EAN in regard to putting dollars back into saving jobs.

Resident Alan Thomas stated he was grateful that the union's are considering Mr. Zarra's request. He asked about the outcome of the meeting with the Town Officials regarding the tax impact.

Trustee Moscaritola spoke about the EAN Contract and health benefit givebacks and that it was prudent.

A discussion ensued among the Board and Mr. Thomas regarding the Governor's course of action.

Mrs. Francioso spoke about Federal Stimulus money and large bonuses.

Trustee Moscaritola left at 8:30 PM.

A discussion ensued on Federal Stimulus funds, corporate bonuses and the Governor's decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM on a motion by Trustee Frannicola seconded by Trustee Rogers, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans
Interim Board Secretary