

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

April 25, 1977

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, April 25, 1977, at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. Walter Lindstrom, President, presiding.

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Rusignuolo 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 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: Mrs. Roy Imhoff, 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.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 4, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Tangorra moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Wightman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented the following communications:

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

"Enclosed is your copy of the Certificate of Local District School Requirements for the School District of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, N. J., complete with a

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certified copy of the Resolution which was adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting on April 13, 1977, showing the Local District School Tax Levy for the Calendar Year 1977 to be \$7,635,020.50.

"The certificate was mailed today, by certified mail, to Mr. George E. McCormack, Secretary of the Essex County Board of Taxation."

2. A Resolution from the Board of Commissioners, Town of Nutley, New Jersey:

"WHEREAS, the Annual School Election held March 29, 1977, in the Town of Nutley, resulted in the defeat of the proposed 'Current Expense' Budget of \$7,244,206; and

"WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nutley, having met in consultation with the Board of Education, in conformity with the requirements of N. J. S. 18A:22-37, supplemented by Chapter 267 of the Laws of 1975, on the evenings of Monday, April 4, and Monday, April 11, 1977:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that the 'Current Expense' Budget be revised in the following manner for the fiscal year 1977-1978

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Current Expense	\$7,244,206	\$6,999,206

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the revised figures be reflected in the 'Certificate of Local District School Requirements for School District of Town of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey,' as filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation, and as hereby made a part of this Resolution."

3. A copy of the Certificate of Local District School Requirements for School District of Town of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey received from Mrs. Eunice P. Drake, Town Clerk:

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report;

"It is indeed unfortunate that a situation growing out of unfamiliarity with, and lack of understanding of, school district financial reports seems to have erupted into a 'tempest in a teapot'. The accuracy of a detailed analysis of the surplus account has been questioned. My only reason for making mention of it in this report is to read into the record my unequivocal statement that the report I furnished to that meeting is absolutely accurate.

"In a footnote on that report, I clearly indicated that the existing surplus figure would be increased by whatever surplus would be generated from the current budget. This figure, of course, cannot be determined until the fiscal year is ended on June 30, 1977; however, some preliminary estimates can be made, and these estimates have now been made, and will be submitted to the Board this evening.

"Two of our drivers will be competing in the Sixth Annual School Bus Drivers' Safety Competition to be conducted in Randolph Township on Saturday, May 21, 1977. The purpose of the competition is to foster

bus safety practices by making drivers aware of the skills required to transport students safely. The competition is designed to sharpen these skills through drivers competing against each other. Our drivers who have been entered in the competition are Claire Redmond and Robert Nichols.

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

Mar. 30	Special Education Center	1:20 p. m.	1 min. 10 secs.
April 11	Lincoln School	10:33 a. m.	1 min. 15 secs.
April 11	Radcliffe School	2:15 p. m.	1 min. 27 secs.
April 12	Lincoln School	10:59 a. m.	1 min. 16 secs.
April 12	Spring Garden School	1:02 p. m.	1 min. 30 secs.
April 14	Franklin School	10:10 a. m.	1 min. 50 secs."

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of March 31, 1977, showing total funds available of \$9,515,169.89, contractual orders to date of \$8,513,738.33, leaving a balance of funds available of \$1,001,431.56.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"The kindergarten enrollment as of April 14, 1977 is as follows:

Lincoln	-	42
Washington	-	43
Radcliffe	-	40
Spring Garden	-	47
Yantacaw	-	<u>47</u>
Total		219

"Elementary teachers will participate in an in-service orientation program for the implementation of our new Safety Education Curriculum at 2:30 p. m. on May 2, 1977. This will necessitate an early dismissal. Parents and police will be notified of this change in schedule.

"The Public Employment Relations Commission has named Dr. Joan Weitzman as the fact finder in the impasse proceedings with the Board of Education and the Nutley Teachers Association. No date has been established for the first fact finding meeting.

"We have received the results of the Metropolitan Achievement Tests administered to Nutley's fourth and sixth grade students. The results indicate that the median Nutley student is achieving above grade level in all areas of the test.

"During the month of March special recognition was given to the Nutley High School students listed below:

"The Maroon and Gray won second place in national competition at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference held March 16, 17, 1977.

"The Nutley High School math team came in third place in competition sponsored by Montclair State College with 30 schools being represented on March 12, 1977. The students who participated were sophomores Robert Lombardi, Richard Keseling and Alan Giambattista.

"Adelina Lupinacci, freshman at Nutley High School, won first place March 31, 1977, in an Italian Club poetry contest at Montclair State College.

"On April 11th Dr. Edward Fry, Rutgers University, gave a verbal presentation of his evaluation concerning Nutley's reading program. Generally speaking, his report was most positive. Persons wishing to see this report may do so by contacting the Superintendent's Office.

"The Nutley Junior Olympics will be held on the morning of May 19th at the Park Oval. The rain date is scheduled for May 20th. Fifth and sixth grade students of all elementary schools participate in these events.

"Nutley's annual Junior Patrol picnic will be held at Booth Park on June 1st. Traditionally, the Nutley Elks have been responsible for the sponsorship of this program. We would like to thank the Elks for all they have done for the youth of this community.

"The annual vision survey conducted by the Nutley Lions Club has just been completed. Once again, we would like to thank the members of this organization for the service they provide to those students involved in this program."

#### CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Restaino presented the cafeteria report for March 31, 1977, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1976 of \$1,747.46, total receipts of \$153,734.29, total disbursements of \$128,173.28, leaving a balance of \$27,308.47. Total "A" lunch - 25,265. Total milk sold - 24,360. Free lunches - 4,073. Reduced price lunches - 1,325. School days - 23.

HEARING OF CITIZENS - (Agenda Items Only): None

#### BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

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 the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$382,675.75 as per Schedule A, which have been audited by the Business Department.

#### REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Rusignuolo 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 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 - Teachers:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignations from leave of absence of the following teachers be accepted, effective June 30, 1977.

Miss Maria Domaradsky  
Mrs. Joan Dondero

RETIREMENT - Teacher:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the retirement of Miss Irene Weyer, first grade teacher, Yantacaw School, be accepted, effective June 30, 1977.

RESIGNATION - Parent Training Specialist:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mrs. Paquita H. Roberts, Specialist, Parent Training Project, be accepted, effective April 25, 1977.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT - Child Find Program:

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

WHEREAS, notification has been received from the State Department of Education that the Child Find Program will terminate on June 30, 1977,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the employment of Mrs. Arvel Taylor, Child Find Coordinator, be terminated as of June 30, 1977.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT - Learning Resource Center:

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

WHEREAS, notification has been received from the State Department of Education that the Learning Resource Center Project will terminate on June 30, 1977,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the employment of Mrs. Mary Appel, Director and Mrs. Josephine Martino, Coordinator, be terminated as of June 30, 1977.

ELIMINATION OF TEACHING POSITIONS:

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

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WHEREAS, because of the decrease in enrollment and the return to teaching of several tenure teachers for the 1977-1978 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley hereby authorizes the elimination of twenty-one teaching positions from the school staff,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the authorized number of teachers appointed as of most recent date where possible be notified by the Secretary-Business Administrator on or before April 30, 1977 of the elimination of their positions.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

Mr. Tangorra presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Perez, 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.

APPOINTMENT - Part-time Behind-the-Wheel Teacher:

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:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby confirms the action of the Superintendent of Schools in appointing Mrs. Candice Vasta as a part-time behind-the-wheel teacher, effective December 14, 1976 for the remainder of the 1976-1977 school year at an hourly rate of pay of \$6.00.

APPOINTMENTS - Secretarial/Clerical Substitutes:

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 following be approved as secretarial/clerical substitutes for the remainder of the 1976-1977 school year:

Mrs. Etta Andrews

Mrs. Irene M. Hall

Mrs. Joan Basile

Mrs. Josephine Naughton

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

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

WHEREAS, bids were received on Thursday, April 21, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. for the following supplies and equipment: Audio Visual, Science, Physical Education, Athletic, Industrial Arts and Offset Duplicator, and

WHEREAS, attached as per Schedule D 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.

TESTIMONIAL - Miss Irene Weyer:

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

WHEREAS, Miss Irene Weyer has tendered her resignation as teacher in the Nutley Public Schools, effective June 30, 1977, and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Miss Weyer has worked in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of thirty years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Miss Weyer has exemplified the finest qualities of the teaching profession at all times, and

WHEREAS, Miss Weyer won the personal friendship of her fellow teachers and the loyal devotion of every boy and girl who came under the influence of her understanding and capable teaching,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education expresses to Miss Weyer its deep appreciation of her long and faithful service and extends to her its best wishes for continued health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Miss Weyer.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mr. Donald Palestino, 88 Rhoda Avenue, commented that he had written to Mr. Fowler with a copy to Mr. Lindstrom, concerning the matter as to how the coach in the high school selects members for the baseball team. He also discussed this with Mr. Jacone and Mr. Tangorra. He questioned the no-cut policy and past performance with regard to the selection of youngsters for the team. Mr. Lindstrom commented that this would be discussed at an athletic meeting, and the Board would be in touch with Mr. Palestino.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mrs. Wightman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Walter S. Lindstrom  
President

[Signature]  
Secretary

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Date