

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2011**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011 in the JHWMS Choir Room located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

President Reilly opened the meeting at 5:34 PM.

**FLAG SALUTE**

President Reilly led the assembly in the flag salute.

**MEETING NOTICE**

President Reilly 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 January 4, 2011. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News, The Nutley Journal, The Nutley Sun, Township Clerk and posted on the district website.

This is an official meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. James Kuchta  
Mr. Charles Kucinski  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Dr. Robert Reid  
Mr. Steven Rogers  
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Absent: Mrs. Deborah J. Russo (arr. 5:40 PM)  
Mr. Walter Sautter (arr. 5:40 PM)  
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato (arr. 5:40 PM)

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

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 5:36 PM President Reilly 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: Contractual, Legal and Personnel issues.

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.

### **RECONVENE MEETING**

At 8:00 PM Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sposato seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

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Mr. Charles Kucinski  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Dr. Robert Reid  
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo  
Mr. Steven Rogers  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato  
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Zarra spoke about random drug testing done at the high school and test scores.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Kucinski stated that they are still pursuing the uniform issue.

Finance Committee – Trustee Kuchta stated that they are continuing to work on the 2011/2012 Budget.

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)**

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), asked if every student will have the ability to make the National Honor Society now that the GPA eligibility changed.

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS***

Trustee Kucinski moved, Trustee Sposato second, a motion that the Board approves the Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 2 as listed below.

Upon a roll call vote Resolutions numbers 1 through 2 were unanimously approved.

### **1. APPROVAL OF TRIP LIST**

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

### **2. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

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

## ***BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS***

Trustee Rogers moved, Trustee Kuchta second, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 4 as listed below.

Upon a roll call vote Resolutions numbers 1 through 4 were approved with the following exception:

- 1) Trustee Russo voted "No" on Regulation 5441 – National Honor Society Selection.

### **1. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BASED THERAPY SERVICES EXTENDED AGREEMENT – Maternity Leave Coverage**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the extended agreement with School Based Therapy Services for occupational therapy services for maternity leave coverage for Carla Cavallo from February 1, 2011 through April 15, 2011 at \$81.00 per hour.

### **2. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO ESR MECHANICAL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to ESR Mechanical for electrical upgrades as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 7 – Yantacaw School - \$42,037.50 (Acct #: 30-999-405-450-07-000)  
Application 7 - Radcliffe School – \$6,935.00 (Acct #: 30-999-405-450-04-000)  
Application 7 - High School - \$18,424.00 (Acct #: 30-999-405-450-01-000)

**3. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES & REGULATIONS (Second Reading)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following bylaws, policies and regulations (second reading) on file in the Business Office:

Policy 5440           Honoring Pupil Achievement  
Regulation 5440   Honoring Pupil Achievement  
Regulation 5441   National Honor Society Selection  
Regulation 2464   Gifted and Talented Pupils

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a grant for “Study Skills for Success” in the amount of \$200 and “Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation in the Elementary School” in the amount of \$200 by the Montclair State University Network for Educational Renewal.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), asked if we were charged for consultations with the Board attorney. Mr. Pomaco explained his hourly billing rate. She also inquired about the Special Education Committee that Mr. Zarra was appointed to.

Resident Mike Russo asked if there was a timeline for the community survey on drugs and alcohol.

Resident Barbara Lovejoy asked who was responsible for calling in the basketball team’s scores to the newspaper. Mr. Zarra responded that the home team is responsible for calling in the scores.

Resident Amy Christman reported on research she conducted on Gifted & Talented programs in other districts and the benefits to increase the program.

Resident Jim McDonald inquired on the status of the Stop, Drop & Go at Radcliffe School.

Resident Amy Christman said that Washington School would also like to see the parking completely resolved. She added that the changes that were already made have had a positive impact.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Russo asked about the Extended Day Program during school breaks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Moscaritola, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans  
Board Secretary