

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

March 15, 1976

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by the Secretary, Temporary Chairman. Mrs. Darrow, Recording Secretary, called the roll. Members present at roll call were: Mr. Walter S. Lindstrom, Mr. Carl Perez, Mrs. Edward M. Popadick, Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Robert Rusignuolo, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, Mrs. John Wightman, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 35 citizens were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Mr. Ramsland, temporary chairman, read the following:

"Pursuant to the provisions of N. J. S. A. 18A:10-3, the organization meeting of the new Board of Education of the Town of Nutley will be held on Monday evening, March 15, 1976, at 8:00 p. m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 149 Chestnut Street, Nutley.

"The purpose of this meeting is to organize the new Board of Education and to transact such other business as may come before the Board."

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ramsland administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. John Wightman, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino and Mr. Robert Rusignuolo.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Ramsland assumed the chair and announced that the first item of business on the agenda will be the election of officers for the coming year. Nominations are open for the office of President.

Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz nominated Mr. Walter Lindstrom for President, seconded by Mr. Williams. Mr. Carl Perez moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Popadick. Motion carried.

There being then only one nominee, the chair directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Lindstrom as President, Mr. Tangorra, however, wished to record an abstention.

Mr. Lindstrom made the following comments:

"I thank you for the confidence in electing me President. I would like to take this opportunity to again welcome Gerry Restaino back - he has contributed much to the Board. I am sure he will continue in the future. Rusignuolo and Wightman come to us with impressive credentials. Adele and Jack for two people are so far apart yet they have many similarities - both served 9 years and one month - both on about every committee, representatives to various schools. Jack and Adele picked up some of the slack of Peddieson and Lenihan. After they left there was a lot of slack and they were the two to pull us back together again and get us on the road. And also Frank Tangorra has been a help. When it came to past experience we went to Frank and I hope he will continue to guide us. Each of the two outgoing Board members will remain active in the community. This Board owes them a debt of gratitude.

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"Where are we going? This is not purely an honorary chair. The budget has just been defeated, many citizens in Town are asking for increased services. We already have the lowest cost per pupil in Essex County. The State saw fit to take away a million dollars from our budget. Our negotiations with the teachers are at an impasse both holding the line tight - keeping up with cost of living, conflicts that have to be resolved. It is going to be difficult to have Thorough and Efficient in Nutley unless we can compromise, and we must as Board members. We too must make compromises, compromises from the staff and teachers, they will have to take a good look, citizens will have to take a look when they ask for additional services. Possibly we may have to cut back; Commissioners are going to have to compromise their position. The budget that was formulated was extremely tight. They will have to compromise. I promise that I will do my best to bring this about and make this the kind of year we would like to see in the schools."

#### ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Ramsland asked for nominations for the position of vice-president. Mrs. Popadick nominated Mr. Frank Tangorra. She stated: "He has had the experience. He also had to take the initiative to get the County school boards together on many occasions and has taken a position as an officer. He has had experience and will continue to do what is best for Nutley. The nomination of Mr. Tangorra was seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. Mr. Ramsland asked if there were any other nominations for the office of vice-president. Mr. Perez placed Mr. Gerard Restaino's name in nomination as vice-president, seconded by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Tangorra made the following statement: "I appreciate the honor of having been nominated vice-president. However, I think I must decline; I feel that someone else is deserving so my vote is for Gerard Restaino, so I withdraw my name from nomination." Mrs. Rabinowitz stated: "If there are no other nominations, I move it be made unanimous for Mr. Restaino."

Mr. Tangorra moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion carried with all in favor. The chair directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Restaino as vice-president.

Mr. Tangorra stated: "I want to assure our new president that in abstaining it is not personal. There are other reasons which I will not go into tonight. I feel deeply about it. As for the future I will also cooperate you can rely on me." Mr. Lindstrom replied: "I have served for five years and through two campaigns with you. I appreciate that."

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only): None

#### ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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 regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley be held on the fourth Monday of each month, except for the months of July and August, during which time meetings may be called by the President of the Board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the following schedule of meetings for the next eleven months be adopted: (See Schedule D)

ADOPTION OF EXISTING POLICIES:

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 Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, hereby adopts for the ensuing year all existing Policies, Rules and Regulations of the previous Board presently in force.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY:

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.

WHEREAS, there exists from time to time a need for legal services for the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N. J. S. A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley as follows:

1. Mr. C. Russell Kramer of the firm of Smith, Kramer and Morrison is hereby appointed Board attorney for the 1976-1977 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services may only be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a lawful profession.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Nutley Sun as required by law within ten days of its passage.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

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.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an annual audit of school accounts, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N. J. S. A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley as follows:

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1. The firm of Haskins & Sells is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1975-1976 and 1976-1977 school years.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services may only be performed by a person authorized by law to practice a lawful profession.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Nutley Sun as required by law within ten days of its passage.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First National State Bank of New Jersey be designated as the official depository for funds of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1976-1977 School Year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the Board of Education be authorized to sign checks and warrants drawn on the general operating account, effective March 16, 1976:

Primary Signatory

Alternate Signatory

Walter S. Lindstrom, President

Gerard T. Restaino, Vice President

Arnold C. Ramsland, Secretary

Richard A. Quigley, Custodian  
of School Moneys

Rosemarie Babushik, Assistant  
Custodian of School Moneys

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First National State Bank of New Jersey be authorized to accept facsimile signatures of the check signing machine.

DEPOSITORY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Mrs. Popadick 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 Nutley Savings and Loan Association be designated as the official depository for the 1976-1977 School Year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

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 leases 20 feet of property owned by it, known as Lot Number 14, Block 212, (Overlook Terrace, rear entrance of Spring Garden School playground) on the tax maps of the Town of Nutley, to John Janiec and Mrs. Anne Janiec, his wife, for a term beginning February 17, 1976, and terminating February 14, 1977, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON NORTHERLY SIDE OF YANTACAW PLACE:

Mrs. Wightman 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 leases the property owned by it, known as Lot Number 1, Block 329 on the tax maps of the Town of Nutley, to George T. Bowes and Geraldine Bowes, his wife, for a term beginning February 17, 1976, and terminating February 14, 1977, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all the requirements specified in the lease.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY TO NUTLEY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Mr. Rusignuolo 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 lease a portion of its property adjacent to the Town Library to the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Town of Nutley, in accordance with the provisions of the lease dated February 17, 1964, for a term beginning February 17, 1976, and terminating February 14, 1977, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00).

LEASE - 21 ROMANO STREET:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education, that it hereby leases to Jose and Gemma Turano, owners of the property known as 21 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 20 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 45 and 46 in the tax assessor's books of the Town of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing February 17, 1976 and terminating February 14, 1977, at a term rental of one dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 22 ROMANO STREET:

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 by the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, that it hereby leases to Joseph L. and Mary Bernardi, owners of the property known as 22 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 25 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 78 and 79 in the tax assessor's books of the Town of Nutley, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing February 17, 1976, and terminating February 14, 1977, at a term rental of one dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE OF CHURCH STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY TO NUTLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

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 leases the Church Street School property to the Nutley Historical Society in accordance with the provisions of the lease dated February 14, 1972, for a term beginning February 17, 1976 and terminating February 14, 1977, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

BIDS FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE 1976-1977 SCHOOL YEAR:

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

WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, March 9, 1976 at 2:30 p. m. for the following supplies and equipment: Electrical, Janitorial, Medical, Paint, and Paper, and

WHEREAS, bids were received on Thursday, March 11, 1976 at 2:30 p. m. for music supplies and typewriter ribbons, and

WHEREAS, attached as per Schedule E is a list of those companies that submitted said bids,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its Secretary to award contracts to the lowest bidders, provided the items requested meet or are equal to specifications.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVES 1976-77

Representatives to Attend P. T. A. Meetings:

Spring Garden School  
Franklin School  
Yantacaw School  
Radcliffe School  
Washington School  
Lincoln School

Louis F. Williams  
Mrs. Edward M. Popadick  
Carl Perez  
Robert Rusignuolo  
Mrs. John Wightman  
Gerard T. Restaino

Representative to New Jersey School Boards Association:

Delegate  
Alternate

Carl Perez  
Mrs. John Wightman

Representative to Essex County School Boards Association:

Gerard T. Restaino

Representative to Attend High School Parents' Council:

Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz

Representative to Third Half Club:Representative  
AlternateLouis F. Williams  
Robert RusignuoloRepresentative to Music Boosters Association:

Gerard T. Restaino

Representative to P. T. A. Council:

Walter S. Lindstrom

Representative to Nutley Adult School:

Mrs. Edward M. Popadick

Planning Board - Advisory Committee:Representative  
AlternateMrs. Bernard Rabinowitz  
Robert RusignuoloAmerican Field Service:

Carl Perez

Representative to Special Education:

Mrs. Edward M. Popadick

Athletic Committee:Chairman  
Member  
MemberLouis F. Williams  
Mrs. Edward M. Popadick  
Robert RusignuoloHEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Joseph Shuster, 462 Chestnut Street, and Mrs. J. Conway, 10 Paterson Avenue, both raised questions regarding the number and policy regarding "affidavit students". Mr. Fowler replied that we have 41, of whom eight or ten are recent Vietnamese immigrants, and outlined the procedure employed in taking affidavits and checking on their legitimacy.

Mrs. Conway questioned why a budget brochure was not prepared and mailed this year. Mr. Lindstrom gave the reasons and also pointed out that the budget was very adequately presented without the additional means of a brochure.

Mr. Ray Peccatiello, 136 Rutgers Place, noted that during the election he noted violations of the election law, in that electioneering was going on within 100 feet of the polling place. Mr. Ramsland and Mr. Lindstrom both responded to this comment, indicating that more emphasis will be placed on this matter in future elections. Mrs. Rabinowitz, Mrs. Edith Malczynski, and Mr. Ted Berger all suggested possible measures to prevent future violations.

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Mrs. Conway suggested the appointment of a Board Curriculum Committee. Mr. Lindstrom pointed out that the Nutley Board is not organized on a committee system, but operates as a committee of the whole.

Mrs. D. Rubino, 48 North Road, and Mrs. Edith Malczynski, 106 Beech Street, asked about progress on teacher evaluations, to which Mrs. Rabinowitz, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fowler responded.

Mrs. Rubino criticized what she felt to be inconsistencies in the grading system within schools. Mr. Fowler suggested that these concerns should first be brought to the building principal.

Mrs. Shuster asked whether principals were evaluated, to which Mr. Fowler replied that although they have not been evaluated formally in the past, they will be this year.

Mr. Restaino said, "I want to thank the Board of Education for their confidence for my selection as Vice President. If it's possible to work harder for the youngsters and people in town, you can be assured that I will do so. My principal interest is education."

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Restaino read the following statement:

"Mr. President - I would like to read a statement concerning this past campaign. I have been accused of advocating the defeat of our educational budget by some of the leaders of the Nutley Teachers Association. I am taking this opportunity to publicly call these people liars.

"I never once advocated the defeat of our budget. What I did do in talking with the voters was explain exactly what happens to the budget if it is defeated. Anyone that says they heard me advocate the defeat of the budget should face me in public with the proof so that I do not have to make a general statement. I will then call them a liar face to face. Will anyone accept the challenge?"

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p. m.

Walter Lindstrom  
President

Al Restaino  
Secretary

April 26, 1976  
Date