

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 4, 2011**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011 in the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Reilly opened the meeting at 6:30 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 Special Meeting was provided in the notice of March 31, 2011. 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**

Present: Mr. James Kuchta  
Mr. Charles Kucinski  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Mr. Steven Rogers  
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato  
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Absent: Dr. Robert Reid (arrived 6:31 PM)

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

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

Resident Alan Thomas questioned the length of time for the Bond Referendum and how the Board knows the estimates are accurate for the savings on solar and the number of kilowatt hours the district will generate.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Moscaritola moved, Trustee Kucinski seconded, a motion that the Board approves the following resolutions. Upon a roll call vote the following resolutions were unanimously approved.

### **1. RETIREMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of the following personnel, effective July 1, 2011:

Gregory Catrambone	- High School Principal
Joyce M. Healy	- Elementary Teacher
Patricia J. Keating	- Elementary Teacher

### **2. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - 2010 – 2012**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the submission of the District Professional Development Plan for 2010 – 2012 to the Department of Education, Essex County Office.

Trustee Sposato moved, Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves the following resolution. Upon a roll call vote the following resolution was unanimously approved.

### **3. RETIREMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of the following personnel, effective July 1, 2011:

Rosemary Clerico	-Spring Garden Principal
Anna Melnyk	-Health & Physical Education Department Chair

## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/ BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Moscaritola moved, Trustee Kucinski seconded, a motion that the Board approves the following resolutions.

Before voting the Board Members expressed their reasons for supporting the Referendum.

Upon a roll call vote the following resolutions were unanimously approved.

**1. APPROVAL OF SEPARATE QUESTION PROPOSAL TO VOTERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley to approve a separate question to be presented to the voters as follows:

1. It is hereby determined that a bond proposal will be submitted for voter approval at the Annual School Election to be held on April 27, 2011. The form of the proposal will read substantially as follows with such adjustments provided by bond counsel in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Education:

**PROPOSAL**

The Board of Education of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey is authorized: (a) to undertake various improvements and renovations, as well as the acquisition and installation of solar panels, to the Nutley High School, Lincoln Elementary School, Radcliffe Elementary School, Spring Garden Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, and Yantacaw Elementary School; (b) to undertake various improvements and renovations to the John H. Walker Middle School; (c) to appropriate \$7,000,014 to finance the projects; (d) to issue bonds of the School District in the principal amount of \$7,000,014 to fund the projects; and (e) to transfers funds between the school facilities projects. The "other capital projects" to be funded herein were potentially eligible for State support, in whole or in part, at a minimum amount of 40% for the eligible components of the projects. However, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley determined not to seek State support for these "other capital projects."

**INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT**

If the Proposal is approved, the Board of Education will be authorized, among other things, to install new security systems and technology upgrades in all seven of the School District's schools. And while the improvements and acquisitions being undertaken in the Proposal qualify for State financial assistance, the Board of Education decided to proceed with these projects because the State of New Jersey is currently not authorizing State aid for school facilities projects for New Jersey school districts.

2. This Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the proposal set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the school district, hereby determines to carry out the improvements described therein (the "Projects").

3. This Board of Education hereby acknowledges and confirms that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and 18A:24-17 a supplemental debt statement has been prepared by the chief financial officer of the Township of Nutley, being the only municipality comprised within the school district, giving effect to the proposed authorization of bonds of the School District in the maximum amount of bonds authorized in the Proposal. The supplemental debt statement has been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Nutley and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of this Board of Education prior to the final adoption of the Proposal and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the special election.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the proposal to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2 and to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal to the voters at the Annual School Election scheduled for April 27, 2011.

5. The Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc., the School District's appointed architect for the Projects, is hereby authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Projects in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who is hereby delegated the responsibility to work with the architect for this purpose on behalf of the Board of Education, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16.

6. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board of Education (the "Board Representatives") are hereby authorized to submit the educational plans to the extent required and the schematic plans for the Projects, and such other information as may be required, to the State Department of Education for approval and to make application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of such plans and the Projects as "Other Capital Projects" and, if necessary, any required amendment to the long-range facilities plan, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.12 and 6A:26-2.1(g).

7. The Board Representatives, if necessary, are hereby further authorized and directed to submit the plans and any other required information to the Planning Board and the Department of Environmental Protection for review and comment.

8. The Board Representatives are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is further authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to make such determinations required of the Board of Education for the conduct of the election as may become necessary.

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Resident Alan Thomas stated that he supports the solar aspect of the project and feels the board needs to be able to answer questions to sell the referendum.

Trustee Russo left at 6:58 PM and returned at 7:00 PM

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

At 7:01 PM President Reilly moved and Trustee Kucinski 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 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.

## **RECONVENE MEETING**

At 8:05 PM President Reilly moved, Trustee Kuchta seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM on a motion by President Reilly, seconded by Trustee Kuchta, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans  
Board Secretary