NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION OPEN PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 5, 2010

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:20 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE FLAG

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

MEETING NOTICE MEETING 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 October 8, 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 CALL CALL

Present: 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

Absent: Mr. Angelo Frannicola (Arrived 6:45 PM)

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:24 PM Trustee Kuchta moved and Trustee Reilly 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:

Litigation 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 8:05 PM Trustee Russo 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 & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

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Committee Reports:

Facilities Report – Mr. Nicolette
Facilities Committee – Trustee Reilly
Negotiations Committee – Trustees Rogers and Kuchta

PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Kuchta gave a power-point presentation on the EAN negotiations.

Mr. D'Ambola gave a presentation on the K-12 Mathematics Curriculum.

The Board had time to question Mr. D'Ambola on his presentation.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Trustee Reilly moved, Trustee Russo seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Superintendent's Resolutions 1 and 2 as follows.

Upon a roll call vote the resolutions were unanimously approved.

1. AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the Business Administrator to close the Referendum Investment Account # 756018296 with Morgan Stanley and transfer all funds to TD Bank Referendum Account #345-2165574 for the sole purpose of increasing interest revenue.

2. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

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

3. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – 2010/2011

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the submission of the District Development Plan for the year 2010/2011 to the Department of Education Essex County Office.

RESOLUTIONS

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

APPROVAL A

PROF. DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2010/2011

4. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

USE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Trustee Russo moved, and Trustee Reilly seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds listed below that conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

		Events
1.	A request from the New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs for the use of the NHS auditorium, on April 10, 2010 for a camera show from 7:00AM to 5:00PM.	1
2.	A request from the NHS National Honor Society for the use of the NHS auditorium, on April 11, 2010 for the night of a comedy show from 8:00PM to 10:00PM	1
	Total use of school property represented by the above	2
	Total use of school property represented by the month of April 2010	69

*Detailed schedule on file in the Business Office

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Resident Carol LoCurcio congratulated Mr. D'Ambola on his retirement and asked if his position as Math Chair would be replaced. She also asked if the Science Chair would ever be replaced.

Resident Lisa Danchak-Martin spoke about the minutes she OPRA requested and the start time of the meeting and comments made.

Resident Alan Thomas commented on Mr. Nicolette's report where he mentions two areas were design deficient. He asked how the Board pays for the engineer. He also asked Mr. D'Ambola several questions regarding his math curriculum presentation.

Resident Joe Fisher asked Mr. D'Ambola if the district should identify students who need help in math at an earlier age than waiting for the 12th grade test.

Resident Charlie Kucinski commented on the behavior of one of the members of the public and the way he conducted himself while asking questions of a teacher. Resident Joe Fisher commented on how he appreciates the open dialogue. He stated it is a way of keeping the public informed.

OLD BUSINESS

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Trustee Sposato commented on the EAN Agreement.

Trustee Reilly asked the public to be more respectful when addressing the Board and staff.

Trustee Rogers reminded the public of the budget and the tax impact.

Mr. Zarra addressed the technology needs of the district and what was purchased in the past two years.

Trustee Frannicola spoke about the EAN guide and the need to invest in a good staff.

NEW BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

President Casale spoke about A Night of Comedy fund raiser sponsored by the high school students on April 11, 2010 to support a cure for cancer.

ADJOURNMENT ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Reilly, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans Interim Board Secretary