Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

December 21, 1966

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Board Room, 149 Chestnut Street, on Wednesday, December 21, 1966, at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. Edward J. Lenihan, President, presiding. No citizens were present.

Other members present at roll call were: Mrs. John Peddieson, Mr. Carl A. Ohlson, Mr. Frank Cocchiola, Mrs. Rollin G. Shaffer, Mr. Henry Ludwig, Mrs. Bert N. Obrentz and Mr. Warren Davis. Absent and excused: Mr. Frank V. Tangorra.

MINU TES:

Copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 21, 1966, being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Peddieson moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Shaffer and unanimously approved by the Board.

Copies of the minutes of the special meeting held November 30, 1966, being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Peddieson moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Ludwig and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mr. Zabriskie presented and read the following:
- 1. A note of appreciation from Robert Christian, Jr. and family.
- 2. A letter from Edward W. Kilpatrick, Assistant Commissioner of Education, State of New Jersey, Department of Education.

"Chapter 66 of the Laws of 1966, which has amended Chapter 37 of the Laws of 1955, contains two provisions which will effect your budget for fixed charges in the 1967-1968 school year.

- "1. The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is authorized to increase the Veterans Pension Liability of your board for the remainder of the 30 year period.
- "2. Each employing school district shall reimburse the State for a proportionate share of the amount paid by the State for administrative expense. The first reimbursement has been deducted from the Chapter 85 State Aid payable to your district for the 1966-1967 school year in the approximate amount of \$8.90 per employee of your board who was a member of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund.

"The Law further provides that a certification by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund be made to the Commissioner of Education, the State Treasurer and to each employing school district for each of the foregoing.

"In an effort to obtain the information necessary for your 1967-1968 budgets, I have contacted the Division of Pensions by phone and received the information that the <u>Veterans</u>

Liability as certified since 1956 should be increased Statewide by 20% for the 1967-1968 school year.

"The reimbursement for administrative expense will be approximately \$10.00 for each of your employees who is a member of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund.

"The amounts which are certified will be deducted from State Aid payments (Chapter 85 as amended by Chapter 31, L. of 1966) which you will receive for the school year 1967-1968.

"Your County Superintendent will be asked to check on these items at the time he reviews your 1967-1968 budget advertisement."

Mr. Zabriskie stated that the Nutley Board of Education would be responsible for payment of the following monies:

> 20% of \$16,441.00 for veterans liability \$3,288.20 312 employees at \$10.00 each \$3,120.00 Total Amount \$6,408.20

Mr. Lenihan suggested, and the Board of Education members were unanimous in the decision, that Mr. Zabriskie should write a letter to Dr. Kilpatrick objecting to the way this matter was handled. He further stated that even though the Board of Education does recognize the importance of such a matter the Board objects to these last minute decisions since most districts have completed their budgets for the 1967-1968 school year, and this will be extremely costly for the districts.

3. A letter from Mrs. Ruth H. Page, Executive Director, State Federation of District Boards of Education.

"Operators of Low Pressure Boilers - Chapter 182 of the Laws of 1966 (A-790) requires persons holding engineer's or firemen's licenses to operate large low pressure boilers 24 hours a day. Hitherto 24 hour attendance has not been required for school buildings when they are unoccupied. A recent amendment to N. J. S. A. 34:7-1 struck out the words, 'buildings of public assembly.' The law now automatically applies to all buildings using low pressure boilers as defined in the bill whether the buildings are occupied or not. Chapter 182 goes into effect on December 22, 1966.

"This law will cause great expense to local boards unless it is immediately amended to restore the original wording or is reworded to exempt public buildings when unoccupied.

"We strongly urge every local board to contact local legislators without delay and urge immediate amendment to Chapter 182, Laws of 1966. Boards should prepare estimates of what the law will cost if it is not amended and submit these with requests for amendment.

"The Federation would like to have estimates of cost from every board to enable us to prepare a county-by-county cost estimate as well as a state-wide estimate."

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Zabriskie presented and read the following report:

"The grounds crew, after covering the Yantacaw School playground with wood chips, cow manure, 10-6-4 fertilizer, leaves and bone meal, plowed the entire area. It is our intention to leave the area in this condition over the winter. Early this coming spring the field will be graded and seeded. It is our intention to protect the field following the sowing of grass seed by installing a storm fence around the perimeter of the field.

"I am going to take this opportunity to thank the maintenance and grounds crew for the installation of the Christmas decorations at the High and Franklin schools. We have received many compliments concerning the appearance of the decorations.

"The detailed budget brochure, which is made available to the citizens of Nutley, should be ready during the first week in January. This budget brochure includes a breakdown of the 1967-1968 budget as well as various other types of information, such as per pupil costs of education compared to those districts in Essex County K-12 schools, and tax rates for 1966 and ratables for Essex communities. (Source - Abstract of Ratables, Essex County and State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxatioh.)

"The business office has completed all the statistical information required for the annual visual presentation of the budget. The material will be turned over tomorrow to the company which makes the transparencies."

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Zabriskie presented the Financial Report as of November 30, 1966, showing the total funds available of \$3,699,367.67, contractual orders to date of \$3,397,029.47, leaving a balance of funds available of \$302,338.20.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fleischer presented and read the following report:

"The annual alumni meeting will be held at the High School tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. A group of recent Nutley graduates who are attending college will share their reaction to college life with high school seniors. The Class of 1967 will host the meeting, sponsored by the guidance department.

"On December 6 the Third Half Club held its annual dinner for the varsity football players. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd at the affair. We are appreciative of the Third Half's support of the athletic program through the years. Mr. Edward Seufert, Nutley's rifle coach for many years, was honored at the dinner. Mr. Seufert is retiring this year. Nutley boys and girls will miss him.

"On December 19, the annual town Yuletide program was held in the high school auditorium. High school vocal and instrumental groups were featured and they performed well. Dr. Ersfeld, Mr. Kohere, Mr. Hrbek and the participating students are to be commended.

"The high school staff, after much study, recommends that a course in communicative arts be established for the 1967/68 school year. This course will involve a reorganization of the present public speaking course.

"The proposed course will still include public speaking (one semester instead of a full year), creative writing for the third marking period, and journalism for the fourth marking period. It is the intention of the English department that this will be 'team-taught'. The course would be an elective for 11th and 12th grade students.

"Formal Board of Education approval is necessary. We are recommending that approval be given this evening.

"As of this date, six Essex County school districts have settled their 1967/68 teacher salary guides. All districts settled report a B. A. minimum salary of at least \$5800. A summary of the minimums to date show the following:

u i	B. A.	$M_{\bullet}A_{\bullet}$	<u>6 Yr.</u>
High	\$5850	\$6390	\$6900
Median	5800	6275	6725
Low	5800	6200	66.00
NUTLEY	\$5800	\$6300	\$6800

"We are now working on the script and having transparencies prepared for the visual presentation of the 1967/68 school budget. Groups interested in this presentation should contact the Board of Education office."

APPROVAL OF BILLS & MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

On motion made by Mr. Ohlson, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, and unanimously approved by the Board, bills for goods received and services rendered were approved and payments ratified. (see page 58a)

On motion made by Mr. Ohlson, seconded by Mrs. Peddieson, and unanimously approved by the Board, mandatory payments were approved and payments ratified. (see page 58a)

CAFETERIA REPORT:

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Mr. Ohlson presented the Gafeteria Report as of November 30, 1966, showing a cash balance from July 1, 1966 of \$1,595.24, receipts of \$24,128.61, disbursements of \$21,677.04, and a cash balance of \$4,046.81.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Mr. Davis presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Obrentz and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the following, providing they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board:

1. A request from Mr. Walter Kolakowski for the use of the Spring Garden School auditorium, on Wednesdays, December 7, 21, 28,

1966, and January 4, 11, 1967, between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., for volley-ball.

- A request from Mrs. Jeanette Fraser of the Nutley High School for the use of the High School gymnasium, on Saturday, December 17, 1966, between the hours of 7:30 and 11:00 p.m., for a Senior Dance.
- *3. A request from Kenneth Eulo for the use of the Washington School auditorium on Sunday, December 18, 1966, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., for a dramatic show.
- *4. A request from the Recreation Department, Town of Nutley for the use of the Nutley schools for the 1966-1967 basket-ball season, for Pee-Wee basketball.
- *5. A request from Mr. Phillip Heffelfinger of the Saint Mary's Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps for the use of the High School gymnasium, on Friday, February 24, 1967, between the hours of 5:00 and 11:00 p.m., for a Color Guard Contest.
- * detailed schedule on file in the Business Office.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mrs. Shaffer presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby designates Wednesday, January 18, 1967, at 8:00 p.m., as the date and hour on which to hold its regular meeting for the purpose of conducting its regular business and to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 1967-1968 Budget in the amount of \$3,772,742.60, and the special question concerning erecting and equipping of an addition to the Radcliffe School, and to expend therefor a sum not to exceed \$430,000.00, and to issue bonds of the school district for said purpose in the principal amount of \$430,000.00, and to take care of any other matters as may properly come before the Board at that time, said meeting and Public Hearing to be held in the Nutley High School auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to insert the required legal advertisement in the local paper calling said meeting.

TENTATIVE APPROVAL & ADVERTISING OF BUDGET:

Mrs. Shaffer presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Peddieson, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby tentatively approves the 1967-1968 Budget in the amount of \$3,772,742.60 for presentation to the general public at a Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, January 18, 1967, at 8:00 p.m., in the High School auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Schools is required to examine the proposed budget statement to determine that all information submitted therein is verifiable from records on file in his office and is consistent with such records,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to submit to the County Superintendent of Schools copies of the 1967-1968 Budget for his approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon receiving said approval the Secretary is authorized to publish the 1967-1968 Budget in the January 5, 1967 issue of THE NUTLEY SUN.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS:

Mr. Cocchiola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Peddieson, and unanimously approved by the Board:

> BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby appoints the chairmen, secretaries and tellers of the various sectional meetings for the annual school election to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 1967, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., to be as follows:

Lincoln School

Mrs. H. Williams, Chmn. Mrs. Robert Sorge, Secy. Mrs. K. J. Riddle, Teller Mrs. C. Sohl, Teller Mr. H. F. Ross, Teller Mrs. Alma Garrett, Teller

Spring Garden School

Mrs. Dorothy Faulkner, Chmn. Mrs. Geo. A. Rademacher, Secy. Mrs. Albert Strothkamp, Teller Mr. William Cundiff, Teller Mrs. John Carson, Teller Mrs. J. Nascarella, Teller

Yantacaw II

Mr. J. Wesley Tillou, Chmn. Mrs. C. B. Deering, Secy. Mrs. Mary Butterworth, Teller Mr. William C. Strain, Teller Mrs. Willard Snyder, Teller Mrs. Dorothy Tillou, Teller Mrs. A. Luxton, Teller Mrs. John Robinson, Teller

Yantacaw School

Mrs. Abbie Magee, Chmn. Mr. William Pratt, Secy. Mr. Alfred Crockett, Teller Mrs. Gladys Pratt, Teller Mrs. Margaret Nichols, Teller Mrs. Wallace H. Cox, Teller

Radcliffe School

Mr. Joseph Viola, Chmn. Mrs. Thomas D'Ambola, Secy. ' Mrs. Frank Dziedzic, Teller Mrs. Raymond Roberts, Teller Mrs. Georgianna W. Steele, Teller Mrs. Arthur Beams, Teller Mrs. Hjordis Johnson, Teller

- Franklin School

Mr. Robert O'Loughlin, Chmn. Mr. John Peto, Secy. Mrs. Herbert Stuhrman, Teller Mrs. Edward Borgia, Teller Mrs. Arthur Grutt, Teller Mrs. Veronica Shimer, Teller

Washington School

Miss Florence A. Taylor, Chmn. Mrs. Ann P. Shuster, Secy. Mrs. Elizabeth Ferrara, Teller Mr. J. W. Dunkin, Teller Mrs. J. W. Dunkin, Teller Mrs. Anthony Hutch, Teller

ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST:

Mr. Cocchiola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ohlson, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the names of the following teachers be added to the substitute list for the 1966-1967 school year.

Mr. H. Douglas Bursch Mr. Walter Clark, Jr. Mrs. Elizabeth Follansbee Mrs. Karen Girone Mrs. Joyce Lombardi

RESIGNATION:

Teacher

Mr. Cocchiola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mrs. Miriam Kirsten, High School, be accepted as of February 1, 1967.

APPOINTMENT:

Assistant Custodian

Mr. Ludwig presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Cocchiola, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Robie was appointed as an Assistant Custodian on a three month trial basis ending December 26, 1966, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Robie has fulfilled the requirements of the trial period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby appoints Mr. Robie as an Assistant Custodian for the remainder of the 1966-1967 school year, at a salary agreed upon by the Board, and in accordance with the salary guide.

\$4,400 per annum

Bowling Coach

Mrs. Obrentz presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Peddieson, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Athletic Committee Mr. David Byrne be appointed as bowling coach for the 1966-1967 school year, at a salary agreed upon by the Board, and in accordance with the current salary guide. \$200.00 per annum

Teaching Appointments

Mr. Ludwig presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Shaffer, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following teacher be appointed at a salary agreed upon by the Board, and in accordance with the current salary guide:

Mrs. Mildred Arnowitz, High School as of January 23, 1967 \$5,400 per annum

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following teachers be appointed as permanent substitutes to complete the current school year.

Mrs. Marie Buono, Washington School as of January 3, 1967 \$5,400 per annum

Mrs. Christine Testa, Franklin School as of March 6, 1967 \$5,400 per annum

Mrs. Margaret Murray, Franklin School as of March 6, 1967 \$5,400 per annum

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE:

Mrs. Obrentz presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Peddieson, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves an emergency certificate for Mrs. Marie P. Buono for the 1966/67 school year.

APPROVAL - ABSENCE RULES & REGULATIONS FOR TEACHERS OF THE SATURDAY EXTENSION PROGRAM:

Mrs. Obrentz presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Shaffer, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following Rules & Regulations for the Saturday Extension Program be approved by the Board of Education.

All personnel under contract for the Saturday Extension Program may be granted leave with full pay for one day in any school year by the Superintendent of Schools. The following reasons for such leave are:

- sno ton maken b) illness in immediate family
 - c) death of a relative or a close friend
 - d) husiness appointment
 - e) household emergency
 - f) marriage to the control of the co
 - g) professional business
 - h) religious holiday

TESTIMONIAL:

Mrs. Peddieson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis Stager, by tendering his resignation as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for the Nutley Board of Education, effective December 31, 1966, has signified his intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stager has rendered devoted service for the past twenty-seven years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stager has won the friendship and respect of his fellow workers, principals, and teachers of the Nutley School System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education expresses to Mr. Stager its deep appreciation of his long and faithful service and extends to him best wishes for continued health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Mr. Stager.

MEMORIAL:

Mrs. Peddieson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Shaffer, and unanimously approved by the Board:

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WHEREAS, it is with a sense of sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death on November 20, 1966 of Robert Christian, who served as an employee on a part-time basis in the Nutley Public School System for three and a half years, and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Navy during World War I, was awarded the Purple Heart, was a captain in the New Jersey State Guard until 1946 when the Guard ceased operation, following which he then joined the New Jersey National Guard attached to the 7th Battalion as a sergeant until his retirement in 1963, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christian was most active in civic affairs, having served as a past president of the Nutley Veteran's Council, a member of the American Legion Post #70, and the Northern New Jersey Flotilla #35, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Christian's position with the Nutley School System required that he transport special education students and in doing this he had the unqualified respect of all those associated with him, making his loss deeply felt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Memorial be made a part of the minutes of this Board and a copy be sent to his family.

COURSE APPROVAL:

Mrs. Peddieson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ludwig, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, the high school staff, after much study, recommends that a course in communicative arts be established for the 1967/68 school year, such course to include public speaking (one semester), creative writing (third marking period), and journalism (fourth marking period),

BE IT RESOLVED, That a course in communicative arts be added to the high school program of studies, beginning September, 1967.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mrs. Peddieson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Obrentz, and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, Miss Edna Kistler exhausted her sick leave as of October 13, 1966, and

WHEREAS, Miss Kistler returned to her duties as a teacher on December 19, 1966, and

WHEREAS, Miss Kistler desires to purchase pension credit from October 14, 1966 through December 16, 1966,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves a leave of absence due to illness for Miss Edna Kistler, said leave effective October 14, 1966 through December 16, 1966.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mrs. Feddieson, seconded by Mr. Ohlson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President

Secretary