

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, in the JHWMS Choir Room located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

President Kuchta opened the meeting at 6:36 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

President Kuchta led the assembly in the flag salute and a moment of silence.

MEETING NOTICE

President Kuchta 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 March 26, 2012. 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 advertised in The Nutley Sun on April 5, 2012 and posted on the district website.

This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Lisa Danchak-Martin
Ms. Victoria Flynn
Mr. Charles W. Kucinski
Dr. Robert Reid
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Fredrick Scalera
Ms. Brenda Sherman
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Mr. James A. Kuchta

Also Present: Mr. Russell M. Lazovick, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Gina Villani, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Karen A. Yeaman, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Trustee Sposato presented the Music Department and the World Language Department a Certificate of Appreciation from Nutley UNICO for their participation in the Columbus Day festivities.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Lazovick spoke about the budget calendar, gifted & talented, Nutley Thriving Survivors, HIB, QSAC approval plan, college fair, performance matters, homecoming, district website, twitter account, communication and strategic plan.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Lazovick gave in-depth power point presentations on the new grading system and student performance.

Ms. Villani gave a power point presentation on student enrollment and explained how the numbers are used for various state reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration – Trustee Kucinski stated the committee spoke about the architect selection, policies and personnel.

Academic – Trustee Reid spoke about a new program for funding autism, the extended day program and employee discounts, high school graduation, language arts curriculum, grading and the honor society.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

None

ACADEMICS - Resolutions 1-3

Trustee Reid moved and Trustee Kucinski seconded a motion that the Board approves Academic Resolutions 1-3 as follows:

Upon a roll call vote Academic Resolutions 1-3 were unanimously approved.

1. APPROVAL OF Field Trips

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the field trip list and all expenses as follows:

SCHOOL	TEACHER/PROGRAM	DATE	LOCATION
Nutley High School	Michael Cundari	10/16/12	Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, NYC
Nutley High School	Lisa Cassilli/Joseph Cappello	10/19/12	Knights of Columbus, Nutley, NJ
Nutley High School	Debbie Piacentini	10/23/12	Monmouth University, Monmouth, NJ
Lincoln School	Rosalina Gencarelli	10/23/12	Heaven Hills Farm, Vernon, NJ
Nutley High School	Michael Cundari	10/24/12	Met Opera, Lincoln Center, NYC
Nutley High School	Linda McDonnell	10/25/12	New York Photo Expo, Jacob Javits Center, NYC
Washington School	Kristen Puzio	10/30/12	Stony Hill, Chester, NJ
Nutley High School	Sharon Romaglia/Helen Doyle-Marino	10/31/12	Nutley Parkside Apartments, Nutley, NJ
Spring Garden School	Theresa Struss	11/1/12	Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
Nutley High School	Peggy Pappas	11/2/12	Castle Shakespeare Repertory Company, Budd Lake, NJ
Yantacaw School	Rebecca Olivo	11/7/12	Monuments of Nutley, Nutley, NJ
Washington School	Christine Crisson	11/7/12	Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ
Nutley High School	Dena Hamden	11/14/12	Drew University Shakespeare Theater, Madison, NJ
Washington School	Lynn Mosior	1/30/13	MSU, Montclair, NJ
Washington School	Dana DiGiacomo	3/7/13	Outragehiss Pets, Chestnut Ridge, NY
Spring Garden School	LoriAnn Cassie	4/8/13	Chestnut Street Firehouse/Nutley Public Library, Nutley, NJ
Washington School	Daryl Heller	4/11/13	Waterloo Village, Byram Township, NJ
Lincoln School	Michele Calicchio	4/26/13	Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ
Washington School	Joanne Tibaldo	6/4/13	NJ Sea Grant Consortium, Fort Hancock, NJ

2. APPROVAL OF Professional Development Days/Travel Reimbursement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the travel list and all expenses per as follows:

EMPLOYEE/BOARD MEMBER	PROGRAM NAME	DATE	LOCATION	COST
Kent Bania	Meeting with Stephen Goldman NJDOE-Science Assessment Coordinator	9/19/12	Robbinsville, NJ	\$0
Josh DeWald	Northern New Jersey Orff-Schulwerk Association	9/29/12, 10/20/12, 12/1/12, 2/2/13, 3/9/13 and 4/6/13	William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ	\$0
Aubrey Stoyanov	Northern New Jersey Orff-Schulwerk Association	9/29/12, 10/20/12, 12/1/12, 2/2/13, 3/9/13 and 4/6/13	William Paterson University, Wayne, NJ	\$0
Joseph Materia	NJDOE, Connecting the WIDA English Language Development Standards to the Common Core	10/10/12 and 10/18/12	Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ	\$0
Keith Cortright	Middle School Principal's Group	10/16/12	Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, Summit, NJ	\$0
Sharon Romaglia	Transition Coordinators Network of New Jersey meeting	10/17/12	Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ	\$0 + travel
George Ackerman	Section 504/I &RS: Keys To Ensuring Your School is Compliant	10/19/12	St. Barnabas, Livingston, NJ	\$75.00 + travel

Sandra Stark-Houck	NJ Dept of H.S. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired-High School Braille (9-12)	10/25/12	Conference Center, West Windsor, NJ	\$0 + travel
Deborah Amoroso	NJ Association of Learning Consultants Fall Symposium	10/26/12	Bangor, PA	\$100.00
Hillary Hill	Sugarloaf Crafts Festival	10/26/12	Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ	\$10.00 + travel
Kathryn Ann Mitchell	HESAA College Financial Aid Workshop	11/2/12	Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ	\$0 + travel
Lauren Alfaro	HIB Training given by NJDOE	11/15/12	Holiday Inn, Budd Lake, NJ	\$0 + travel
Kathryn Ann Mitchell	Latino Promise Program College Workshop	11/16/12	Fairleigh Dickinson, Teaneck, NJ	\$0 + travel
Susan Bresnan	NJASL Annual Conference	11/30/12 and 12/1/12	Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ	\$85.00
Erin Battaglia	NJASL Annual Conference	11/30/12	Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ	\$75.00
Jenna Maffucci	"Effective Intervention for Autism and Other Social-Behavioral Differences	12/7/12	Saddle Brook Marriott, Saddle Brook, NJ	\$100.00
Connie Inguanti	AMTNJ Special Ed & Math Annual Conference	1/9/13	St. Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ	\$100.00 + travel

3. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR DELTA DENTAL GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of an application for the Delta Dental Grant for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$4,800.00.

ADMINISTRATION - Resolutions 1-3

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee Sposato seconded a motion that the Board approves Administration Resolutions 1-3 as follows:

Prior to voting Trustee Flynn clarified the article in the Star Ledger regarding Bylaws 0170.

Upon a roll call vote Administration Resolutions 1-3 were unanimously approved.

1. APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF POLICIES (First Reading)

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

- i. 0170 Bylaws – Use of Cell/Text Messaging During Meetings R1

2. APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF POLICIES (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:

- ii. 0143 Bylaws – Board Member Election and Appointment R2
- iii. 0144 Bylaws – Board Member Orientation R2
- iv. 0152 Bylaws – Board Officers R2
- v. 2624 Grading System R2
- vi. 2624R Grading System R2
- vii. 7434 Smoking on School Grounds R2

3. APPROVAL OF 2011-2012 QSAC DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of the 2011-2012 QSAC District Improvement Plan to the Executive County Superintendent.

4. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT (TABLED)

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee Sposato seconded a motion that the Board approves Administration Resolutions 4 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of DiCara/Rubino Architects as Architect of Record for the 2012-2013 school year.

Trustee Flynn stated that the RFQ's were not available to the full Board until today and the full Board should have been given more time to review.

Trustee Kucinski discussed the process the committee followed in making their recommendation. He stated that the finalists were equally qualified.

Trustee Scalera felt both firms were qualified but was going to abstain due to his past employment as a Town Construction Official.

Trustee Sherman discussed the interviews and the overall review of each firm and suggested delaying the vote.

Trustee Sherman made a motion to table the resolution and Trustee Danchak-Martin seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion failed with Trustees Danchak-Martin, Flynn, Reid and Sherman voting "yes" to table and Trustees Kucinski, Russo, Sposato and Kuchta voting "no" to table with Trustee Scalera abstaining.

A lengthy discussion ensued among the Board stating their reasons for their votes. The Board agreed to reconsider their initial votes to table said resolution.

Trustee Sherman made a second motion to table the resolution and Trustee Danchak-Martin seconded. Upon a roll call vote the motion passed with Trustees Danchak-Martin, Flynn, Kucinski, Reid, Russo, Sherman and Sposato voting "yes" to table and Trustee Kuchta voting "no" to table with Trustee Scalera abstaining.

FINANCE - Resolutions 1-5

Trustee Sposato moved and Trustee Kucinski seconded a motion that the Board approves Finance Resolutions 1-5 as follows:

Prior to voting Trustee Flynn asked about the process that was followed for selecting the contractor to replace the maintenance shop roof.

Upon a roll call vote Finance Resolutions 1-5 were unanimously approved.

1. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds, that conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education as follows:

REQUESTS	PURPOSE OF USE	FACILITIES	DATE	TIME	FEES	NO. OF EVENTS
Dara Moscaritola Washington School	Lifeline Challenge	Washington School Gym	10/3/12-6/26/13	3:30-5:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	34
James Alfano Tri County Camera Club of Nutley	Photo Club Meeting	High School Teachers Cafeteria	10/9/12-5/21/13	7:30 -10:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	24
Michael Cundari Nutley High School	NHS Choir Rehearsal	High School Choir Room 100	10/9/12 - 6/24/13	6:00-9:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	33
Lincoln School PTO	Tricky Tray Meeting	Lincoln School Cafeteria	10/11/12	7:00-8:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1
Thomas Sposato NHS Class of 1982 Alumni	Class of 1982 Alumni Get Together	High School Senior Courtyard	10/20/12	11:30-12:30 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1
Karen Norton Spring Garden 6th Grade Committee	Ice Cream Social	Spring Garden Cafeteria & Gym	10/25/12	6:30-9:30 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1
Lincoln School PTO	Pumpkin Patch Set-Up	Lincoln School Gym	10/25/12	7:00-8:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1
Heather Soto Radcliffe PTO Committee	Radcliffe PTO Clothing Drive	Radcliffe School Parking Lot	11/3/12	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1
Luther Engler Nutley Lions Club	Lions Club Spelling Bee	JWMS Auditorium	11/17/12	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1

Denis Williams Nutley High School	Fund Raising Dinner for Nicoletta Ciccolella	High School Cafeteria	12/1/12	5:00-10:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: \$169.11	1
Aurilla Card NHS Winter Guard	Winter Guard Practice	Lincoln School Gym	12/5/12-4/10/13	6:30-9:00 PM (Fri) 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM (Sat.)	Facilities: None Custodian: None	33
Jillaine Gingerelli Yantacaw School Talent Show Committee	Yantacaw School Talent Show 6th Grade Finale Dance Practice	JWMS Auditorium	1/24/12 - 4/4/13	6:30- 8:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	8
Jillaine Gingerelli Yantacaw School Talent Show Committee	Yantacaw School Talent Show Sign-Ups	Yantacaw Show Auditorium	2/4/13	6:30-9:00 PM	Facilities: None Custodian: None	1
Total Use of Property Represented By The Above						140

2. APPROVAL OF SERVICE PROVIDER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following service provider for the 2012-13 school year for OT/PT, Music Therapy, ABA Therapy, Behavioral Consultation, Therapeutic Recreation, RDI, Evaluations and Substance Abuse Centers:

Essex Regional Education Services Commission - Therapeutic Behavioral Services

3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH STEVENSON CONTRACTING LLC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves a contract with Stevenson Contracting LLC for \$25,768.00 to replace the maintenance shop roof.

4. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT NCLB & IDEA FINAL REPORTS FY2012

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of the NCLB & IDEA Final Reports for FY 2012.

5. ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION – Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for 2012-2013

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves a contract with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to administer the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to nonpublic school students attending school located within the district of Nutley for the 2012-13 school year.

PERSONNEL – Resolution 1

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee Russo seconded a motion that the Board approves Personnel Resolution 1 as follows:

Upon a roll call vote Personnel Resolution 1 was unanimously approved.

1. PERSONNEL AGENDA REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Personnel Agenda Report dated October 9, 2012.

Trustee Scalera left the meeting at 8:30 PM.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Students Anthony and Jada Gingerelli of Yantacaw School expressed their concerns with the art program.

Resident Jack Michaels expressed his concerns with the grading system.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Kuchta stated that a Financial Aid Program will take place on October 23, 2012 at the middle school.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:40 PM President Kuchta moved and Trustee Sposato 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 student matters.

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 8:54 PM Trustee Kucinski moved, Trustee Russo seconded, and the Board approved by voice to reconvene the meeting with the following exception:

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Lisa Danchak-Martin
 Ms. Victoria Flynn
 Mr. Charles W. Kucinski
 Dr. Robert Reid
 Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
 Ms. Brenda Sherman
 Mr. James A. Kuchta

Absent: Mr. Fredrick Scalera
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato

Also Present: Mr. Russell M. Lazovick, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Gina Villani, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM on a motion by Trustee Kucinski, seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans
Board Secretary