

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

January 23, 1978

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Nutley High School auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, on Monday, January 23, 1978, 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. Robert Rusignuolo, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, Mrs. John Wightman, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 30 citizens were present.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 1977, at 6:30 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"The Commissioner's decision in the matter of our appeal of the Town Commissioners' reduction of district taxes to support our 1977-1978 Current Expense Budget was received last week. Of the total reduction of \$245,000, the Commissioner sustained \$120,000. The remaining \$125,000 was restored with the recommendation that we retain that amount for replacement of our asbestos ceilings.

"I received this morning the Commissioner's decision on our request for a cap waiver for our 1978-1979 Current Expense budget. He approved a waiver of \$207,300, which was \$16,753 short of the amount needed to cover our adopted budget. It will therefore be necessary to trim \$17,000 from the 1978-1979 Current Expense budget.

"Mr. Puzan and I attended a hearing in the office of the Commissioner in Trenton this morning. This was in the matter of defective nominating petitions for Board member candidacy. Mr. Fasano told me on the telephone yesterday that he was withdrawing from the campaign. I anticipate hearing in a day or two the decision on Mr. Puzan's appeal.

"The dedication of our men to the job of cleaning up during and after last Friday's snowstorm is something of which I am proud and I want to tell you so. All the schools were plowed twice, once during the storm and again after the drifting had finished. Our men survived, but our equipment (ca. 1961) broke down. Commissioner Cocchiola came to our rescue with men and equipment from the Department of Parks and Recreation. I would like to publicly express my appreciation to Commissioner Cocchiola and his department, as well as to our foremen, Mr. Notty Donadia and Mr. Gino Giua and their crews for a job well done under very adverse circumstances.

"Fire drills held during the months of November, December and January were as follows:

Nov. 7	Special Education Center	10:00 a. m.	1 min. 6 secs.
Nov. 28	Special Education Center	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 9 secs.
Dec. 8	Special Education Center	2:00 p. m.	1 min. 5 secs.
Dec. 19	Lincoln School	10:45 a. m.	58 secs.
Dec. 19	Special Education Center	1:00 p. m.	1 min. 8 secs.
Dec. 20	Yantacaw School	8:50 a. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Dec. 20	Nutley High School	9:40 a. m.	2 min. 29 secs.
Dec. 20	Spring Garden School	1:48 p. m.	1 min. 15 secs.
Dec. 22	Yantacaw School	8:50 a. m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Dec. 22	Lincoln School	12:25 p. m.	1 min. 21 secs.
Jan. 6	Radcliffe School	1:30 p. m.	1 min. 36 secs.
Jan. 6	Spring Garden School	12:49 p. m.	1 min. 15 secs."

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of December 31, 1977 showing total funds available of \$10,068,826.56, contractual orders to date of \$8,443,066.00, leaving a balance of funds available of \$1,625,760.56.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"Teacher salary settlements in Essex County for the 1978/1979 school year indicate that Nutley's agreement of 6.5% will be one of the lowest in the county. Indications are that the range will be from 6.5% to 8.5%.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank those senior citizens who have volunteered to tutor some of our elementary students. Principals and teachers have been reporting the success of this program.

"Effective January 25th, the Nutley Lions Club will start its annual vision screening examination of Nutley's third grade students. The program will continue in each of the school buildings until it reaches completion on March 1st. We would like to thank the Lions Club for the service they are providing to our students.

"Dr. Ernest Ersfeld, Director of Music in the Nutley Public Schools, has been informed that the following students were selected for membership in the Northern Regional Symphonic Band:

Regina Brija - traps (percussion)  
Linda Fazzi - alternate first clarinet  
Jon Welch - third trombone

Northern Regional Orchestra:

Frank Capalbo - first violin

"These students will represent Nutley High School in the regional concerts.

"Mrs. Loretta Taylor, English Department chairperson at Nutley High School, has scheduled a writing workshop for all high school teachers to be held one Monday afternoon in February, March and April. This is in response to a 'Priority Goal' established by Mr. Zwirek, building principal, earlier in this school year.

"Dr. Michael Cutrona, Director of Special Services, has been participating with other directors in Essex County in the development of a cooperative plan that might better service the needs of handicapped children.

"The kindergarten changeover date is scheduled for February 6, 1978. This is consistent with previous practice.

"Mrs. Lucy Gillies, head Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, has been appointed chairperson of a committee that will study the materials being used in our reading program. Recommendations from this committee will be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office prior to the end of this school year.

"The following people are to be commended for the preparation of this year's visual budget presentation:

Dr. Thomas A. Davis  
Mr. Robert Bonanno  
Mr. Gary Chern  
Building principals  
Board of Education members

"I would like to thank the following for their efforts in clearing snow so that we were able to open the schools this morning: Mr. Gino Giua and those custodians who participated, Mr. Natale Donadia and the ground crew, the school bus drivers and Commissioner Frank Cocchiola for allowing us to use his heavy equipment. Without the efforts of these people it would have been impossible to open the schools on Monday morning."

#### CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Restaino presented the cafeteria report as of December 31, 1977, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1977 of \$5,987.94, total receipts of \$86,161.35, total disbursements of \$79,937.15, leaving a balance of \$12,212.14. Total "A" lunch - 16,994. Total milk sold - 15,007. Free lunches - 2,895. Reduced price lunches - 927. School days - 15.

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

None

#### BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Tangorra 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 \$1,425,069.71 as per Schedule A, which have been audited by the Business Department.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Tangorra 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.

RESIGNATION - Teacher:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Mr. Thomas Barone, Nutley High School Industrial Arts teacher, be accepted, effective as of January 18, 1978.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Nancy M. Cummings be granted maternity leave of absence for the remainder of the 1977-1978 school year, effective March 27, 1978.

APPOINTMENT - Teacher:

Mrs. Wightman 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 Mrs. Suzanne Rademacher be appointed fourth grade teacher at Spring Garden School for the remainder of the 1977-1978 school year, effective January 3, 1978 at the salary of \$10,310.00, which is in accordance with the 1977-1978 salary guide.

APPOINTMENT - Secretarial/Clerical Substitute:

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the following additional secretarial/ clerical substitute be approved for the 1977-1978 school year:

Petti, Mrs. Beverly

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

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 additional teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1977-1978 school year.

ADVANCEMENT ON THE SALARY GUIDE:

Mr. Williams 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 teachers be advanced to the proper level of the salary guide in accordance with Board of Education regulations, said teachers having completed the necessary college courses to qualify for such advancement, to be effective February 1, 1978:

<u>To B.A. + 15</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mrs. Patricia Camarda	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$12,562.00
Mrs. Anne Curcio	4	\$12,282.00
Mrs. Patricia Turbowitz	5	\$12,842.00

<u>To B.A. + 30</u>		
Mrs. Toby Bluitt	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$13,475.00
Mr. Gregory Rhodes	7	\$14,337.00

<u>To M.A.</u>		
Mrs. Kathleen Bimbi	7	\$14,711.00
Miss Nancy Gerken	4	\$12,943.00

<u>To M.A. + 15</u>		
Mrs. Beth Stein	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$14,785.00
Mr. Robert Topolski	5	\$13,878.00

<u>To M.A. + 30</u>		
Mr. John Walker	6	\$27,356.00

TUITION ADJUSTMENT:

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 tuition per pupil for socially maladjusted students at New Jersey Boys Town, Kearny, New Jersey, be amended to \$4,600.00 for the 1977-1978 school year. (previously \$3,700.00)

TITLE IV, PART B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act:

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

WHEREAS, the provisions of Title IV, Part B, Public Law 93-380, Amendments of 1974 to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, are applicable to the school district of the Town of Nutley, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approves its participation in this program to develop the reading program, mathematics program and physical education program in the Nutley Public Schools,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Nutley, be authorized to make the necessary arrangements and prepare the necessary forms for the implementation of this program upon receiving approval from the County Superintendent of Schools and/or the State Department of Education.

SCHEDULING BIDS - Nutley High School:

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

WHEREAS, bids were received on Thursday, January 19, 1978 at 2:30 p.m., for scheduling service for Nutley High School,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the bids be recorded in the minutes as follows:

Applied Systems, Inc. Dover, New Hampshire	\$2,600
Cogito Corp., Ltd. Hempstead, New York	\$3,000
Westinghouse Learning Corp. Hempstead, New York	\$3,200

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a contract be awarded to Applied Systems, Inc., Dover, New Hampshire, for 1978-1979 at Nutley High School at their low bid price of \$2,600.

MEMORIAL - Mrs. Florentine M. Fischbeck:

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of sorrow and regret that the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley records the death of Mrs. Florentine M. Fischbeck on December 9, 1977, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fischbeck had a distinguished educational career spanning eighteen and one-half years in the Nutley Public Schools serving the youth of Nutley, and

WHEREAS, it was as an educator and friend that she was held in high esteem by all who knew her,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley expresses its feeling of loss and extends its heartfelt sympathy to her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

MEMORIAL - Mrs. Ruth Graham:

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of sorrow and regret that the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley records the death of Mrs. Ruth Graham on July 30, 1977, and



WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham had a distinguished educational career spanning thirty years in the Nutley Public Schools serving the youth of Nutley, and

WHEREAS, it was as an educator and friend that she was held in high esteem by all who knew her,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley expresses its feeling of loss and extends its heartfelt sympathy to her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

MEMORIAL - Dr. Floyd E. Harshman:

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of sorrow and regret that the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley records the death of Dr. Floyd E. Harshman on January 9, 1978, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Harshman had a distinguished educational career spanning twenty-one years serving as Principal and Superintendent of the Nutley Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, it was as an educator and friend that he was held in high esteem by all who knew him,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley expresses its feeling of loss and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

ADVERTISED NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING:

Mr. Ramsland read the following legal notice which appeared in the January 12, 1978 issue of THE NUTLEY SUN:

"The Board of Education of Nutley, New Jersey will hold a Public Hearing on the tentative budget for the School Year 1978-1979 at an open meeting in the Nutley High School

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Auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, Monday, January 23, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend this meeting, ask questions and offer suggestions pertaining to the budget. The proposed tentative budget will be open to inspection at the office of the Board of Education for seven days prior to the Public Hearing. "

Mr. Ramsland stated that this notice was followed by the publication of the budget as it appeared in the budget booklet that is available to the citizens this evening.

Mr. Lindstrom made several preliminary comments, followed by a review of the budget account by account.

The meeting was recessed by the Chairman, Mr. Lindstrom. At this time the Audio Visual Budget Presentation was shown, the 1978-1979 proposed budget was presented, and questions relative to both were raised by citizens and answered by the Board. The meeting was reconvened by Mr. Lindstrom.

#### CALL OF ROLL:

Members present at roll call were: Mr. Walter Lindstrom, 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.

#### ADOPTING BUDGET FOR 1978-1979 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, the proposed tentative budget for the 1978-1979 school year has been properly published in the local newspaper and adequately presented to the public at this budget hearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley hereby adopts the budget for the 1978-1979 school year in the following amounts:

Current Expense	\$9,713,932
Debt Service	<u>253,764</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$9,967,696

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CALLING REFERENDUM:

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:

WHEREAS, for the school year ending June 30, 1979, the expenditures for administration, instruction, attendance and health services, transportation, operation of plant, maintenance of plant, equipment, fixed charges, food services, student body activities, and community services, requires that there be raised by local taxation the sum of \$7,896,635,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That at the Annual Meeting of the legal voters of the school district to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 1978, for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a term of three years, there be submitted the question of voting taxes to support the 1978-1979 budget as follows:

Current Expense	\$7,896,635
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board of Education be and is hereby directed to post notices on each schoolhouse in the District and at the following named public places, to wit; Town Hall, The Nutley Sun Office, Lardier Pharmacy, Inc., Gary's Pharmacy, Little's Pharmacy, Schein Party Shop, and Griffith Shade Shop, calling said meeting in the Franklin, Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw, Spring Garden and Radcliffe Schoolhouses; and that the boundaries of the sections of the school district, the voters of which shall be entitled to vote at the respective polling places, be as herein designated:

Polling District No. 1 - Polling Place at the Lincoln School at Harrison Street in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1, 2, and 7 of the First Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 2 - Polling Place at the Radcliffe School at Bloomfield Avenue in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District No. 6 of the First Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 3 - Polling Place at the Franklin School at Franklin Avenue in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of the First Ward of the Town of Nutley.

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Polling District Nos. 4 & 5 - Polling Place at the Yantacaw School at Yantacaw Place in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1, 5, and 6 of the Second Ward and District Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of the Third Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 6 - Polling Place at the Washington School at Washington Avenue in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 1, 2, 6, and 7 of the Third Ward of the Town of Nutley.

Polling District No. 7 - Polling Place at the Spring Garden School at South Spring Garden Avenue in the School District for legal voters residing within General Election District Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of the Second Ward of the Town of Nutley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the polls be open on Tuesday, February 14, 1978, between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p. m.

APPOINTMENT - Election Workers:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby appoints the Judges of Elections, Inspectors of Elections and Clerks of Elections for the Annual School Election to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 1978, between the hours of 2:30 p. m. and 9:00 p. m., to be as follows:

Lincoln School

Mr. James Castner, Judge  
Mrs. Joann Scarpelli, Inspector  
Mr. Daniel Marese, Clerk  
Mr. Ralph Ferrie, Clerk  
Mrs. Walter Kircher, Clerk  
Mrs. Theresa Sarrecchia, Clerk  
Mrs. R. Chase, Clerk

Radcliffe School

Mrs. George Catrambone, Judge  
Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett, Inspector  
Mrs. Anthony Amoscato, Clerk  
Mrs. Munford Edmunds, Clerk  
Mrs. Raymond Simmons, Clerk

Franklin School

Mrs. Ruth Seipp, Judge  
Mrs. Barbara Avagliano, Inspector  
Mrs. Anthony Greco, Clerk  
Mrs. Joseph Reid, Clerk  
Mrs. Ethel Shaffer, Clerk

Yantacaw II

Mr. J. Wesley Tillou, Judge  
Mrs. Shirlee Kutzner, Inspector  
Mrs. Dorothy Tillou, Clerk  
Mrs. Alice Luxton, Clerk  
Mrs. Marguerite Cox, Clerk

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Yantacaw III

Mrs. John Peddieson, Judge  
 Mrs. J. B. Hamburger, Inspector  
 Mrs. John Arnold, Clerk  
 Mrs. Dorothy A. Duffe, Clerk  
 Mrs. Sander Hacker, Clerk  
 Mrs. Vincent LoCurcio, Clerk

Spring Garden School

Mr. Ralph Kimball, Judge  
 Mrs. Peter Murray, Inspector  
 Mrs. Helen Strothkamp, Clerk  
 Mrs. Dorothy Faulkner, Clerk  
 Mrs. John R. Carson, Clerk  
 Mrs. Richard Johantgen, Clerk  
 Mrs. Iris Arrigoni, Clerk  
 Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Clerk

Washington School

Mr. John Peddieson, Judge  
 Miss Florence Taylor, Inspector  
 Mrs. Ann P. Shuster, Clerk  
 Mr. John Pope, Clerk  
 Mrs. John M. Stoeckel, Clerk  
 Mrs. Kenneth Duke, Clerk  
 Mrs. Albert Thibault, Clerk

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:


None


NEW BUSINESS:

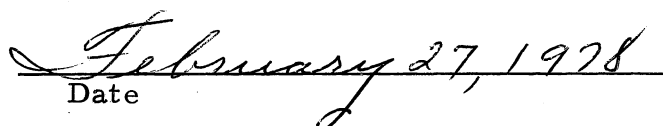
None

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 10:05 p. m.

  
 President

  
 Secretary

  
 Date

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