

Board of Education April 4, 1977
 Nutley, New Jersey

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: Mrs. Roy Imhoff, Mr. Walter S. Lindstrom, Mr. Carl Perez, Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Robert Rusignuolo, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, Mrs. John Wightman, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 25 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, April 4, 1977, 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. Jacqueline Imhoff, Mr. Walter S. Lindstrom and Mr. Frank V. Tangorra.

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.

Mr. Carl Perez nominated Mr. Walter Lindstrom for President, seconded by Mr. Tangorra. Mr. Carl Perez moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. 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 commented that he felt Mr. Lindstrom had done an outstanding job in his book and has served under the most difficult of times this past year. There were various kinds of troubles and no question that he handled situations with tact and has also done a good job in negotiating with our teachers, and Mr. Lindstrom has his support.

Mr. Lindstrom stated that he was quite moved by the trust the Board had shown in electing him President of the Board and also for their vote of confidence. He said that they had operated in very difficult times and that he had previously given considerable thought before he had decided to run for re-election, but decided to because this was one of the finest Boards he had served on. He stated that there had been several critical issues this past year, but when the Board disagreed during them, they all came back together, and he had had the full cooperation of the Board while serving last year as President. He was happy to serve again and each Board member would receive his full cooperation, and he would do the best job possible.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Ramsland asked for nominations for the position of vice-president. Mr. Tangorra nominated Mr. Gerard Restaino because he is a very good Board member and has been doing a fine job as vice-president, and he is proud to serve with him. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo. Mr. Rusignuolo moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. Motion carried.

There being then only one nominee, the chair directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Restaino as Vice-President.

Mr. Lindstrom commented that he could not agree more with Mr. Tangorra and praised Mr. Restaino for his leadership on the new Planning Committee. Mrs. Rabinowitz stated that she would like to add a word with regard to Mr. Restaino. She praised Mr. Restaino as chairman on the Planning Committee and stated that he was doing a fine job. She further commented that everyone knows Mr. Restaino has some very strong convictions and doesn't hesitate to make them known, but as chairman he is doing an excellent, objective and impartial job.

Mr. Restaino stated that he sincerely appreciated the confidence displayed by his peers. He then proceeded to thank each individual Board member. He then commented that without the help of the Superintendent, who has given us much direction and help, this Planning Committee would be just another ordinary group instead of a committee which is doing a thorough job in analyzing the possibilities for the future development of our school system. He expressed his thanks to the Board members who served with him on this committee.

Mr. Lindstrom welcomed Mrs. Imhoff as a Board member and commented that she had been attending both regular and conference sessions of the Board for several months, and that, because of this, we have long considered her one of us. On behalf of the Board, he congratulated her upon her election victory and welcomed her this evening.

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. Wightman, 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 Mr. Rusignuolo, 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:

Mrs. Imhoff presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Tangorra. 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 1977-1978 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:

Mrs. Imhoff presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. 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:

1. The firm of Haskins & Sells is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1977-1978 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.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS:

Mr. Tangorra 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, 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 1977-1978 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 April 15, 1977:

Primary Signatory

Walter S. Lindstrom, President

Arnold C. Ramsland, Secretary

Richard A. Quigley, Custodian
of School Moneys

Alternate Signatory

Gerard T. Restaino, Vice President

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. Wightman 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 Nutley Savings and Loan Association be designated as the official depository for the 1977-1978 School Year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

Mrs. Wightman 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 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 14, 1977, and terminating February 24, 1978, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

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LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON NORTHERLY SIDE OF YANTACAW PLACE:

Mr. Restaino 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, 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 14, 1977, and terminating February 24, 1978, 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. Restaino 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 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 14, 1977, and terminating February 24, 1978, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00).

LEASE - 21 ROMANO STREET:

Mrs. Rabinowitz 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 14, 1977 and terminating February 24, 1978, 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 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, 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing February 14, 1977, and terminating February 24, 1978, 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. Perez 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 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 14, 1977, and terminating February 24, 1978, 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.

RESOLUTION ON DIPLOMAS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:

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

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has been directed to award a high school diploma to all trainable mentally retarded students who complete the program developed for them, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the varied levels of student performance attained by students within the various classifiable handicaps, and

WHEREAS, the awarding of said diploma might, at some future date, have a damaging effect upon the individual, and

WHEREAS, the awarding of a high school diploma based upon attendance rather than performance devalues the diploma earned by the high school graduate,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Jersey School Boards Association petition the New Jersey State Board of Education to modify its mandate insofar as Trainable Mentally Retarded students are concerned, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Jersey School Boards Association recommend to the State Board of Education that the award to said students indicate that the student has completed a course of study designed for Trainable students, and that for other classifiable handicaps, the classification be indicated.

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AGE OF TERMINATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Mr. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz, and approved by the Board with Mr. Tangorra abstaining:

WHEREAS, Title 18A:46 and New Jersey Administrative Code Chapter 28 prescribe that each Board of Education shall provide facilities and educational services for those pupils covered by the above statutes and code between the ages of 5 and 20, and

WHEREAS, these facilities and services for educational opportunities are being made available to Nutley students upon reaching their fifth birthday, providing they meet the requirements established by the local and State Boards of Education, and

WHEREAS, agencies other than local Boards of Education have been designated and receive funding to establish programs for the handicapped student when said pupil is graduated from the prescribed educational program, and

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has established an awareness program for parents of graduating pupils to inform them of all alternatives available for their children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education adopts the policy of terminating this special education upon a pupil's reaching his or her twentieth birthday, or not later than the end of the school year (beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th) in which his or her twentieth birthday occurs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to all districts sending pupils to the Nutley program for trainable pupils, the Commissioner of Education and the Essex County Superintendent of Schools.

BIDS FOR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE 1977-1978 SCHOOL YEAR:

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

WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, March 24, 1977 at 2:30 p. m. for the following supplies and equipment: Electrical, Janitorial and Paper, Library, Magazines, Medical, and Music, 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 1977-1978:Representatives to Attend P. T. A. Meetings:

Spring Garden School	Louis F. Williams
Franklin School	Carl Perez
Yantacaw School	Mrs. John Wightman
Radcliffe School	Robert Rusignuolo
Washington School	Mrs. Roy K. Imhoff
Lincoln School	Gerard T. Restaino

Representative to New Jersey School Boards Association:

Delegate	Carl Perez
Alternate	Mrs. John Wightman

Representative to Essex County School Boards Association:

Delegate	Frank V. Tangorra
Alternate	Gerard T. Restaino

Representative to Attend High School Parents' Council:

Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz

Representative to Third Half Club:

Representative	Robert Rusignuolo
Alternate	Carl Perez

Representative to Music Boosters Association:

Gerard T. Restaino

Representative to P. T. A. Council:

Walter S. Lindstrom

Representative to Nutley Adult School:

Frank V. Tangorra

Planning Board - Advisory Committee:

Representative	Carl Perez
Alternate	Frank V. Tangorra

American Field Service:

Mrs. Roy K. Imhoff

Representative to Special Education:

Louis F. Williams

Athletic Committee:

Chairman	Louis F. Williams
Member	Robert Rusignuolo
Member	Carl Perez

HEARING OF CITIZENS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Tangorra commented that since the Board had passed a resolution this evening with regard to the age of termination for Special Education students, he requested the Board to move in a direction to help the parents of these students establish a program in town. He firmly believed that the Board has a moral responsibility to help these parents. He requested that the Board go along with his recommendation.

Mr. Rusignuolo commented that Hoffmann-LaRoche was preparing a program on vitamin education, and perhaps the Board would consider getting the schools together possibly at Hoffmann-LaRoche to see a film strip being prepared and listen to a speaker for about a half hour. Mrs. Rabinowitz said the Board might be open to criticism, but Mr. Lindstrom stated that Hoffmann-LaRoche sold only in bulk, not the vitamins.

Mr. Restaino commented that any bank who helps youngsters should be commended, and he would like the Board to think about depositing Board funds also at the Nutley Savings and Loan Association. Mr. Ramsland is to check into the legality of this.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mrs. Rabinowitz, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p. m.

Walter Lindstrom
President

[Signature]
Secretary

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Date