Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

November 29, 1972

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, November 29, 1972, at 8:00 p.m., with Mrs. Thomas E. Jaworek, President, presiding.

The meeting was opened with Mr. Walter Lindstrom leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mr. John E. Clayton, Jr., Mr. Carl A. Ohlson, Mrs. Edward M. Popadick, Mr. Walter Lindstrom, Mr. Albert E. Cameron, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, and Mr. James M. Piro. Absent and excused: Mr. Theodore Berger. Citizens from the Town of Nutley.

MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 25, 1972, being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Clayton moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Cameron, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland read the following communications:

1. A letter from Mrs. F. P. Jacobus, 44 Holmes Street:

"Several weeks ago you consented to my usage of equipment from the high school for my presentation at the Masonic Temple on October 18th.

"Mr. Stein, Director of Audio-Visual Dept. at Nutley High School, pointed out that the projector would not have served the purpose. Mr. Stein suggested another means and his efforts, on such short notice, certainly were a great help to me. The audience numbered 250 people, so you can understand how grateful I was to be able to make a good presentation. Compliments are still being received and it's only because of the aid I received from your office and Mr. Stein.

"My husband and I have been on vacation since October 21st, and although this note is a bit tardy, it is by no means less sincere.

"Best wishes again for your success and happiness in your job and relations with Nutley people."

A letter to the Board from Mrs. Estelle Petitte, Leader of Girl Scout Troop #350:

"On Friday, December 1, 1972 at 1:15 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #350 of the Special Education Department in Lincoln School will hold its Investiture and Rededication Ceremony. We hope you will be able to attend."

A notice from the New Jersey School Boards Association with regard to the Semi-Annual Delegates Meeting, December 9th, Bordentown, New Jersey.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"Pursuant to the award of contracts which were authorized at the the last Board meeting, the ceilings in the corridor, offices and classrooms of Nutley High School have been patched after the installation of the acid waste pipe replacement. We now have a removable section of ceiling in the main corridor which will allow access to the service lines above the ceiling. The high school administration seems to be completely satisfied with the job.

"The folding doors for the gym in Franklin School were delivered this morning and installation has been started. This delivery is several weeks behind schedule due to the fact that the doors which were otherwise completed were held up because of a delay in the vinyl supplier's plant. Mr. Gilligan has put up with a fair amount of inconvenience because of the late delivery of the doors and his patience is much appreciated.

"The aluminum window replacement program at Lincoln School has been going on for more than a month and based on present progress, the anticipated completion date is the second week in January. We anticipated an earlier completion date; however, emergencies have arisen from time to time which necessitated taking the men off the job. We cannot reasonably postpone all other maintenance work in the system.

"After the playing of the last home football game on November 4th, the Park Oval was fertilized and re-seeded. I am not optimistic about the prospect of a good turf in the spring because the baseball program will not allow this; however, I am hopeful that at least some of the grass will survive.

"Snow removal equipment has been put in operating condition throughout the schools. All schools have also been furnished a supply of snow and ice melting chemicals so, while we are not looking for snow, we are prepared for it.

"Fire drills recently held were as follows:

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Oct.	25	Franklin School	2:36 p.m.	2 min.	
Oct.	27	Washington School	12:50 p.m.	1 min.	40 secs.
Nov.	1	Spring Garden School	12:55 p.m.	1 min.	20 secs.
Nov.	6	Nutley High School	1:30 p.m.	2 min.	20 secs.
Nov.	10	Radcliffe School	2:25 p.m.	l min.	40 secs.
Nov.	10	Spring Garden School	2:44 p.m.	1 min.	20 secs.
Nov.	11	Yantacaw School	1:30 p.m.	l min.	35 secs.
Nov.	16	Franklin School	2:35 p.m.	2 min.	ll secs.
Nov.	16	Lincoln School	1:34 p.m.		-
Nov.	17	Lincoln School	8:49 a.m.	1 min.	$29\frac{1}{2} \text{ secs.}$
Nov.	21	Washington School	12:50 p.m.	l min.	40 secs.
Nov	2.7	Washington School	8:50 a.m.	1 min.	45 secs. "

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of October 31, 1972, showing total funds available of \$6,781,730.58, contractual orders to date of \$6,317,669.04, leaving a balance of funds available of \$464,061.54.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Flesicher presented and read the following report:

"It appears that there will be no increase in 'formula' state aid for the 1973-1974 school year. Any increases in the 1973-1974 school budget will be reflected in a direct increase in local effort.

"The ten year enrollment trend is shown below. There has been about a twelve per cent increase in total enrollment with the greatest portion of the increase at the high school.

	1962-63	1972-1973	Increase	Per Cent Increases
Elem. (K-6)	2637	2740	103	3.9
Franklin (7-8)	762	870	108	14.2
High School (9-12)	1770	2170	400	22.6
	5169	5780	$\overline{611}$	$\overline{11.8}$

"On December 7,1972 the Third Half Club will hold its annual dinner. The annual townwide Yuletide program will be held on Monday, December 18, 1972.

"Several teachers at Yantacaw School were taped for interview for the radio program, 'Speaking of Schools." They were:

Carol Gurney - Kindergarten program
Robert Loffredo - Individualized Reading Program
Jerilyn Margulies and Dorothy Drilock - Teacher-made
materials

 $^{\prime\prime} The\ show\ was\ broadcast\ over\ WDHA-FM\ 105.5$ and WHBI-FM last Friday, November 24th.

"Mr. Primamore has prepared a draft of the recent Middle States report. It is hoped that we will be able to go to print on or before December 15th. The target date for publication is January 15, 1973.

"Enrollment in the nation's colleges and universities should total a record 13.3 million by the fall of 1980, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. Estimated on the basis of recent trends in enrollment, class size, per pupil expenditures and the like, the number of students seeking a bachelor's and higher degree will increase 52 percent -- from 7.9 million in the fall of 1970 to 12 million in the fall of 1980. While enrollment in four year colleges and universities is expected to increase by 44 percent from, 6.3 million to 9 million, the two-year colleges are expected to have one-fourth of the degree-credit enrollment by 1980. These colleges, therefore, should have an enrollment increase of 84 percent, from 1.6 million to 3 million. During this time elementary school enrollments will drop by 2 million, while secondary school enrollments should remain stationary.

"Statewide testing in reading and mathematics was administered to fourth and twelfth grade students on November 14 and 15. The results will be made available to the public in March, 1973."

APPROVAL OF BILLS & MANDATORY PAYMENTS: 10 402 + None

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Ohlson presented the cafeteria report as of October 31, 1972, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1972 of \$126.99, total receipts of \$28,025.60, total disbursements of \$23,018.95, leaving a balance of \$5,133.64. Total "A" lunch - 16,929. Total milk sold - 21,658. Free lunches - 2,443. 22 school days.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Clayton presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, 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. Joseph Bonanno, Dean Witter & Company, for the use of Room #101 in the High School on Tuesday, November 28, 1972, from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., for a "Bond Seminar."
- *2. A request from Mr. Ray Alden, Grace Episcopal Church, 16 for the use of the gymnasium in Spring Garden School on Thursdays, November 30, 1972 through March 29, 1973 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for basketball and volleyball.
- *3 A request from Mr. Thomas Farewell, Town of Nutley, 6
 Department of Parks and Public Property, for the use of
 the gymnasium in Yantacaw School on Wednesdays,
 November 1, 1972 through December 20, 1972 from 6:00
 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for basketball and volleyball.
- *4. A request from Mr. Thomas Farewell, Town of Nutley,
 Department of Parks and Public Property, for the use of
 the gymnasium in Spring Garden School on Thursdays,
 November 9, 1972 through December 21, 1972 from 6:00
 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for basketball and volleyball.
 - *5. A request from Mr. Thomas Farewell, Town of Nutley

 Department of Parks and Public Property, for the use of
 the gymnasium in Washington School on Mondays, October
 30, 1972 through November 27, 1972 from 6:00 p.m. to
 7:00 p.m., for basketball and volleyball.
 - *6. A request from Mr. Thomas Farewell, Town of Nutley, 8
 Department of Parks and Public Property, for the use of
 the gymnasium in Lincoln School on Mondays, October
 30, 1972 through December 18, 1972 from 6:00 p.m. to
 7:00 p.m., for basketball and volleyball.
 - 7. A request from Mr. Robert Merrilees for the use of the gymnasium in Franklin School on Tuesday, October 10, 1972 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for basketball and volleyball.
 - *8. A request from Mr. Jerry Ruben, Essex Opera Theatre, 6 for the use of the auditorium in Franklin School from Wednesday, February 28, 1973 through Saturday, March 10, 1973 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., for dress rehearsals and an opera presentation.
 - *9. A request from Mr. Ronald Paternostra for the use of the gymnasium in Washington School on Fridays,
 November 17, 1972 through March 30, 1973 from 8:00
 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for basketball.
- *10. A request from Mrs. Constance Burde for the use of various rooms in the High School on Mondays and Thursdays from January 22, 1973 through April 12, 1973 at various hours for the Nutley Adult School.

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11. A request from Kevin McDonough, Nutley High School Senior Class, for the use of the auditorium in Franklin School on Saturday, December 16, 1972 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for three Christmas plays and a Christmas Sing Along.

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Detailed schedule on file in business office.

RESIGNATION: Secretary

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

> BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mrs. Joyce Hope, Secretary in the Business Office, be accepted effective November 22, 1972.

RESIGNATION: A Secretary of the Teacher of the second of t

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following teacher resignations be accepted: A said to the reserve to the state of the second to the sec

Mrs. Catherine Doherty - Nov. 30, 1972 - Franklin School English Mrs. Beverly Valentine - Dec. 31, 1972 - High School Home Economics

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Teacher

Mr. Cameron presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and unanimously approved by the Board: which is a second of the standard of the second of the second

> BE IT RESOLVED, That the following teacher leave of absence be accepted:

Mrs. Marlene Sheldon Radcliffe School (Maternity, effective January 1, 1973) and the first of the second of the market of the and

APPOINTMENT: Secretary

Mr. Lindstrom presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and unanimously approved by the Board: The Commission of t

BE IT RESOLVED, That Helen S. Bator be employed as an Assistant Secretary, Group II, for the 1972-1973 School Year, at a salary agreed upon by the Board of Education and in accordance with the current salary guide, effective December 1, 1972. (\$5,816.00 per annum)

APPOINTMENT: Secretarial Substitute

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the additional secretarial substitute listed below be approved for the 1972/73 school year:

Mrs. Elizabeth Tedesco

ADDITIONS TO SUBSTITUTE LIST: Teacher

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitutes listed on the attached sheet be approved for the 1972/73 school year.

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that voting machines be used at the Annual School Election to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 1973, between the hours of 3:30 and 9:00 p.m., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its Secretary to write to the Essex County Board of Elections requesting the use of its voting machines, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its Secretary to write to the Town Clerk, Town of Nutley, notifying said Clerk that the last day to register for the Annual School Election will be Thursday, January 4, 1973, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its Secretary to publish the necessary legal advertisements and to have the necessary public notices printed for the Annual School Election.

APPLICATIONS FOR MINI-GRANTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to file the following applications for mini-grants with the State Department of Education:

- (1) Primary Resource Area (Reflective Media Sphere)
- (2) Home-School Cooperative for Trainables
 - (3) Outdoor Education for Intermediate School
 - (4) Animated Film-making Project
 - (5) Film Presentation of Health and Physical Education Activities

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO TRAINING CENTER ACCOUNT:

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

WHEREAS, the students in the Special Education Training Center were, during the 1971-1972 School Year, engaged in making and selling various articles and deriving a small profit therefrom, and

WHEREAS, this project has proven to be a valuable learning experience for them and is therefore being continued, and

WHEREAS, the profits from last year's operation, amounting to approximately \$325.00, were absorbed into the Current Expense Surplus for the 1971-1972 School Year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the amount of \$325.00 be transferred from the Current Expense Surplus Account to the Board of Education Training Center Special Projects Account, which sum is to be used in the purchase of materials and making products for resale.

<u>AUTHORIZATION OF NEW SIGNATURE - SECRETARY BUSINESS - ADMINISTRATOR:</u>

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

WHEREAS, Arn old C. Ramsland has replaced Everett Zabriskie as Secretary-Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the First National State Bank of New Jersey to accept the signature of Arnold C. Ramsland on the following Board account:

Board of Education Training Center Special Projects Account

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First National State Bank of New Jersey and the Custodian of School Monies receive a certified copy of this resolution.

AUDIT:

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

WHEREAS, the audit of the financial records of the school district for the School Year 1971-1972 has been made, according to the requirements of Title 18A, by A. M. Hart and Company, and

WHEREAS, copies of a synopsis of this audit, together with recommendations, has been made available to the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of this audit and accepts the recommendations contained therein.

NOTE:

No recommendations were developed during the course of the above audit.

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizens brought to the floor and discussed items of interest as follows:

Mr. Joseph Bogle, 15 Sylvan Place, requested the Board of Education to consider giving approval for a trip to Washington D.C. which the Band Parents wish to give as a reward to the youngsters who have worked so hard by performing with the band. Mrs. Jaworek stated that the Board as a whole had not been made aware of the Conference that was held with the representatives of the Band Parents, Dr. Fleischer, Mr. Broffman and Mr. Lindstrom. She further commented, that based on the information that the Board would receive from this conference, the Band Parents would be notified within a week or two of the decision.

Ms. Joseph Lubertazzi, 94 Brookdale Avenue, asked the Board whether they were in receipt of the complaint filed with the Civil Complaints Division in Trenton against discrimination and whether the Board had been served with the complaint and what disposition the Board was taking. Mrs. Jaworek commented that the only thing the Board members were aware of was what was published in the newspapers and then asked Dr. Fleischer to reply to the question of Ms. Lubertazzi's.

Dr. Fleischer stated that the Board of Education had received a form letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Board of Education at the end of July and another one in August. The letter was sent from the National Organization of Women and questioned whether there was discrimination of the boys and girls in Nutley School System. Dr. Fleischer further stated that he had turned the letter over to the County, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Simeon Moss, who for weeks had unsuccessfully tried to contact the women in the organization in order to arrange a meeting with them and the various Superintendents of Schools who had also received similar form letters, and only a week or two prior to the Board meeting was Mr. Moss successful in arranging a meeting with the women and the Superintendents. Dr. Fleischer pointed out that at that particular meeting it had been stated that if the women would drop their formal civil charges, the Superintendents would be only to glad to sit down and work out a program that would be satisfactory to everyone and also which would be educationally sound.

Mrs. John F. Conway, 10 Paterson Avenue, asked a question as to why the Board charged some of the youngsters for instruments and why the Board did not supply instruments for all of the youngsters. The Board attempted to explain how difficult and costly this would be and because some of the students were not interested in musical instruments.

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Mrs. Paul Rinchart, 277 Hillside Avenue, wanted to know why language was not taught in the 7th grade and she felt that the youngsters in the 7th grade had too many study halls and did not have enough to keep them busy. She stated that if they had a shop class and/or a language, it would take up some of the slack time in the youngsters' schedule. Dr. Fleischer pointed out that the shop programs as set up for the 8th grade were not yet as they should be. If open to more students it would increase the watering down of the program. He also stated that language in the elementary schools had not proven to be successful.

Mr. R. W. Bartsch, 120 Hawthorne Avenue, complained about buses used in transporting youngsters to various athletic activities. He commented that the buses were not run as they should be and as an example he stated that there were no running lights on the buses. Mr. Ramsland said that he had received the complaint with regard to running lights and he had checked this out and had determined that the bus lights that are on the buses are adequate; however, sometimes the Board does not receive buses in good condition and he stated that he would check into this further to make sure the Board has buses that are safe.

Mr. Joseph Malanga, 240 East Passaic Avenue, wanted an explanation as to custodial cost when the school gyms were used by an individual. He expressed the opinion that the cost should be born by the Board of Education and that the residents of the community should not have to pay. Mr. Ramsland said that the cost represented overtime for two hours for the custodians at \$7.50 per hour and that the other dollar was for heat and lights. This was a basic fee and did not cover most of the costs, and certainly the Board of Education was not making any money on the rentals of the schools. The Board only pays for the custodians out of this money.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Ohlson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

President

Secretary