Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

October 27, 1975

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, New Jersey, , was held in the Board of Education Office, 149 Chestnut Street, on Monday, October 27, 1975, at 8:00 p.m., with Mrs. Thomas E. Jaworek, President, presiding.

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. 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. Walter S. Lindstrom, Mr. Carl Perez, Mrs. Edward M. Popadick, _Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 35 citizens were present.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 22, 1975, at 8:00 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Clayton moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented the following communications:

- 1. Letters from Mr. Edward J. Lenihan, Albert E. Cameron, Jr., Mrs. Ethel Shaffer and Mr. Warren Davis thanking the Board of Education for the complimentary football tickets which they received.
- 2. Letters from Miss Lisa Dorn, Miss Laura Liloia and Mr. Michael Giorgio for the award of jackets presented to them by the Board of Education.
- 3. A letter from John V. Bergen, Ph.D., President of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science:

"Thank you for your thoughtful message of good wishes on my installation as President of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

"Your letter brought back many fond memories of approximately twenty-five years ago (Nutley High School, Class of 1952), of my home town and its people."

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"State Aid continues to be a jumbo-sized question mark. We are presently preparing a school budget for 1976-1977 with no definite information on State Aid. It's a bit like filling your shopping cart at the

supermarket with no idea how much money is in your wallet. The latest information we have from the State tells us that if the T & E bill is funded, we can expect 110% of what we anticipate for the current year, which figure is in itself only the latest in a series of estimates. The memorandum, however, points out that "In using these figures, please note that they are <u>very rough</u> projections, based on ... assumptions which have been made...."

"Our driver ed program has suffered a serious setback. Last month I reported that we had only three cars instead of four. On the very day that two of them were to be put on the road, the dealer received a directive from the manufacturer to withhold them. It is still uncertain whether this reversal of policy is temporary or final. In the meantime, we have only one car.

"The auditor's report for the 1974-1975 fiscal operations has been completed and is submitted to you with your agenda material tonight. I anticipated receiving it early last week; however, it did not come until Friday. Since, therefore, you have not had an opportunity to review it, I am recommending that item 16 on the agenda, accepting the audit report, be tabled until November.

"Following is the monthly report of our maintenance foreman covering work done during the past month:

Nutley High School

Replaced water cooler on 2nd floor. Replaced toilet seat in custodians room Snaked out waste line in room 208 (it was stopped a

Snaked out waste line in room 208 (it was stopped up with matches and paper. All old lead traps should be replaced with new PVC pipe)

Repaired drinking fountain on 3rd floor.

Replaced automatic water feeder and strainer to boiler make-up tank. Installed new booster heater for dishwasher final rinse cycle.

Franklin School

Replaced 10 broken windows. Repaired broken windows and frame in front door. Replaced $l\frac{1}{2}$ '' spud in men teachers toilet. Replaced $l\frac{1}{2}$ '' gate valve on manual water feed on boiler #2.

Spring Garden School

Built four movable bookcases. Replaced 3 broken windows.

Washington School

Installed window line cabinets in 11 rooms. Made two table tops covered with Formica. Repaired broken louver in boiler room. Fired up boilers and checked out new univents. Repaired leak in return line in cafeteria. Repaired 2 flushometers in girls court, 2nd floor. Snaked out roof drain over art room Ran 2 new air lines from univents to thermostats in rooms 101 and 205.

Hooked up new dishwasher in cafeteria. Installed 2 new traps and waste line.

Repaired and cleaned roof drains in front of building. Built four movable bookcases.

Yantacaw School

Replaced two broken windows in store room. Replaced ballcock in toilet in room 303, and replaced Douglas valve.

Special Education

Installed telephone buzzer in lunch room. Snaked out sewer again.

Radcliffe School

Replaced automatic air vent on univent, room 204. Replaced automatic water feeder and pressure reducing valve on boiler #1. Installed return bend on vent on roof of custodians room.

Fire drills were held at the various schools during the months of September and October.

Sept. 11	Franklin School	2:30 p.m.	3 mins.
Sept. 22	Franklin School	-10:05 a.m.	2 mins. 15 secs.
Sept. 29	Yantacaw School	9:22 a.m.	1 min. 35 secs.
Sept. 29	Washington School	12:55 p.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Sept. 29	Spring Garden School	1:20 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Sept. 30	Radcliffe School	11:05 a.m.	1 min. 42 secs.
Oct. 1	Lincoln School	2:23 p.m.	1 min. 23 secs.
Oct. 7	Franklin School	10:10 a.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Oct. 7	Radcliffe School	3:00 p.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Oct. 8	Lincoln School	1:23 p.m.	$1 \text{ min. } 9\frac{1}{2} \text{ secs.}$
Oct. 8	Yantacaw School	2:04 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Oct. 9	Washington School	1:30 p.m.	2 mins.
Oct: 9	Spring Garden School	- 2:08 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Oct. 10	Radcliffe School	11:00 a.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Oct. 10	Nutley High School	1:40 p.m.	2 min. 16 secs.
Oct. 10	Franklin School	2:00 p.m.	2 mins.
Oct. 22	Spring Garden School	10:46 a.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Oct. 24	Washington School	8:55 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Oct. 24	Special Education Center	1:00 p.m.	2 mins. "
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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of September 30, 1975, showing total funds available of \$8,742,323.74, contractual orders to date of \$7,383,136.57, leaving a balance of funds available of \$1,359,187.17.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"We have received notification that Nutley's Title I project, submitted to the State Department of Education, has been approved. The preliminary allocation is for \$38,299. These monies will be used for the staffing of Resource Centers in all of our elementary schools.

"The Learning Resource Center, established for the first time last year, will operate again at Radcliffe School this year. This Center is established to service special education teachers, parents and students in the northern section of the state. Staff members are in the process of establishing dates for an in-service workshop. For additional information, please call

"Students in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 participated in the New Jersey State Testing Program during the week of October 13th. The tests have been forwarded to the state department for scoring. The results of these tests will be made available to the public at a later date.

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"Halloween will be celebrated in the elementary schools on October 31, 1975. Principals are planning appropriate programs in all the schools.

"High school students participated in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests on the morning of October 25th.

"The New Jersey Education Association convention will be held on November 13 and 14, 1975. Schools will be closed on these dates.

"The Nutley Board of Education has agreed to cooperate with the New Jersey State Department of Education in the establishment of the following programs:

> Project Child Find Pre-School Trainer Program

"These programs are established at no cost to the Nutley Board of Education. Both are completely funded by the state department."

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Tangorra presented the cafeteria report as of September 30, 1975, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1975 of \$794.90, total receipts of \$21,673.03, total disbursements of \$9,177.38, leaving a balance of \$13,290.55. Total "A" lunch - 17,705. Total milk sold - 20,724. Free lunches - 1,650. Reduced price lunches - 236. Senior Citizen lunches - 109. School days - 19.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

Mrs. D. Rubino, <u>48 North Road</u>, questioned whether the resolution regarding the appointment of Mrs. Roberts to the Parent Training Project correlates with the program mentioned in the Superintendent's Report on the Pre-School Trainer Program. Mrs. Jaworek replied that it does. <u>Mrs. F. Conway</u>, <u>10 Paterson Avenue</u>, asked what facts were presented to the Board that would make this program worthwhile? Mrs. Jaworek pointed out that Mr. Paul Porado, Bureau of Program Development & Evaluation with the State Department of Education, explained the benefits of the program concerning parents of handicapped children. Mrs. Rubino questioned whether we volunteered or did the State seek out the Nutley Board of Education to which Mr. Fowler replied that the State came to the Board of Education. <u>Mrs. M.</u> <u>Steel</u>, <u>15 Fernwood Avenue</u>, asked about the cost to the Board of Education for the pre-school program, to which Mr. Fowler replied that the cost will be absorbed entirely by the State.

Mrs. Conway asked Mrs. Jaworek why she voted in the negative at the last Board meeting with regard to the appointment of personnel for the Resource Center. Mrs. Jaworek replied that it was her own personal feeling that the person appointed should have a background in special education.

Mrs. Rabinowitz suggested that Mr. Fowler, for the purpose of clarification, explain the differences in the various programs which are referred to as Resource Centers. Mr. Fowler replied that there is an area in the high school which is staffed and equipped with the necessary supplies and equipment for the needs of the youngsters. The Resource Center at the elementary school is a room staffed by a professionally trained person who works with small groups at a time. When the youngsters go to that room they work with that individual teacher in a program designed for that youngster. The Learning Resource Center at Radcliffe School is a library designed for teachers, parents and students

who are classified or borderline in special education.

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APPROVAL OF BILLS & MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

On motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and on a roll call vote the resolution for bills for goods received and services rendered, and for mandatory payments for October 27, 1975, was unanimously adopted and payments ratified. (See pages 328a, 328b, 328c, 328d, 328e and 328f).

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Tangorra presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Perez, and unanimously approved by the Board. (See attached 328g and 328h).

RESIGNATIONS - Athletic:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignations of the following coaches be accepted:

Mr. Lawrence Jinks	Asst. Track Coach	effective Oct. 27, 1975
Mr. Charles Martin	Asst. Boys' Basket-	effective Sept. 20, 1975
	ball Coach	4

PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Cafeteria:

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

> BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Angelina Casiero, cafeteria employee, be granted a personal leave of absence without pay from November 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975.

APPOINTMENT - Custodian-Fireman:

Mr. Lindstrom presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved:

> WHEREAS, Calvin Dellapi is serving as custodian at the Special Education Center and his duties include that of fireman,

BE IT RESOLVED, That extra compensation in the amount of \$200 for the 1975-1976 school year be awarded to Calvin Dellapi.

APPOINTMENT - Teacher:

Mr. Lindstrom presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was adopted with Mr. Clayton, Mr. Lindstrom, Mrs. Rabinowitz, Mr. Tangorra and Mrs. Jaworek voting aye and Mr. Perez, Mrs. Popadick, Mr. Restaino and Mr. Williams voting nay.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment of Alma I. Garrett at M.A. - 14 be changed to M.A. - 15 for the 1975-1976 school year, effective September 1, 1975. \$17,689

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APPOINTMENTS - Athletic:

Mrs. Popadick presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby appoints the following additional athletic staff members for the 1975-1976 school year on recommendation of the Athletic Committee, at salaries agreed upon by the Board, and in accordance with the 1975-1976 athletic salary guide:

Boys' Basketball

Assistant Coach	Edmund Olson	(2)	\$550
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Head Coach	Lawrence Jinks	°(1)	\$900
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APPOINTMENTS - Teaching Substitutes:

Mrs. Popadick presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teaching substitutes listed on the attached sheets be approved for the 1975-1976 school year. (329a)

APPOINTMENT - Parent Training Specialist - Title VI:

Mr. Clayton presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Paquita Roberts be appointed Parent Training Specialist in the Title VI federally funded Parent Training Project, effective October 13, 1975 for the remainder of the 1975-1976 school year. Step 9 - M.A. (10 months - \$14,468)

APPOINTMENT - Permanent Unassigned Substitutes - High School:

Mr. Clayton presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Perez. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following be approved as permanent unassigned substitutes at the high school for the 1975-1976 school year, effective October 6, 1975, at a rate of pay agreed upon by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held November 21, 1971:

> Mr. Vincent Badalamenti Mr. Gary Torres Mr. Joseph Waskiewicz

APPÓINTMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER:

Mr. Perez presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley did propose and institute a policy of affirmative action and equal opportunity for all individuals in the Nutley Public Schools by resolution dated May 27, 1975, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools was directed to take and cause to be taken appropriate steps to insure the active implementation of this policy in the operation and activities of the Nutley Public Schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Mary Whelan be appointed Affirmative Action Officer to assist in developing, implementing and coordinating an Affirmative Action plan.

TITLE II OF THE ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT:

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

> WHEREAS, the provisions of Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 are applicable to the school district of the Town of Nutley, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approves its participation in this program to improve school libraries,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Nutley be authorized to make the necessary arrangements and prepare the necessary forms for the implementation of this program upon receiving approval from the County Superintendent of Schools and/or the State Department of Education.

PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Mrs. Rabinowitz presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 46 of Title 18A, New Jersey Education Statutes, the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley authorizes the attendance of Nutley students at Special Education classes for the 1975-1976 school year, at the annual rate, as follows:

	Tuition				
School	Classification	Per Pupil	Effective		
Passaic County Vocational and Technical School Wayne, New Jersey	Neurologically Impaired	\$3,400	Oct. 20, 1975		
Royer-Greaves School for Blind	Blind	\$3,354	Sept. 1, 1975		
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PROPOSALS - Maintenance Truck:

Mrs. Rabinowitz presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Perez. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS, proposals were received on Wednesday, October 8, 1975 for a maintenance truck,

BE IT RESOLVED, That these proposals be recorded in the minutes as follows:

Company	Vehicle	Cost
Montclair-Bloomfield Motors, Inc. Montclair, New Jersey	351 V8 1976 Ford	\$4,477
Charole Chevrolet, Inc. Montclair, New Jersey	250 6 cylinder 1976 Chevrolet	\$4,275
Laird-Johnson, Inc. Rutherford, New Jersey	350 V8 1976 Chevrolet	\$4,460
Beloff Motors, Inc. Clifton, New Jersey	318 V8 1975 Dodge	\$4,530

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary-Business Administrator be authorized to purchase the 350 V8 1976 Chevrolet from Laird-Johnson, 325-31 Park Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey, at their proposal price of \$4,460 less \$200 trade on our 1962 Ford Van.

TRANSPORTATION - Handicapped:

Mr. Restaino presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Popadick. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes its Secretary-Business Administrator to enter into a jointure agreement with the Bloomfield Board of Education to provide transportation for a Nutley and a Bloomfield student to Mt. Carmel Guild, Alhambra Pavilion, Newark, New Jersey, effective October 15, 1975. The Bloomfield Board will pay its pro-rata share of the cost of this transportation.

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Note;

The above mentioned contract is subject to approval by the County Superintendent of Schools.

75% reimburseable by the State Department of Education.

AUDIT:

Mr. Clayton moved that the resolution for the audit be tabled until the Board had an opportunity to review it. Seconded by Mrs. Popadick.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

<u>Mr. Rocco Policastro, 49 Daily Street</u>, commented that he felt that the Board of Education Agenda should show the salaries in the personnel resolutions. He questioned whether this was not a State regulation. Mrs. Jaworek stated that this was not a requirement but that the Agenda does show the guide level and step. Years ago nothing was shown in the minutes on either steps or salaries and this change was made in order to be more open with the public. Mr. Policastro asked if there was a place for an interested parent to go in order to see a teacher's agreement. Mr. Fowler commented that he could come to his office.

<u>Audrey Betts</u>, <u>22 Howe Avenue</u>, stated that there was no school sign indicating that there was a school at the Special Education Center, and she felt very strongly that there should be a sign. Mr. Ramsland will check into this.

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RECY NO 14

<u>Mrs. D. Rubino, 48 North Road</u>, read a prepared statement critical of both the method and the scope of the reading program at Franklin School. Mrs. Jaworek responded that Mrs. Rubino was unfair to state that we are not doing a good job in reading since State tests indicate that we are. The Board had hoped to have a reading program this fall, but the need was greatest in the area of the youngster with the greatest reading deficiency, so the program was established for them and is now in operation. Hopefully, with the In-Service program there will be a program for other youngsters at Franklin School next year. As a matter of fact, several educators came to the last conference meeting of the Board to explain the program, and the approach.

Mr. Fowler gave a detailed explanation on the kind of reading program that is in effect now at Franklin School for a segment of the school population. The In-Service program is being developed for teachers to improve reading instruction. He commented that typically only 30% of the seventh grade children are reading below grade level and that 10% are reading one year below grade level and that these figures are indicative of a good school system. Mr. Fowler invited Mrs. Rubino to attend the In-Service sessions. Mrs. Rubino said that in her opinion basic reading skills should be taught through the basil reading approach. Mr. Fowler responded that the teaching of reading is never dropped, but instead of a basil approach at the middle school level an individual developmental approach should be used.

Mr. William Haddock, 203 Walnut Street, asked if the 30% which Mr. Fowler mentioned could be identified - what elementary schools did they come from, or did we inherit them. Mr. Fowler commented that a good 5% are inherited at the seventh and eighth grade levels, and that historically youngsters that go through the Nutley School System (K-6) do better, according to what we know. When all the information is compiled from the Franklin School, we will send you a report.

<u>Mrs. M. Steele</u>, <u>15 Fernwood Avenue</u>, asked how substitutes are assigned. Mr. Fowler stated that a list of all substitutes and their certification goes out to each school building and the school calls the teachers for substitute work. Mrs. Steele stated that the German teacher at the high school had been out approximately eleven days. Mr. Fowler stated that this could be so if they did not have a certified German teacher on the substitute list. Mrs. Betts stated that there were two teachers on the list presented this evening. Mrs. Steele questioned when the principals would receive this list, to which Mr. Fowler responded that they would receive tonight's list tomorrow and would probably get working on it immediately.

Virginia Fazzi, a senior at Nutley High School asked the Board members whether the Board had any questions to ask her based on the material she had delivered to each of their homes on the subject of class rank and grade reporting. She further stated that the report contained the results of her survey of fifteen local school districts on this subject and the conclusions which she reached. She stated that two weeks ago at a student advisory council meeting at the high school as a result of a request by Mr. Zwirek, she and David Clark volunteered to serve on a committee along with Mr. Schnitzer and unspecified faculty members to look into the situation. As of tonight she had not been notified of a date for a meeting.

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Mrs. Jaworek complimented Virginia on the thoroughness of her presentation and said that the Board is interested in seeing this committee formed and underway, and hopefully, the Board would receive a report from it. Mr. Fowler commented that Virginia and David would be contacted very shortly with regard to this.

Mr. Policastro questioned whether there were any trips for staff members and stated that he was 100% behind them. Mrs. Jaworek explained that with the economy the way it is and the budget being defeated by the electorate, the Board felt that such trips should be curtailed.

Miss Josephine Policastro commented that there were not enough copies of the Maroon and Gray for all of the students. Mrs. Jaworek stated that the Board had picked up the cost for the Maroon and Gray and was under the impression that there were enough copies being printed for all youngsters interested but that this would be checked into.

Mrs. Conway suggested that the bill lists include the accounts to which each bill is charged so that the public could see where monies are expended. Mr. Ramsland replied that much additional time and work would be involved but that anything was possible.

Mrs. Shuster asked when SEIMC would open, to which Mr. Fowler replied that it was presently open and she could go there any time at all.

Mrs. Steele asked why a half day of school was cancelled on a Monday for a football game for the Franklin and Nutley High Schools. Mrs. Rabinowitz commented that the Board members were called and told that school would be cancelled for a half day but that the Board had not been polled. She said that she for one did not see any reason to cancel school other than for an emergency and she did not believe a football game was an emergency. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Restaino explained that it was necessary to play these postponed games within a certain time period under the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association rules. Also, the Saturday before Thanksgiving is no longer available as a rain date because of the playoffs.

Miss Josephine Policastro commented that according to the communications read by Mr. Ramsland tonight, past Board members were receiving complimentary tickets to football games, and it seemed to her that the Board was always promoting football. She asked why they received complimentary tickets. Mrs. Jaworek commented that these tickets were given as a courtesy to past Board members for all their years of dedicated service, and this was one way in which they could be thanked.

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Mr. Policastro questioned whether there were drug and alcohol programs in the high school. Mr. Fowler replied that there are such programs as part of the health curriculum.

<u>Mrs. J. Greengrove</u>, <u>31 Overlook Terrace</u>, stated that she came tonight to thank the Board on behalf of all parents connected with soccer for all the consideration which had been given to them.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Restaino requested that the letter which the Board of Education had sent to Lincoln School in regard to camping trips be read and put in the minutes. Mrs. Jaworek read both letters: "We are seeking permission from you and the Board of Education for our annual Camp trip for the 6th graders; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27, 28, and 29, 1975.

"The parents of each youngster will underwrite any expense involved for room and board. We would appreciate the use of our large bus to help with the transportation.

"The educational goals which we are trying to achieve are:

- 1. Nature study by using the environment provided by the area.
- 2. Group living and interaction among youngsters, so that they will get to know each other and learn how to work together.

3. Humanizing teacher-pupil relationship.

"Your immediate response is essential, for arrangements with the Camp must be made in advance."

"The Board of Education has asked me to inform you that permission is granted for you to continue with your plans for the trip to Camp Linwood on the dates specified.

"Also, they have asked me to inform you that this is the last time that permission for a trip, such as this, will be granted during a week when school is in session. This is consistent with the Board's policy on overnight trips.

"Previous transportation schedule makes it impossible to comply with your request for the use of the school bus.

"Thank you for your cooperation in this matter."

It was commented that last year Mr. D'Andrea was told that if the camping trips were this good, it should be extended to all schools. The necessary funds amounting to \$10,000 were added into the budget, based on recommendations of the administrators, for sixth graders in all schools to participate in camping experiences. However, due to the defeat of the budget by the voters, this money was cut from the budget since it was not considered essential to the basic educational program.

<u>Mr. Lou Marinaccio</u>, <u>427 Bloomfield Avenue</u>, asked what Board of Education busses are committed for. Mr. Fowler explained that it is used for athletics and field trips related to curriculum, and that the Board has only one bus for this purpose. Mr. Marinaccio stated that Spring Garden sixth grade students had gone to Philadelphia last week and had to use DeCamp busses and would have preferred to use a Board bus. Mr. Fowler said that if the bus is available, each school is entitled to the use of it.

ADJOURNMENT:

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There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mr. Perez, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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