

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING & RETREAT
JULY 14, 2015**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Board Meeting and Retreat on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, in the JHWMS Media Center located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

President Sposato opened the meeting at 6:06 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

President Sposato led the assembly in the flag salute.

MEETING NOTICE

President Sposato stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as specified in the Act. Proper notice of this Board Meeting and Retreat was provided in the notice of July 2, 2015. 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, Township Clerk and posted on the district website. The notice was advertised in the Nutley Sun on July 2, 2015.

This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Daniel A. Carnicella
Mrs. Lisa Danchak-Martin
Mr. Salvatore Ferraro
Mr. Charles W. Kucinski
Ms. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Fredrick Scalera
Ms. Brenda Sherman
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato

Absent: Mr. Ryan Kline

Also Present: Mr. Russell M. Lazovick, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Gina Villani, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Hearing of Citizens (Resolutions Only)

None

Resolutions:

ADMINISTRATION - Resolution 1

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee Russo seconded a motion that the Board approves the following Administration Resolution 1:

Upon a roll call vote the following Administration Resolution was unanimously approved.

1. APPROVAL OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING (First Reading)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education affirms the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for disciplinary consequences and/or remedial actions as required by the State of New Jersey under the Anti-Bullying Rights for the following reports:

2015-06-26 HIB Report to the Board

FINANCE - Resolutions 1-3

Trustee Carnicella moved and Trustee Kucinski seconded a motion that the Board approves the following Finance Resolutions 1-3:

Trustee Scalera inquired about transfers in Resolution 2.

Trustee Kucinski asked if the Board was going to rebid for the Spring Garden School ramp.

Upon a roll call vote the following Finance Resolutions 1-3 were unanimously approved.

1. DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS – TD Bank

BE IT RESOLVED that the Depository of School Funds – TD Bank Resolution approved at the June 22, 2015 meeting reflect the following change effective July 15, 2015:

Nutley High School Account - Acct. #: 110001880

Denis Williams or Frank Francia and Kimberly Tedesco or Gina Russell

2. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF BOND PROCEEDS

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey obtained the approval of the voters of the School District at its special school election of December 12, 2006 for the following Bond Proposal:

PROPOSAL

The Board of Education of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey is authorized: (a) to undertake various renovations and improvements to the Nutley High School, Lincoln Elementary School, Radcliffe Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, and Yantacaw Elementary School; (b) to undertake the construction of an addition and renovations to the Spring Garden School; (c) to acquire the necessary furnishings and equipment and undertake any associated site work; (d) to appropriate \$38,500,000, funded in part by a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of \$15,142,217; and (e) to issue bonds in the principal amount of \$23,357,783; and (f) *to transfer the local share between the school facilities projects. (Emphasis Added.)*

The final eligible cost of the projects approved by the Commissioner of Education is \$38,500,000, consisting of \$8,740,000 for Nutley High School, \$5,530,000 for Lincoln Elementary School, \$3,400,000 for Radcliffe Elementary School, \$7,055,542 for Spring Garden Elementary School, \$7,600,000 for Washington Elementary School, and \$5,530,000 for Yantacaw Elementary School. None of the projects include any school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g).

Bonds also are authorized for these improvements for an additional amount not to exceed \$15,142,217, or the amount of the State grant, for a total bond authorization of \$38,500,000, in order to permit the School District to finance the entire cost of the improvements, if any portion of the State grant is not available. In the event that the School District is required to issue bonds to finance any portion of the improvements not financed with a grant, the School District will be entitled to receive debt service aid from the State of New Jersey that will equal 40% of the annual debt service due on the final eligible costs of the improvements.

Whereas, the Board of Education issued the bonds and let contracts to undertake the improvements as outlined in the Bond Proposal; and

Whereas, the Board of Education now wants to transfer funds between the schools because some of the projects have sufficient funding while others need additional money; and

Whereas, the Board of Education obtained the approval of the voters in section (f) of the Bond Proposal to transfer the bond proceeds between the school facilities projects;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following transfer of bond proceeds is hereby authorized:

To: Nutley High School Project #3310-050-07-1000 Amount: \$146,250.28

From: Yantacaw Project #3750-050-07-1000 Amount: \$146,250.28

To: Lincoln School Project #3750-070-07-1000 Amount: \$198,752.75

To: Washington School Project #3310-050-07-1000 Amount: \$ 20,381.67

From: Radcliffe Project #3750-050-07-1000 Amount: \$219,134.42

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

3. REJECT BID – ADA RAMP AT SPRING GARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, bids for an ADA ramp at Spring Garden Elementary School was advertised on June 29, 2015 and

WHEREAS sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on July 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received in the following amount:

Community Contractors & Builders, LLC – \$94,700.00

and

WHEREAS the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education rejects the bid received according to 18A:18A-22 which states that a board of education may reject all bids if the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services.

BOARD RETREAT

Mr. Lazovick opened the board retreat discussion with a review of the 2014-2015 achievements in the areas of Strategic Planning, Goals and Student Performance.

At 6:30 PM Trustee Kucinski left the meeting.

At 6:37 PM Trustee Kucinski returned to the meeting.

Dr. Villani reviewed the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment throughout the district highlighting recent work and planned changes for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Levine reviewed the continuing success of our Technology Department including the increase in the use of technology to support instruction in our classrooms. He also discussed the long-range technology plan and improvements and planning for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Yeamans highlighted the most recent audit determining the district budget to be the strongest in recent years. She reviewed recent and ongoing facilities work. She also reviewed the planning process and upcoming work in this area for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Yeamans discussed upcoming challenges, including a 5-year projection based on continued budget lines. She led a conversation on budget targets and planning for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Lazovick reviewed the district's budget in comparison to other districts in Essex County.

The board discussed setting future goals for the district.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM on a motion by Trustee Scalera seconded by Trustee Sherman and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans
Board Secretary