

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

March 15, 1976

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Board Room, 149 Chestnut Street, on Monday, March 15, 1976, at 7:30 p. m., in order that the present Board of Education may complete pending business prior to the organization of the new Board. Mrs. Thomas E. Jaworek, President, presided.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mrs. Jaworek read the following notice:

"As required by the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P. L. 1975), notice of this meeting was provided to the public and the press at least 48 hours in advance by:

- "1. Posting at the entrance of the Board offices.
- "2. Mailed or delivered to The Nutley Sun, the Newark-Star-Ledger, and the Passaic Herald-News, and
- "3. Delivered to the Nutley Town Clerk."

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 February 11, 1976, at 8:00 p. m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Tangorra moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Clayton, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented the following communications:

1. A letter from Eunice P. Drake, Town Clerk:

"Confirming telephone information passed on to you today, the Board of Commissioners has scheduled a meeting to be held with the Board of Education, for the purpose of discussing the 1976-1977 school district budget which was defeated at the Annual School Election held March 9, 1976, as follows:

Tuesday evening, 8:15 P. M. in the
Conference Room, second floor, Town Hall

"The Town Attorney has indicated that this meeting falls within the purview of the Open Public Meetings Act, and I am so notifying The Nutley Sun, the Star Ledger, and the Herald News; with the understanding that the meeting can be closed to the public by resolution, should any portion of the discussion relate to those exceptions listed in section 7. b. "

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"Though I have already done so privately, I would like to publicly congratulate Mr. Restaino on his re-election, and Mrs. Wightman and Mr. Rusignuolo on their election to the Board of Education. Their campaigns were vigorous, forthright, and clean, and I am confident that their service on the Board of Education will be the same.

"Last Tuesday's election produced three winners and a loser. The budget was defeated. From every indication, however, the defeat was not in any sense a protest against your budget, but it was the voice of many taxpayers crying for relief. It should be noted that some 2290 people saw the budget presentation in the eighteen times it was presented in the weeks prior to election day. At every presentation, time for questions and comments was given, but criticism of the budget was practically non-existent. I believe this is a strong indication that the budget was, and is, sound. It is just unfortunate that education is expensive.

"The defeated budget was delivered to the Town Commissioners on Wednesday, March 10, 1976. They have fifteen days in which to take action on it. I would hope that their natural inclination to cut deeply will be tempered by the realization that education, like oil, costs more than it used to, and if, as was the case with oil, we are forced to do with much less for a time, we will be glad to pay the higher price in order to get it again. But must we curtail education when a child's school years are so short?

"I would also like to publicly recognize and say 'thank you' to the many citizens who gave their valuable time to conduct the election. These true friends of education served without pay and did an outstanding job of running an orderly procedure. These election volunteers, incidentally, are one of the many reasons why Nutley's education cost per pupil is the county's lowest.

"Permit me a word of appreciation also to Mrs. Rose Mosior and her cafeteria staff, who prepared the suppers for the election workers, and to the entire secretarial and custodial staff who worked through to the end of the election without extra pay.

"Finally, it is most difficult to say 'good bye' to two people whose presence on the Board of Education over these last few years has contributed so greatly to the outstanding quality of Nutley's educational system. Mrs. Jaworek and Mr. Clayton have been real benefactors to Nutley's children, and they have been real friends to me. Thank you, Adele and Jack.

"The Nutley Adult School, which meets at our high school two evenings a week, has decided to make a donation to the Board of Education to help defray the custodial and utility costs involved. I have received from them a check for \$500 for the fall semester, with an indication that they intend to match it for the spring semester.

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"During the past month, 43 windows and/or door glasses were replaced. In the same period, 29 separate items of plumbing and heating repairs were made by our maintenance plumbers, and four heating repairs required the services of outside contractors.

"Many minor repairs were made, but some of the more visible projects completed by our maintenance staff during this past month include the replacement of four exterior doors at the girls' gym entrance, and construction of three large wardrobe cabinets in the music room at the high school. At Franklin School, the roof drains, which have caused much damage to interior walls, were repaired, and the walls were replastered. A basement storage room was remodelled to provide space for a resource center. At Lincoln School, a basement level floor was completely torn out and rebuilt. At the boathouse, three hoists were erected for raising shells, and three dollies were constructed for sliding shells into the bottom rack.

"Fire drills were held at the various schools during the months of February and March:

Feb. 12	Special Education Center	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Feb. 13	Spring Garden School	8:46 a. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Feb. 13	Lincoln School	1:40 p. m.	1 min. 17 secs.
Feb. 13	Lincoln School	1:46 p. m.	1 min. 14½ secs.
Feb. 23	Washington School	12:50 p. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Feb. 24	Spring Garden School	2:36 p. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Feb. 24	Lincoln School	1:30 p. m.	1 min. 17 secs.
Feb. 25	Franklin School	2:35 p. m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Feb. 25	Yantacaw School	2:12 p. m.	1 min. 32 secs.
Feb. 25	Special Education Center	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Feb. 27	Nutley High School	10:13 a. m.	2 min. 21 secs.
Mar. 5	Radcliffe School	1:30 p. m.	1 min. 18 secs.
Mar. 5	Yantacaw School	1:50 p. m.	1 min. 27 secs.
Mar. 5	Spring Garden School	1:25 p. m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Mar. 8	Nutley High School	9:31 a. m.	2 min. 19 secs."

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of February 29, 1976, showing total funds available of \$8,709,326.07, contractual orders to date of \$7,859,290.75, leaving a balance of funds available of \$850,035.32.

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

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

WHEREAS, the Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, March 9, 1976, between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p. m. and as much longer as was necessary to permit all the legal voters then present at the polling places to vote, and

WHEREAS, voting was conducted at the Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw, Spring Garden, Radcliffe, and Franklin Schools, all in the School District, and

WHEREAS, voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$8,028,733 in district taxes to support the proposed 1976-1977 Current Expense Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the results of the election be recorded in the minutes as per the attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mrs. Marilyn Wightman, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, and Mr. Robert Rusignuolo, be declared elected as members of the Board of Education for three year terms.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Wightman, Mr. Restaino and Mr. Rusignuolo upon their election to the Board of Education. These are trying times in education but I feel confident that rational approaches will be used when facing the challenges that lie ahead.

"To Mrs. Jaworek and Mr. Clayton, who are retiring after nine years of community service, I wish them well. Both will continue to work in people oriented services. Mrs. Jaworek will be employed by the Nutley Red Cross and Mr. Clayton will head up Nutley's senior citizens program. At no time did either of these people waver from their concept of universal education.

"Nutley High School's Girls Basketball Team continued their winning ways. Last Friday night they won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, State Basketball Championship. This follows their previous winning of the Essex County Girls Championship. This week they will be playing in the semi-finals of the state tournament. The site for the game has not been announced as yet.

"Wrestlers Bob Sibilia and Steve Corso advanced to the state finals in their weight class before losing.

"Since the official opening of the North East Learning Resource Center, located at Radcliffe School, 500 people have availed themselves of the services provided by the Center.

"The results of the Iowa Basic Skills Tests, administered to this year's eighth grade class in the fall of this school year, indicate that the mean grade equivalent for the total areas tested is 10.4. These results indicate that the students are growing appropriately within the curriculum approaches designed by our professional educators.

"This year's Senior Benefit, 'You Can't Take It With You,' will be presented in the Nutley High School auditorium on April 2 and 3, 1976.

"Mr. Paul Primamore, Nutley High School vice principal, is preparing an interim report as a follow up to the 1972 Middle States Evaluation report for Nutley High School. When completed, this report will be available to the public.

"Approximately thirty parents are involved in an educational program being held at Washington and Lincoln Schools. The program emphasizes techniques that parents might use when preparing their pre-school children for entering an educational program.

"Last week the Washington School Glee Club entertained Nutley senior citizens with a Bicentennial music program.

"Dr. Thomas Davis, Assistant Superintendent, and Mrs. Kay Ohtaka, speech therapist, have been conducting language training workshops for parents of special education students. This is an attempt to get the parents involved in the education of their child.

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"Principals have polled their faculties and returned to the central office suggestions that can be used to develop community-wide in-service training programs. The basic thrust of this program will be to make better use of qualified talent that presently exists in our schools. Such courses, when taught by our own people, will have the advantage of being much more realistic and useful than those which might be taught by someone from outside the community."

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Tangorra presented the cafeteria report as of January 31, 1976, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1975 of \$794.90, total receipts of \$113,842.52, total disbursements of \$91,281.74, leaving a balance of \$23,355.68. Total "A" lunch - 22,476. Total milk sold - 20,815. Free lunches - 3,043. Reduced price lunches - 686. Senior Citizen lunches - 128. School days - 20.

Mr. Tangorra presented the cafeteria report as of February 29, 1976, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1975 of \$794.90, total receipts of \$128,263.66, total disbursements of \$109,560.82, leaving a balance of \$19,497.74. Total "A" lunch - 13,338. Total milk sold - 13,447. Free lunches - 2,001. Reduced price lunches - 416. Senior Citizen lunches - 72. School days - 13.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only): None

BILLS & MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Tangorra 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 the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$1,901,439.66, as per Schedule A and \$509,320.97 as per Schedule A-1, which have been audited by the Business Department.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of buildings and grounds (Schedule B), provided they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board.

RESIGNATION - Secretary:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mrs. Janet Houston, part-time Secretary at the Business Office, be accepted effective February 27, 1976.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE - Teachers:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following teacher leaves of absence be granted:

Mrs. Rose Marie Baranko	March 15, 1976 through April 16, 1976 personal leave of absence
Miss Maria Domaradsky	March 1, 1976 through March 31, 1976 medical leave of absence
Mrs. Bernice Paschal	effective May 1, 1976 for the remainder of the 1975/76 school year maternity leave of absence

APPOINTMENT - Secretary:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Nancy Greulich be appointed as a part-time secretary in the Business Office for the remainder of the 1975-1976 School Year, effective February 24, 1976, and in accordance with the current Secretarial Salary Guide. (2-2)

APPOINTMENT - Head Custodian - Nights:

Mr. Perez 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 Matthew Symanski be appointed as night head custodian at Franklin School for the remainder of the 1975-1976 School Year, effective March 1, 1976, with extra compensation pro rated in the annual amount of \$200.

APPOINTMENT - Additions to Substitute List - Teachers:

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 teaching substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C, Seventh Supplement, be approved for the 1975/76 school year.

APPOINTMENT - Secretarial Substitute:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Lorraine Pagiusco be appointed as a secretarial substitute for the remainder of the 1975-76 school year.

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APPOINTMENTS - Permanent Teacher-Substitutes:

Mr. Lindstrom 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 following permanent teacher substitutes be appointed for the remainder of the 1975/76 school year, at the effective dates shown, at a salary agreed upon by the Board of Education and in accordance with the 1975-76 salary guide:

Mrs. Elaine Capozzi Paterson State College B. A.	third grade at Spring Garden School effective March 1, 1976 B. A. 1
Mrs. Linda Tissot Wm. Paterson College B. A.	kindergarten at Lincoln and Washington Schools effective March 15, 1976 B. A. 1

KINDERGARTEN APPROVAL:

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

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires a separate approval for State aid for kindergartens, and

WHEREAS, the kindergartens operated by the Nutley Board of Education meet the requirements for State kindergarten approval,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the kindergarten report for 1975-1976 be presented to the County Superintendent of Schools with a request for approval from the State Department of Education.

PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT:

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. 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 an additional Nutley student at Special Education classes for the 1975-76 school year, at the annual rate shown and effective on the date indicated, as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Tuition Per Pupil</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
School #14 Clifton Public Schools Clifton, New Jersey	Emotionally Disturbed	\$2,854.00	March 1, 1976

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Mr. Williams 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 the transfer of funds within the Current Expense Account as per the following:

<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To Account</u>
230A	\$ 1,500	230 B
250C	2,000	250 A
535	5,000	530
610	2,450	530
610	3,000	545
610	1,000	660
740B	8,000	720 B
740B	500	740 C

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mr. Sigmund Bogdanowicz, 208 Alexander Avenue, requested the use of the Park Oval for American Legion baseball during the summer of 1976. Mrs. Jaworek and Mr. Lindstrom both suggested that a letter of request be sent to Mr. Ramsland.

Mrs. D. Rubino, 48 North Road, raised questions regarding textbook review and replacement. Mr. Fowler explained the procedure utilized in the selection of new textbooks.

Mr. Lou Marinachario, 427 Bloomfield Avenue, asked about the procedure for purchasing equipment for the PTP, to which Mrs. Jaworek responded.

Mrs. J. Conway, 10 Paterson Avenue, suggested a separate bill list for LRC and PTP, to which Mrs. Jaworek replied that the total budget and expenditure figures for each of these projects are listed separately in the Secretary's monthly financial report.

Mrs. J. Shuster, 462 Chestnut Street, raised a question regarding affidavit students. Mrs. Jaworek suggested that since it is already past 8:00 p. m., when the Organization Meeting of the new Board should start, this question be raised again during the public hearing session of that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Clayton and Mrs. Jaworek, upon the occasion of their leaving the Board of Education, made the following statements:

Mr. Clayton commented that he had enjoyed being a member of the Board of Education, but at the present time he did not think he was going to miss the meetings in particular when he drove past the Board office on his way home from the theater at 2:00 a. m. and saw the lights burning. He further commented that he will kindle fond memories of service and hard work.

Mrs. Jaworek expressed her thanks to all the election workers who worked so tirelessly in giving of their time and energy without any reimbursement. She also thanked Mrs. Mosior and her staff, and the secretaries of the schools who served over and above the call of duty and in particular the employees at the Board office. She commented that it had overall been a great pleasure to have served on the Board for nine years although there were many moments of frustration, unhappiness and anger but that if we are conscientious Board members, these emotions would come to all of us.

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The pleasure and compensation that comes in knowing that perhaps somewhere along the line I have helped to keep the Nutley School System pointed in the direction in what is best for the children in our community is compensation for any unhappy moments she might have had.

She further commented that she had met many people in town whom she would probably not have met if she would not have been a Board member and they too have become friends.


She stated to the new Board members that we each do as we feel and you must keep your eye on what is really important and let nothing else interfere in what is best for the children of Nutley's schools regardless of the pressure that will come to you by various sources within the community. It is not easy. She ended by commenting that the code of ethics of the School Board Association is indeed a source of inspiration to all of us. Fine new members are being added to the Board who will bring new experiences and contributions. She added that she hopes they will never feel satisfied or complacent since she doesn't think it is the role of the Board, because if one becomes complacent, one slides backwards. She thanked everyone for the last year as their President.

NEW BUSINESS:

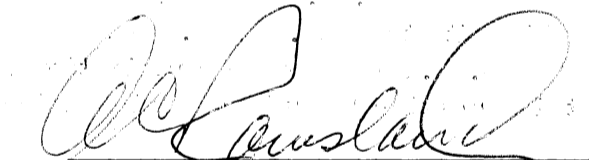
None

ADJOURNMENT:


There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Clayton, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.



 President



 Secretary



 Date