

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

December 20, 1976

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 Monday, December 20, 1976, at 8:00 p. m., with Mr. Walter Lindstrom, President, presiding.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Lindstrom 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 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. Carl Perez, Mrs. Edward M. Popadick, Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Robert Rusignuolo, Mrs. John Wightman, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Absent and excused: Mr. Frank V. Tangorra. Approximately 16 citizens were present.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 22, 1976, at 8:00 p. m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Perez moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Popadick, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented the following communications:

1. A letter from Mrs. Edward Peters:

"During Open House at Nutley High, I visited my daughter's Journalism Class which is held in the Maroon and Gray office. There are over twenty students and a teacher in a very crowded area. I think the worst feature, however, is the lack of ventilation. The parents were given a demonstration of the copy machine and the fumes from the chemicals and the closeness of the room make me wonder if it is a health hazard. I think if a ventilating system could be installed, the situation could be greatly improved.

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"We have such a great education system here in Nutley and dedicated and concerned people working to keep it so that I'm sure they would not want a hazard to exist if they were aware of it and would look into it. "

2. A letter from Mrs. Eunice P. Drake, Town Clerk:

"On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, I am hereby requesting that the Board of Education refrain at this time from placing on the market the premises known as 533 Washington Avenue, which are presently being used as a Special Education Center.

"At their meeting of December 7, 1976, the Board of Commissioners took note of the recent news article reporting that the Center will be closed next June, and they would like to explore the possibility of using the facility for Town purposes--or alternatively, of arranging for a state-operated prototype facility for retarded persons who are over the age of 20 and may be either educable or trainable. "

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"The New Jersey Senate was quite busy last week. In addition to other items, three bills crucial to education were passed. These were:

A-2215 - the revision of the timetable for the 1977-78 school budget election. This bill was passed by the Assembly some weeks ago. The new budget election date is now officially March 29, 1977. Present Board members whose terms expire next year will serve an additional seven weeks with no additional pay.

S-1768 amends Chapter 113, P. L. 1976 which required that unbudgeted State Aid not approved for inclusion in the 1976-77 school district budget be withheld by the municipality and applied to reduce 1977 property taxes. The amendment requires that these moneys be refunded to the taxpayers by May 1, 1977.

S-1718 places the 'Provided' clause in the Thorough and Efficient bill at the end of the paragraph instead of at the middle. This makes the calculation of state-wide increase in equalized valuation the same for districts at or above the state average cost per pupil as for those districts below state average cost per pupil. This had always been the intent of the drafters of the Thorough and Efficient bill, but imprecise writing of the bill created the problem.

"With the passage of A-2215, the deadline date for filing for Board candidates will be extended from December 30, 1976 to February 17, 1977.

"We have received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Mayor and Health Officer of the Town of Nutley in recognition of our cooperation in the recent swine flu immunization program.

"The Franklin School cafeteria has been reinspected and given a clean bill of health by the town health inspector and plumbing inspector.

"Additional work in Franklin School included the creation of two large storage rooms by enclosing the old gym balconies, levelling the floors, installing lights, and building shelves and cabinets.

"Broken window replacements for the month just ended was down to 22. I'm not sure whether we should give credit to conscience or cold weather???"

"Fire drills were held at the various schools during the months of November and December:

Nov. 22	Lincoln School	9:50 a. m.	1 min.
Nov. 22	Yantacaw School	12:54 p. m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Nov. 23	Special Education Center	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 5 secs.
Nov. 30	Washington School	12:50 p. m.	1 min. 23 secs.
Nov. 30	Franklin School	2:35 p. m.	1 min. 47 secs.
Dec. 6	Radcliffe School	11:10 a. m.	1 min. 21 secs.
Dec. 8	Special Education Center	10:00 a. m.	1 min. 15 secs.
Dec. 10	Spring Garden School	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Dec. 10	Radcliffe School	1:30 p. m.	1 min. 32 secs.
Dec. 14	Nutley High School	9:29 a. m.	2 min. 15 secs.
Dec. 15	Yantacaw School	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 35 secs.
Dec. 15	Spring Garden School	1:12 p. m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Dec. 16	Lincoln School	9:52 a. m.	1 min. 11 secs.
Dec. 16	Franklin School	2:30 p. m.	1 min. 52 secs.
Dec. 17	Washington School	12:50 p. m.	1 min. 25 secs."

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of November 30, 1976, showing total funds available of \$10,492,163.89, contractual orders to date of \$8,371,336.18, leaving a balance of funds available of \$2,120,827.71.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT - TRAINING CENTER SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report for the Training Center Special Projects Account as of November 30, 1976, showing a balance as of July 1, 1976 of \$3,954.42, total sales of \$299.55, total disbursements of \$171.35, leaving a cash balance of \$4,082.62.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"The annual yuletide program is being held this evening at the Nutley High School auditorium. The program will feature high school instrumental and vocal groups and the Franklin School Debonaires. Dr. Ernest Ersfeld, Director of Music in the Nutley Public Schools, has arranged the program with the cooperation of Mrs. Phyllis Walsh, Mr. Raymond Kohere, Mr. Lester Hrbek and Mr. John Vitkovsky.

"The Nutley Choralettes, featuring vocalist Laura Liloia, have performed for varied audiences throughout this holiday season. Frank Capalbo, violinist, Cynthia Young, harpist; Anthony Merrell, drummer and Robin Mattarochio, organist, have accompanied the Choralettes during several of their performances.

"The English curriculum committee has reviewed their activities which were started during the last school year. We are looking forward to their recommendations which, hopefully, will be brought forth some time during this school year.

"The following courses to be offered to students of Nutley High School have been submitted to the New Jersey State Department of Education for approval.

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Computer Math II  
 Personal and Family Relations (elective)  
 Environmental Science

"The following mini-grant awards have been made.

<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
1. Study in Characterology (U. S. History-Video)	H. S.	Mr. Charles Fuccello
2. Tape Recording the Spoken Word	H. S.	Mrs. Ann McMillan
3. Comparative Mammalian Anatomy	H. S.	Mr. Daniel Kimberley
4. Field Ecology	H. S.	Mr. Robert Bonanno
5. Plant and Animal Learning Center	H. S.	Mr. Lawrence Jinks
6. Reading Program Typewriter	S. G.	Mrs. Rose Marie Baranko

"The selection committee was made up of the following people.

Mrs. Marilyn Craine	Parent
Thomas Davis - Chairman	Central Office
Mrs. Nancy Lee	Teacher, Lincoln School
Mrs. Margaret Murray	Counselor, Franklin School
Mrs. Marie Rossi	Parent
Mrs. Beth Stein	Teacher, High School

"The following is a statistical report that reflects the use of the Learning Resource Center, September through November, 1976.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Films</u>
	<u>Circulation</u>				
Sept.	395		64	230	13
Oct.	523		50	310	11
Nov.	446		44	320	5

"Teachers in the unit at Franklin School are continuing to bring in guest lecturers on Friday mornings. This is providing the students with diversified and rich educational experiences.

"We have received the results of the state assessment tests administered on October 21st and 22nd. Mrs. Mary Whelan and Mrs. Lucy Gillies will be developing a report to the community based upon the test results.

"Mr. David Modig, Nutley High School Science Department Head, has been meeting with officials of Hoffmann-LaRoche to discuss the continuance of Saturday seminars.

"Building principals and our Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultants have been conducting meetings for parents of children participating in Title I and Compensatory Education programs.

"The materials on display here this evening were completed by the students participating in the program located at the Special Education Center.

"Scheduling information night for parents will be held January 11, 1977. Mr. Harold Schnitzer will review with his department the format for the program for possible changes. Department heads will make presentations including any information that will make it helpful for students to make subject selections. Guidance counselors will meet with the parents in classrooms as part of the program."

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Restaino presented the cafeteria report for November 30, 1976, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1976 of \$1,747.46, total receipts of \$59,705.53, total disbursements of \$50,276.46, leaving a balance of \$11,176.53. Total "A" lunch - 16,081. Total milk sold - 16,878. Free lunches - 2,857. Reduced price lunches - 948. School days - 16.

HEARING OF CITIZENS - (Agenda Items Only):

A question was asked as to whether the results of the state assessment tests would be available to all parents, to which Mr. Fowler replied that the results would be given to all parents upon their request.

Mr. Eric Renken, 16 Povershon Road, asked questions regarding the Resource Center at Radcliffe School.

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

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 the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$774,054.87 as per Schedule A, which have been audited by the Business Department.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mrs. Wightman presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, 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.

RESIGNATIONS - Athletic:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignations of the following athletic coaches be accepted, effective as of the dates listed:

Miss Marie M. Lopa  
effective December 1, 1976

Twirling Coach

Mr. Christopher Wilkens  
effective November 26, 1976

Assistant Football Coach

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT - Custodian:

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the employment of Patrick Keating, custodian, be terminated effective February 16, 1977.

APPOINTMENT - Teacher:

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 Miss Doris DeLotto be appointed as high school social studies teacher for the remainder of the 1976/1977 school year, effective December 1, 1976, at the annual salary of \$9,850.00, (B: A. -1), which is in accordance with the 1976/1977 teachers' salary guide.

APPOINTMENT - School Aide:

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 hereby ratifies the action of the Superintendent of Schools in appointing Mrs. Rita Giacalone, as school aide at Franklin School for the 1976/77 school year, effective November 9, 1976, at an hourly rate of pay of \$2.50 as agreed upon by the Board of Education, and in accordance with the part-time school aide salary guide.  
(Step 1)

APPOINTMENT - Athletic:

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 Mr. Joseph Bolcato be appointed as Athletic Trainer for the 1976-1977 school year on recommendation of the Athletic Committee, at the salary of \$750, Step 1, effective September 1, 1976, as agreed upon by the Board of Education, and in accordance with the 1976-1977 Athletic Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1976/1977 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Secretarial/Clerical Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following be approved as secretarial/ clerical substitutes for the remainder of the 1976/1977 school year:

Mrs. Hane Basha  
Miss Cecelia D'Antonio

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL COURSES - Nutley High School:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following courses be added to the Nutley High School program of studies, effective for the 1977/1978 school year:

Computer Math II  
Environmental Science  
Personal and Family Relations

CHANGE ORDER - Franklin School:

Mr. Rusignuolo 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 a change order be issued to Air Comfort Engineering Company, Inc. (HVAC contractor on Franklin School renovation job) for additional control and heating work at Franklin School as follows:

Revised Exhaust System	credit	(6,079.00)
Reconditioning Valves & Traps and Replacing Controls on Heating Units in Areas other than Classrooms		6,520.00
Replace Temperature Controls in Cafeteria		<u>814.50</u>
Net Addition to Contract		1,255.50

EMPLOYER LIABILITY - Pension Increase:

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 General Non-Contributory Pension Act (Chapter 379, Public Laws 1971) request annual changes in pension benefits to correspond to changes in the Consumer Price Index, and

WHEREAS, Helen Sullivan retired from service in the Nutley School System on June 30, 1964 under said act,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the pension of Helen Sullivan be increased by the amount of \$109.49 to a new annual rate of \$2,845.65, effective January 1, 1977.

PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT:

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

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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 a Nutley student at Special Education classes for the 1976/1977 school year, at the annual rate, as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Tuition Per Pupil</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Mt. Carmel Guild, Alhambra Pavilion Newark, New Jersey	Multiply Handicappéd	\$2,500.00	10/20/76

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Mrs. Rabinowitz 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 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, March 29, 1977, between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p. m. , and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its Secretary to notify the Town Clerk, Town of Nutley, that the last day to register for the Annual School Election will be Monday, February 28, 1977, 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 notices printed for the Annual School Election.

NUTLEY MINI-GRANTS:

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

WHEREAS, local funds have been approved in the 1976-1977 budget to establish mini-grants for staff members presenting innovative educational ideas,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley mini-grants listed below be approved for the 1976-1977 school year:

Characterology	\$400	Mr. Charles Fuccello Nutley High School
Spoken Word	\$150	Mrs. Ann McMillan Nutley High School
Mammalian Anatomy	\$365	Mr. Daniel Kimberley Nutley High School
Plant & Animal Learning Center	\$400	Mr. Lawrence Jinks Nutley High School



Reading Program Typewriter	\$225	Mrs. Rose Marie Baranko Spring Garden School
Field Ecology	\$400	Mr. Robert Bonanno Nutley High School

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mr. Walter Shaffer, 58 Enclosure, presented a petition signed by 233 citizens requesting that the Board of Education leave salaries at the present level in order to help to keep the school budget down, to which Mr. Lindstrom replied that the Board was doing everything possible to keep costs down but that there are many things in the system that must be done and that do cost money.

Mr. E. Renken, 16 Povershon Road, questioned the credits given for elected courses and also social promotions.

Mrs. Emma DiGiovanna and Mrs. Margaret Cullari, Lincoln School aides, requested the Board to consider hiring another aide for Lincoln School due to their workload.

Mr. Robert Cornish, 208 Beech Street, asked what steps the Board was taking with regard to K through 8, to which Mr. Lindstrom replied that a format had not been established, but that when the Board had this project under discussion, they would ask for public involvement, but that at the present time prime consideration would be given with regard to the placement of the special education students.

Mr. James Murray, president of the Radcliffe School PTA stated that the people in the area were opposed to the possible phasing out of the Radcliffe School as a neighborhood school. Mr. Lindstrom assured Mr. Murray that no plan had been formulated to phase out any school with the exception of the Special Education Center.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Walter Lindstrom  
President

[Signature]  
Secretary

January 24, 1976  
Date

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