

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

April 26, 1982

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Nutley High School Auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, on Monday, April 26, 1982, 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. Mrs. Ann Rabinowitz, President, presided.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

CALL OF ROLL:

The other members present at roll call were: Dr. Anthony N. Baratta, Mr. Douglas Eisenfelder, Mrs. Jacqueline Imhoff, Mr. Carl Perez, Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Absent and excused: Mr. Walter S. Lindstrom and Mr. James Murray. Approximately 175 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 29, 1982, at 8:15 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. Williams, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Board of Education, Borough of Ringwood:

"At a meeting held on Monday, March 22, 1982, the Ringwood Board of Education approved the enclosed Resolution.

"We urge all school districts to support this Resolution. We feel it is about time a Governor of the State of New Jersey made a commitment to education and kept his campaign promises regarding the increase in the percentage of funding for our elementary and secondary schools.

"We urge all school districts to write or wire Governor Kean, members of the Joint Appropriations Committee, and local Legislators to demand action on the restoration of funds."

Resolution:

"WHEREAS the Governor of the State of New Jersey has recommended cuts in State Aid to education after school districts have prepared budgets for presentation to the voters, and

"WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Borough of Ringwood prepared a very austere budget, and

"WHEREAS the increase of \$123,533 in property taxes would put undue hardship on the taxpayers of the Borough of Ringwood, and

"WHEREAS the loss of \$123,533 in equalization, compensatory education, and debt service aid would have a disastrous effect on school staff and programs; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Borough of Ringwood urges all school districts to utilize, for budget purposes, the State aid figures promised to school districts in December and be it also

"RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Borough of Ringwood urges the Governor to restore the \$65 million cut in State aid to education."

2. A letter from Alan J. Karcher, Speaker, General Assembly, State of New Jersey:

"I know there is much concern among school board members throughout the state because of Governor Kean's proposed reductions in minimum aid.

"First I want to indicate that I consider this a major retreat from the state's commitment to education in New Jersey.

"Secondly, I consider any changes in state aid after your local budgets have been set to be totally unfair.

"I want to assure you that I will do everything possible to restore the minimum aid cut by the Governor. Quality education for the students of New Jersey has always been one of my chief priorities, and I will not allow the state to back away from its responsibilities to local school districts during my tenure as Speaker."

Mr. Eisenfelder commented that at present he is drafting a letter from the Board with regard to State Aid. He also stated that he has copies of the names and addresses of the members of the Joint Committee on Appropriations if any citizen is interested in writing to them.

Mr. Williams moved that the Board support the resolution of the Ringwood Board of Education, and unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"As another School Board election becomes history, changes are taking place. First, two new Board members will be sworn in tonight. May I again, this time in writing, extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Kucinski and Mr. Malanga on their election to the Board, and to Dr. Baratta on his re-election. Second, Mr. Murray's insight, dedication, and hard work will be sorely missed as he leaves the Board. Third, the budget defeat is probably saying, 'Board, you're doing a great job, but we'll settle for a cheaper model.'

"The election volunteers who ran the elections this year are something else. They came out in the blizzard on April 6 when saner minds stayed home. They came out again on April 20 and withstood a near-record bombardment of voters with short-handed staffs. Quite a number of voters were transformed into election clerks and performed admirably.

"In Mrs. Darrow's absence, Mrs. Simons received her baptism of fire, and did a superb job. Even though she is still at home recuperating, Mrs. Darrow made hundreds of phone calls from her home. To everyone who contributed to the election process, my sincere thanks.

"Eight windows were replaced by the maintenance crew this past month. Also, 20 items of carpentry and general repairs were made, as were 14 items of plumbing and heating repair. The grounds crew did both spring clean-up and winter snow plowing. Ah, fickle April!

"Fire drills held during the months of March and April were as follows:

Mar. 29	Franklin School	2:00 p.m.	1 min. 58 secs.
Mar. 29	Yantacaw School	12:53 p.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Mar. 30	Lincoln School	2:02 p.m.	1 min. 17 secs.
Mar. 30	Nutley High School	10:30 a.m.	2 min. 48 secs.
Mar. 31	Lincoln School	9:00 a.m.	1 min. 7 secs.
Apr. 19	Spring Garden School	1:38 p.m.	1 min. 18 secs.
Apr. 20	Nutley High School	1:45 p.m.	2 min. 20 secs.
Apr. 23	Radcliffe School	2:00 p.m.	1 min.
Apr. 23	Spring Garden School	11:04 a.m.	1 min. 19 secs.
Apr. 23	Washington School	2:15 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Apr. 23	Yantacaw School	12:52 p.m.	1 min. 24 secs."

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of March 31, 1982, showing total funds available of \$13,590,690.81, contractual orders to date of \$12,283,094.93, leaving a balance of funds available of \$1,307,595.88.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fadule presented and read the following report:

"Please note the following important dates:

Honor Society Induction, April 28th, 8:00 p.m.

Report cards will be issued April 30th.

Higher Education Opportunities Fair, May 4th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., high school. Over 100 schools will be represented.

Franklin School P.T.A. musicale, May 5th.

Special Education Parent Workshop, May 5th.

Yantacaw School PTA Spring Musicale, May 12th.

Spring Garden Strawberry Festival, May 15th.

Lincoln School P.T.A. musicale, May 19th.

Junior Olympics, May 20th.

Nutley High School Fine & Industrial Arts Show, May 20 and 21."

#### CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Eisenfelder presented the cafeteria report as of March 31, 1982, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1981 of \$11,674.88, total receipts of \$185,876.82, total disbursements of \$178,941.50, leaving a balance of \$18,610.20. Total "A" lunch - 18,358. Total milk sold - 24,892.

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

Miss Gretchen Eisenfelder, 51 Enclosure, made a statement with regard to non-tenure teachers as well as one tenured teacher receiving notices of non-renewal of contracts, to which Mrs. Rabinowitz replied, thanking the students for attending the Board meeting and suggesting that they address their concerns to the Township Commissioners as well.

Mrs. Amy Berdetta presented the students who sang a song in favor of Mrs. Zitman's remaining in her position as music teacher.

Mr. John Griwert, President, Education Association of Nutley, Mr. Michael Duffy, Vice President, Music Booster's Association, Joseph LaReau, Nutley teacher, Mr. Ralph D'Andrea, Principal, Lincoln School, and Mr. Ralph Bruno, President, Music Booster's Association, all made comments with regard to the reduction in force of teachers and its effects upon the education of Nutley students. A petition containing 75 signatures was then presented to the Board by Yantacaw School students. Mrs. Rabinowitz then thanked everyone for their comments.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

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

WHEREAS, the Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, April 20, 1982, 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 \$11,225,150 in district taxes to support the proposed 1982-1983 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 Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Joseph Malanga and Anthony N. Baratta be declared elected as members of the Board of Education for three year terms.

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mrs. Imhoff presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Eisenfelder. 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 \$1,065,556.39 as per the attached 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. Eisenfelder, and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Schedule B), provided they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS:

Mr. Perez 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 contracts of the following non-tenure teachers not be renewed for the 1982/1983 school year:

Mr. Gerard Adubato	Mr. Robert O'Dell
Mrs. Barbara Carrino	Mrs. Antoinette Papincak
Mrs. Olga Fakelmann	Miss Carol Pfefferle
Mrs. Patricia Fischer	Miss Deborah Pinto
Miss Linda Fisher	Mrs. Gertrude Reddington
Miss Mary Flannery	Mr. Andrew Retz
Miss Elizabeth Foote	Miss Susan Rooney
Mrs. Joan Gengaro	Mrs. Barbara Roth
Miss Judy Gingerelli	Miss Kathryn Ruffo
Miss Linda Gongla	Miss Alice Ruotolo
Mrs. Nicoletta Graziano	Miss Aileen Rush
Mrs. Catherine Kinney	Mrs. Harriet Sabates
Mrs. Miriam Kirsten	Mr. Dennis Sasso
Mr. Paul Kocum	Mrs. Sandra Scheeler
Mrs. Beverly Kornas	Ms. Carol Shepherd
Mr. Mark Lanunziata	Mrs. Terry Sieg
Mrs. Leda Lubin	Miss Stephanie Simon
Mrs. Sally Magin	Mr. Donald Sommerkamp
Miss Eileen Maher	Mrs. Barbara Stahley
Miss Olga Martorelli	Mrs. Patricia Stave
Miss Lorraine Mason	Mrs. Mary Jo Vaccari
Mrs. Elaine Mauro	Mrs. Denise Vill'Neuve
Miss Isabelle Mayer	Mr. Michael White
Miss Florence Meyers	Dr. June Zabchin
Miss Yvonne Migliaccio	Mr. Joseph Zarra
Mrs. Karen Minkoff	

MUSIC DEPARTMENT STAFF REDUCTION:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That in light of economy and declining enrollment, the number of Music Department teaching positions be reduced by two, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this action will require the displacement of the least senior tenured faculty member in the Music Department.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHOOL AIDE REDUCTION:

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

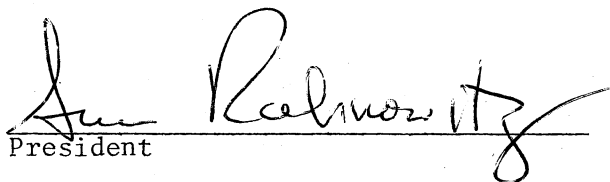
BE IT RESOLVED, That in light of economy and declining enrollment in Special Education classes, the Special Education school aide position be eliminated.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: None

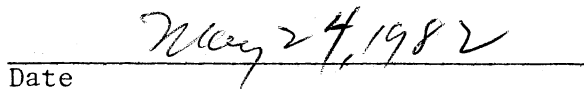
OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Tangorra, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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President

  
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