

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

February 27, 1978

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Board Room, 149 Chestnut Street, on Monday, February 27, 1978, at 7:30 p. m., in order that the present Board of Education may complete pending business prior to the organization of the new Board. Mr. Walter Lindstrom, President, presided.

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Williams 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 Ruscignuolo, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, Mrs. John Wightman, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 10 citizens were present.

MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 1978, 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 Mrs. Rabinowitz, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented the following communications:

1. A memorandum from Lawrence S. Schwartz, President, New Jersey School Boards Association:

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lloyd J. Newbaker, Jr., former Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey School Boards Association, as Acting Executive Director of the Association following Dr. Mark Hurwitz' resignation.

"Dr. Newbaker's appointment was approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the New Jersey School Boards Association at their February 3 meeting and reflects awareness of the contributions he has made to the Association and of his extensive experience in the field of education."

2. A letter from Harry W. Chenoweth, Mayor, Town of Nutley:

"We wish to extend our deep appreciation for your cooperation in the presentation of the beautiful Yuletide Observation of 1977.

"It was a lovely Christmas gift to our people, and I am sure that everyone enjoyed the exciting program at the High School and the inspirational display in the Park Oval.

"Thank you once again."

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"Congratulations to Mr. Williams, Mrs. Rabinowitz, and Mr. Perez, who were re-elected to the Board of Education for another three years; not so much for their victory, which was expected, but for their willingness to spend many nights and many hours bringing their message to the good citizens of Nutley. I am sure that their messages were a significant factor in the outcome of the budget election.

"I would also like to publicly recognize the invaluable services of the Committee for Quality Education in getting accurate information to the public about the school budget. An informed electorate votes from confidence, not from frustration. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of each member of this committee.

"As for the people who conducted the election for us -- I wish I could be a little original in expressing my appreciation to them, but when these people give their afternoon and evening to us to work the election year after year, I can only say 'Thank you' year after year. Be assured that our appreciation is not measured by the limited words that we use to express it.

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"Thanks also to our own staff: cafeteria, secretarial, and custodial, who donated their services long past their regular working hours. This willingness to work overtime without pay is rapidly becoming a lost art. We are proud that our Nutley staff is still a little old-fashioned.

"We have been advised by the State Department of Education that our eligibility for Non-Public School textbook aid for 1978-79 is \$7010. We had budgeted \$7500 for this program. Nutley has 701 students in 27 non-public schools.

"The remodeling of the first floor girls court in Franklin School was started last week and should be completed this week. The boys court will be done during the coming summer.

"The boys locker room at Nutley High School was also renovated with a complete change of design and installation of 144 new perforated metal lockers.

"Thirty six windows were replaced during the past month.

"Fire drills held during the months of January and February were as follows:

Jan. 23	Washington School	12:50 p. m.	1 min. 58 secs.
Jan. 24	Lincoln School	12:55 p. m.	45 secs.
Jan. 26	Yantacaw School	8:50 a. m.	1 min. 55 secs.
Jan. 27	Washington School	12:50 p. m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Jan. 27	Nutley High School	11:49 a. m.	2 min. 18 secs.
Jan. 27	Spring Garden School	12:48 p. m.	1 min. 35 secs.
Jan. 30	Radcliffe School	3:10 p. m.	1 min. 38 secs.
Jan. 31	Yantacaw School	12:55 p. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Feb. 10	Washington School	8:50 a. m.	1 min. 19 secs.
Feb. 13	Lincoln School	1:00 p. m.	53 secs.
Feb. 15	Radcliffe School	3:15 p. m.	1 min. 36 secs.
Feb. 16	Spring Garden School	12:50 p. m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Feb. 16	Lincoln School	12:45 p. m.	57 secs.
Feb. 27	Washington School	8:50 a. m.	1 min. 22 secs."

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of January 31, 1978 showing total funds available of \$9,948,826.56, contractual orders to date of \$8,894,231.44, leaving a balance of funds available of \$1,054,595.12.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Fowler presented and read the following report:

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Ann Rabinowitz, Mr. Louis Williams and Mr. Carl Perez upon their election to the Nutley Board of Education. Also, I would like to thank all Board members for the important part they played in the presentation and passage of the school budget.

"I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank those members of The Committee for Quality Education, building principals, teachers, parents and the general population for the overwhelming plurality shown in this most recent election.

"Curriculum committees have been organized in the following areas of instruction: Mathematics, Social Studies and Reading. Reports from each of these committees will be forwarded to the Superintendent's Office prior to the end of this school year.

"The annual winter sports varsity and junior varsity awards program will be held on Wednesday, March 1st, at 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

"Nutley High School boys and girls basketball teams will be competing in the state tournament this week. The boys team will be playing East Orange at East Orange on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. The girls team will play Belleville at Belleville on Wednesday at 3:45 p.m.

"Now that we have received the cooperation of Book Buick Agency every attempt will be made to provide those eligible students with behind-the-wheel driver education experiences. We are most appreciative of the cooperation extended to us by Mr. Book.

"We have made formal application for a grant to establish a Youth Employment Training Program (CETA) here in Nutley. When this application is approved, we will be able to offer work experiences to several Nutley High School students.

"Violinist Stephen Wolosnovich, an accomplished violinist, has been performing at student assembly programs in our schools. Dr. Ernest Ersfeld has cooperated with our building principals in making the necessary arrangements for these programs.

"Dr. Thomas Davis has been cooperating with the Nutley Chapter of the Red Cross in an attempt to establish a course for teachers in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. This is another attempt to broaden our present staff development program.

"The results of the Iowa Basic Skills Tests administered to fourth and sixth grade students indicate, in all areas tested, that the curriculum is working well.

"The Nutley High School mathematics team is participating in the newly organized New Jersey Mathematics League. At the present time, Nutley students are doing well in this competition.

"In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those senior citizens who are giving so unselfishly of their time to assist educators in developing better educational programs for some of our elementary children."

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Restaino presented the cafeteria report as of January 31, 1978, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1977 of \$5,987.94, total receipts of \$121,061.80, total disbursements of \$101,447.75, leaving a balance of \$25,601.99. Total "A" lunch - 23,025. Total milk sold - 20,406. Free lunches - 3,613. Reduced price lunches - 1,176. School days - 19.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

None

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

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

WHEREAS, the Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Town of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, February 14, 1978, between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p. m. and as much longer as was necessary to permit all the legal voters then present at the polling places to vote, and

WHEREAS, voting was conducted at the Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw, Spring Garden, Radcliffe, and Franklin Schools, all in the School District, and

WHEREAS, voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$7,896,635 in district taxes to support the proposed 1978-1979 Current Expense Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the results of the election be recorded in the minutes as per the attached report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Louis F. Williams, Mrs. Ann Rabinowitz and Carl Perez be declared elected as members of the Board of Education for three year terms.

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Mr. Lindstrom thanked the community for the budget's passage and stated that it meant so much to the Board in terms of confidence. The budget's adoption was important to the morale of the School Board members, the administrators and the staff. He also expressed his and the Board's appreciation to the various groups who had worked so very hard in passing this year's budget.

Mr. Lindstrom then stated how much he appreciated the Board's cooperation during his terms as President. Various members of the Board and Mr. Fowler expressed their sincere appreciation to Mr. Lindstrom for his excellent leadership.

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

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 authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$799,107.68 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 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.

RETIREMENT - Custodial:

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 retirement of Michael Zicaro, Lincoln School Head Custodian, be accepted, effective July 31, 1978.

MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Maintenance Man:

Mrs. Imhoff 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 Warren Wasilewski, maintenance man, be granted a medical leave of absence without pay, effective February 1, 1978 through June 30, 1978.

RESIGNATIONS - Athletic:

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 resignations of the following athletic personnel be accepted:

Miss Holly Naturale	Twirler Coach	eff. June 30, 1978
Mr. John Flanigan	Asst. Baseball Coach	eff. Feb. 16, 1978

APPOINTMENTS - Athletic:

Mr. Williams 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, 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:

Head Softball Coach	John Flanigan	\$950.00 (4)
Assistant Crew Coach	Joseph Jeannetti	\$650.00 (1)

APPOINTMENTS - Teachers:

Mrs. Wightman 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 following teachers be appointed for the 1977-1978 school year, at salaries agreed upon by the Board of Education, and in accordance with the 1977-1978 salary guide:

Mrs. Miriam Kirsten, Spanish, Nutley High School - B. A. -5
\$12,424.00, effective February 15, 1978 until the return of
Miss Rose Marie Skelly

Mr. Michael V. Pedalino, Industrial Arts, Nutley High School -
B. A. -1, \$10,310.00, retroactive to December 1, 1977 for the
remainder of the 1977-1978 school year

APPOINTMENT - Permanent Unassigned Substitute - Nutley High School:

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 Mr. Joseph Jeannetti be approved as permanent unassigned substitute at the Nutley High School for the remainder of the 1977-1978 school year, effective February 6, 1978, at the rate of \$30.00 per diem which was established by the Board of Education at its regular meeting held November 21, 1971.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

Mr. Rusignuolo 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 1977-1978 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Secretarial/Clerical Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following be approved as secretarial/ clerical substitutes for the remainder of the 1977-1978 school year:

Mrs. Mary Jean Fritto
Mrs. Nancy M. Vreeland

APPOINTMENTS - Substitute Bus Attendants:

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 following be approved as substitute bus attendants for the remainder of the 1977-1978 school year:

Kathleen Madden	Group 1 Step 1	\$3.00 per hour
Dorothy Mauriello	Group 1 Step 1	\$3.00 per hour
Theresa Cucinello	Group 1 Step 1	\$3.00 per hour

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM:

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 Nutley Board of Education accept a Youth Employment and Training Program (YETP) grant in the amount of \$6,907.00.

KINDERGARTEN APPROVAL:

Mrs. Rabinowitz 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 State Department of Education requires a separate approval for State aid for kindergartens, and

WHEREAS, the kindergartens operated by the Nutley Board of Education meet the requirements for State kindergarten approval,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the kindergarten report for 1977-1978 be presented to the County Superintendent of Schools with a request for approval from the State Department of Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESIDENTIAL STUDENT COST:

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 Board of Education assume room and board costs for a Nutley student attending Valley Head, a residential special education school, Lenox, Massachusetts, effective October 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978, as required by rules and regulations of the State Department of Education dated November 4, 1977.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

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NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mrs. Wightman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p. m.

Walter S. Lindstrom
President

[Signature]
Secretary

March 27, 1978
Date