

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

May 23, 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, May 23, 1977, at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Temporary Chairman, presiding.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Restaino 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. Carl Perez, Mrs. Bernard Rabinowitz, Mr. Robert Rusignuolo, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, Mrs. John Wightman, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Mrs. Roy Imhoff arrived at 9:05 p.m. Absent and excused: Mr. Walter Lindstrom. Approximately 35 citizens were present.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 25, 1977, 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. Perez, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 9, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Rusignuolo moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Perez, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented the following communications:

1. A press release from Assemblyman Carl Orechio with regard to the income tax issue.
2. A press release from Assemblyman Carl Orechio with regard to New Jersey motorists being required to have their motor vehicles inspected twice in 1978 and thereafter.

3. A resolution from the Irvington Board of Education with regard to the educational voucher system.
4. Resolutions from the River Dell Regional Board of Education, the Passaic Board of Education and the Farmingdale Board of Education opposing proposed legislation mandating specific changes in boards of education across the state.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"The Petition of Appeal in the matter of the excessive reduction in Current Expense tax revenue by the Nutley Board of Commissioners was filed with the Commissioner of Education on May 12, 1977.

"A preliminary hearing conference on the budget appeal has been tentatively scheduled to take place with the County Superintendent on Tuesday, June 28, at 10:00 a.m.

"A more thorough examination of the concrete stands at the Park Oval reveals frost damage, the extent of which cannot be fully determined without actual cutting and chipping. Since it is impractical to request bids on repairs without knowing the amount of repairs needed, I am proceeding with the cutting operation on a cost-plus basis.

"Window breakage is with us again. A couple months ago we were so far behind in replacements that I engaged the services of local glaziers to work on two of our schools while our maintenance men worked on the rest. On a given day a month or so ago, we had all broken windows in the system replaced. Since that date, we have replaced 41 more.

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

Apr. 13	Special Education Center	1:30 p.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Apr. 15	Spring Garden School	1:12 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Apr. 15	Washington School	1:15 p.m.	1 min. 15 secs.
Apr. 15	Yantacaw School	1:45 p.m.	1 min. 15 secs.
Apr. 28	Yantacaw School	12:50 p.m.	1 min. 35 secs.
Apr. 28	Radcliffe School	1:00 p.m.	1 min. 29 secs.
Apr. 29	Special Education Center	10:00 a.m.	1 min. 9 secs.
Apr. 29	Washington School	12:50 p.m.	1 min. 15 secs.
May 3	Spring Garden School	1:36 p.m.	1 min. 15 secs.
May 5	Lincoln School	1:22 p.m.	1 min. 5 secs.
May 11	Lincoln School	2:00 p.m.	1 min. 11 secs.
May 16	Radcliffe School	2:02 p.m.	1 min. 26 secs.
May 18	Washington School	9:50 a.m.	1 min. 17 secs.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of April 30, 1977, showing total funds available of \$9,518,768.89, contractual orders to date of \$8,567,411.90, leaving a balance of funds available of \$951,356.99.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"The music departments in all elementary schools are busily engaged in presenting their programs which have annually taken place at this time of year.

"Nutley teachers have just completed participation in three in-service courses: Behavior Management; Working With the Slow Learner; Lecture Series. The total number of hours teachers spent attending these workshops was 750. A similar number of hours was spent during the fall semester. Dr. Thomas Davis is to be commended for providing teachers with the opportunity to participate in these stimulating experiences.

"Elementary art teachers have student displays of art in the following locations throughout the community:

Washington School	- Trust Company of New Jersey, 474 Franklin Avenue
Radcliffe School	- Nutley Savings and Loan Company, Franklin Avenue - May 25th
Spring Garden School	- First National State Bank Kingsland branch - May 23d to June 3d
Franklin School	- First National State Bank Chestnut Street and Franklin Avenue
Yantacaw School	- First National State Bank Yantacaw branch, Franklin Avenue
Lincoln School	- First National State Bank Centre Street branch - May 31st through June 10th

"Summer school for high school students will start on June 27th. Any questions concerning this program should be directed to Mr. Paul Primamore, phone 661-3500, extension 75.

"Mrs. Lucy Gillies and Mrs. Mary Whelan have compiled a lengthy report concerning the results of the 1976-1977 New Jersey Educational Assessment Test. Copies of this report are made available through the Superintendent's office.

"Nutley's annual Junior Olympics were held on May 19th in the Park Oval. The team results are as follows:

Washington School	87 $\frac{1}{2}$ points
Lincoln School	72 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Radcliffe School	44 "
Spring Garden School	41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Yantacaw School	39 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

"The Nutley Board of Education Planning Committee has been actively engaged with preliminary planning. Mr. Gerard Restaino has been serving as chairman of this committee. Within a short period of time the committee will be broadened to include citizen participation.

"All Nutley teachers and administrators will participate in in-service workshops on June 21st. Schools will be closed to all students on this day. The schedule for the closing week of school is as follows:

Monday, June 20th - regular schedule  
 Tuesday, June 21st - in-service day, no children in school  
 Wednesday, June 22nd - children report to pick up report cards

"We have been informed by the Department of Educational Services of the National Merit Scholarship Program that the following Nutley High School juniors scored in the top five per cent of over one million who took the qualifying test for the Merit Program last October -- the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Christopher Bogle  
 Brook Bromley  
 Anne Gibson  
 Marilyn Holland  
 William O'Shaughnessy  
 David Rapsas  
 Philip Ricciardi  
 Lynn Ventura  
 Tim Wrobel

"Each of these high scoring students is being considered for recognition in the 1978 Merit program. We will be notified this fall of the names of any of our students who qualify as semi-finalists or commended students."

Mr. Restaino read the letter which is to be sent by Mr. Zwirek to all parents of Nutley High School graduating seniors.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Restaino presented the cafeteria report for April 30, 1977, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1976 of \$1,747.46, total receipts of \$171,105.63, total disbursements of \$148,943.45, leaving a balance of \$23,909.64. Total "A" lunch - 16,748. Total milk sold - 15,040. Free lunches - 2,753. Reduced price lunches - 806. School days - 15.

HEARING OF CITIZENS - (Agenda Items Only):

Mrs. J. Rubino, 48 North Road, raised questions regarding the summer school and the summer music program, to which Mr. Fowler replied. Questions were also asked by Mr. Ron Kulik, 10 Cleveland Avenue.

Numerous questions were also raised with regard to vandalism in the schools. Mrs. Conway questioned whether the citizens who rented facilities from the Board of Education were made aware that there was to be no drinking on the Board owned properties, to which Mr. Ramsland and Mr. Restaino commented that this would be reinforced.

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

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:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$725,683.04 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 Mr. Williams, 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher:

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 Mrs. Lorraine Milunaitis be granted a maternity leave of absence, effective September 1, 1977 through October 31, 1977.

APPOINTMENTS - Additions to Substitute List - 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 additional teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C, be approved for the 1976-1977 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Additions to Secretarial/Clerical Substitute List:

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

Mrs. Lucille Califano  
Mrs. Linda A. Hartner

APPOINTMENTS - Summer Clerical Help:

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 following people be employed as summer clerical assistants during the summer of 1977 in accordance with pay rates adopted by the Board of Education:

Miss Lois Wieczorzak, effective May 24, 1977 \$2.75 Step 3  
Miss Sharon Pula, effective June 27, 1977 \$2.25 Step 1

APPOINTMENTS - Behind-the-Wheel Summer Driver Training Program:

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 following be appointed to teach in the behind-the-wheel summer driver training program for a period not to exceed 24 days during the summer of 1977, at an hourly rate of pay agreed upon by the Board of Education:

Mr. Joseph Cocchiola \$6.00 per hour  
Mr. Joseph Mattiucci \$6.00 per hour  
Mr. John Ball \$6.00 per hour  
Mr. Mario Cocchiola \$6.00 per hour

APPOINTMENTS - Athletic:

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:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Athletic Committee, hereby appoints the following staff members for the 1977-1978 school year at salaries in accordance with the 1977-1978 athletic salary guide:

<u>Basketball - Boys</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Head Coach	Robert O'Brien <i>RESIGNED</i>	3	9/6/77
Assistant Coach	Walter Murray <i>RESIGNED</i>	4	10/4/77
Assistant Coach	Stanley Bielawa	3	850
Assistant Coach	Edmund Olson	4	950
<u>Basketball - Girls</u>	Anna Melnyk	2	900
<u>Bowling</u>	William Osborn	4	550
<u>Rifle</u>	George Ackerman	4	550
<u>Wrestling</u>			
Head Coach	John Suffren	4	1400
Assistant Coach	Salvatore Pulitano	4	950
Assistant Coach	Christopher Wilkens	4	950

EDUCATIONAL EXTENSION - Title I:

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, the provisions of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 are applicable to the Town of Nutley, and

WHEREAS, the project Educational Extension meets the provisions and intent of this legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the program known as Educational Extension, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to prepare the necessary forms to be submitted to the State Department of Education and/or the U. S. Office of Education for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the Educational Extension program upon receiving approval from the State Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the program shall include the following:

Summer Reading Program  
Summer Enrichment Program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached budget for the 1976-1977 school year be adopted. (Schedule D)

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education that the attached school calendar for the 1977-1978 school year be adopted. (Schedule E)

TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS - High School:

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, That the following textbooks be adopted for use in the high school for the 1977-1978 school year:

Chemical Principles

Published by W. B. Saunders Company  
West Washington Square  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Walden Two Reissued, by B. F. Skinner

Published by MacMillan Publishing Company, Inc.  
Front and Brown Street  
Riverside, New Jersey

Threshold to Adult Living, by Hazel T. Craig

Charles A. Bennett Company, Inc., Publisher  
809 West Detweiller Drive  
Peoria, Illinois

Movies in America, by William Kuhns

Published by Pflaum/Standard  
38 West Fifth Street  
Dayton, Ohio

Primer Course D'Italiano, by John Louis Russo

Published by D. C. Heath and Company  
125 Spring Street  
Lexington, Massachusetts

Physics Principles & Problems, by Murphy & Smoot

Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company  
1300 Alum Creek Drive  
Columbus, Ohio

Laboratory Physics, by James & Murphy

Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company  
1300 Alum Creek Drive  
Columbus, Ohio

NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Mr. Tangorra 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 by the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, County of Essex, New Jersey, that it hereby awards jointly the contract as the official photographers for the Nutley High School Yearbook to Joseph's Studio, 614 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, and Wonderland Studio, 666 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey, for the school year 1977-78, in accordance with specifications and at prices as listed on the contract.

RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATION:

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

WHEREAS, legislation has been drafted which, if enacted, would mandate far-reaching changes in the organizational and administrative structures of local Boards of Education, and

WHEREAS, said proposed legislation, if enacted, would transfer much of the responsibility and authority of a local Board of Education from the elected Board to an appointed administrator, and

WHEREAS, it has long been an accepted fact that school districts in the State of New Jersey are not carbon copies of one another, but are individual and unique, having different needs and responding differently in any given situation, and

WHEREAS, any attempt by the legislature to put all of the State's school districts into the same mold by mandating a single administrative structure for all of them without regard for individual needs would do a disservice to public education in the state, and

WHEREAS, such a mandate would be a giant step along the already well-travelled road of erosion of local control,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education strongly supports the principle of local option in the determination of the organization and administrative structure of a local Board of Education, and opposes any attempt by the legislature to remove said local option, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education urges the New Jersey School Boards Association to honor its longstanding position of support for the principle of local control and actively oppose any legislation which would erode same, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey School Boards Association, to all Essex County Senators and Assemblymen, Chairmen of the Senate and Assembly Education committees, and to all Essex County Boards of Education.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Joan Rubino, 48 North Road, and Mrs. Ann Conway, 10 Paterson Avenue, asked a series of questions regarding Dr. Edward Fry's report to the Board of Education on "Reading Test



Scores and The Reading Program." It was decided by the Board that Mr. Fowler would make arrangements for Dr. Fry to return to Nutley to a meeting in which the citizens of Nutley would be invited to attend and ask questions with regard to this report.

Mr. Donald Palestino, 88 Rhoda Avenue, commented that he had been before the Board a month previous concerning the no-cut policy and past performance with regard to the selection of youngsters for the baseball team, and he had not received a reply. Mr. Williams reported that a letter was being sent with regard to a meeting to which Mr. Palestino would be invited.

Mrs. Rubino raised questions with regard to evaluations, to which Mr. Fowler, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Rabinowitz replied. A discussion was held with regard to sending districts of special education students.

Mr. Michael Schop, 3 Calico Lane, a member of a committee for quality education, stated the concept and purpose of this committee, and announced that the next meeting would be June 21 at St. Paul's Church at 8:00 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the Nutley High School graduation, to which Mr. Restaino and Mr. Fowler replied.

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 Mr. Perez, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Walter Lindstrom

President

[Signature]

Secretary

June 6, 1977

Date