Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

## April 15, 1983

The Organization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Friday, April 15, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, Mr. Arnold C. Ramsland.

#### 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 PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Mr. Ramsland read the following:

"Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:10-3, the Organization Meeting of the new Board of Education of the Township of Nutley will be held on Friday, April 15, 1983, at 8:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley.

"The purpose of this meeting is to organize the new Board of Education and to transact such other business as may come before the Board."

#### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ramsland administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Frank V. Tangorra, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, and Mr. Frank V. Hermo.

#### CALL OF ROLL:

Mr. Arnold C. Ramsland as Secretary, called the roll. Members present at roll call were: Dr. Anthony N. Baratta, Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Joseph Malanga, Mr. Carl Perez, Mrs. Ann Rabinowitz, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, and Mr. Frank V. Tangorra. Absent and excused: Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 85 citizens were present.

Mrs. Rabinowitz stated that she wanted to say again what she had said several months ago, that she would not run for re-election as President of the Board of Education. She then thanked the past Board, administrators, staffs of the schools and the central office staff for their cooperation and hard work during her tenure as President.

# ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Ramsland, assuming the chair as Temporary Chairman, announced that the first item of business on the agenda would be the election of officers for the coming year. Nominations were then opened for the office of President.

Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. placed the name of Mr. Frank V. Tangorra in nomination for President, seconded by Mr. Carl Perez. On a motion by Mrs. Rabinowitz, seconded by Dr. Baratta, nominations were closed. On a roll call vote, Mr. Tangorra was unanimously elected President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Tangorra then thanked Mrs. Rabinowitz for her contributions to the Board as President for the past two years, and expressed his appreciation to the townspeople for re-electing him to the Board, and to the Board for the confidence they showed in him by unanimously electing him as President.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Tangorra requested Mr. Ramsland to conduct the election for Vice-President. Mr. Ramsland asked for nominations for the position of Vice-President.

Mr. Gerard T. Restaino placed the name of Carl Perez in nomination for Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Joseph Malanga. Mr. Frank V. Tangorra placed the name of Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. in nomination for Vice-President, seconded by Dr. Anthony N. Baratta. Mrs. Ann Rabinowitz then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Dr. Anthony N. Baratta, and unanimously approved.

Since there were no further nominations, Mr. Ramsland asked if there were any objections to a vote on both candidates with a single roll call. There were none.

The votes were as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Carl Perez:

Mr. Malanga Mr. Hermo Mr. Restaino Mr. Perez

Those voting for Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. '

Mrs. Rabinowitz Dr. Baratta Mr. Kucinski Mr. Tangorra

Mr. Ramsland stated that there is a 4 - 4 tie, and asked if anyone would care to reassess their vote. No one did. Mr. Ramsland then stated that we do not have a majority to elect, and at the present time we do not have a Vice-President. Mr. Ramsland then turned the meeting over to Mr. Tangorra.

Mr. Tangorra then questioned what the next step was. Mr. Ramsland explained that at any meeting within the next 30 days, the Board will have an opportunity to elect a Vice-President. Mr. Ramsland will have to notify the County Superintendent next week that we do not have a Vice-President. After the County Superintendent receives the letter, he will contact and meet with the Board at a time when all members can be present. The next available date when all will be present would be Thursday, April 28. The County Superintendent will not appoint a Vice-President until after he meets with the Board and talks to the candidates. If the Board elects a Vice-President within 30 days, that person will take office.

Mr. Perez then nominated Mr. Joseph Malanga for Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Restaino. Dr. Baratta nominated Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. for Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. Mr. Perez then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz, and unanimously approved.

The votes were as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Joseph Malanga:

Mr. Malanga Mr. Perez Mr. Hermo Mr. Restaino

Those voting for Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr.:

Mrs. Rabinowitz Dr. Baratta Mr. Kucinski Mr. Tangorra

Dr. Baratta then moved to terminate this aspect of the Organization Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the motion failed as a result of a tie vote. The votes were as follows:

In favor of the motion:

Mr. Tangorra Dr. Baratta Mr. Kucinski Mrs. Rabinowitz

Opposed to the motion:

Mr. Hermo Mr. Malanga Mr. Perez Mr. Restaino

Mr. Tangorra then entertained a motion by Mrs. Rabinowitz, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to postpone the scheduled April 25 meeting to April 28, and at that time to elect a Vice-President. The motion failed as a result of a tie vote.

In favor of the motion:

Mr. Tangorra Dr. Baratta Mr. Kucinski Mrs. Rabinowitz

Opposed to the motion:

Mr. Hermo Mr. Malanga Mr. Perez Mr. Restaino

Mr. Tangorra then reopened nominations.

Mr. Malanga nominated Mr. Gerard T. Restaino for Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Perez. Dr. Baratta nominated Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. for Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz. Mr. Perez then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz, and unanimously approved.

The votes were as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Gerard T. Restaino:

Mr. Hermo Mr. Malanga Mr. Perez Mr. Restaino

Those voting for Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr.:

Mr. Tangorra Dr. Baratta Mr. Kucinski Mrs. Rabinowitz

Mr. Tangorra then called a five minute recess.

Upon the reconvening of the meeting, Mr. Perez announced that he would withdraw his candidacy for the position of Vice-President.

Mr. Tangorra then nominated Mr. Charles W. Kucinski for Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Restaino. Mr. Perez then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Malanga, and unanimously approved. On a roll call vote, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. was unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Board of Education.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 1983, at 8:50 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Malanga moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz and unanimously approved by the Board.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following communication:

1.

A letter from Michael White, Regional Director - Region 1, New Jersey Tournament of Champions:

"On Saturday, April 30, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. a Tournament of Champions will be held at DeMuro Park in Nutley. This is a Track and Field competition for Learning Disabled Children who are not mentally retarded, but are neurologically impaired, perceptually impaired, socially maladjusted, emotionally disturbed or orthopedically handicapped.

"The Tournament of Champions provides an opportunity for these children, who are excluded from competing in the Special Olympics, to view their potential in an atmosphere that places the accent on ability, not disability.

"The meet being held in Nutley is for children from Essex and Hudson Counties and is one of ten regional meets being held throughout the State on April 30th, with over 10,000 children competing.

"We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you to join us on this special day. We can guarantee that you will share some feelings of joy, triumph and love that are rarely seen. So try your best to attend. It will certainly be a worthwhile experience.

"Should you need any further information, or should you have a desire to help us in anyway, please feel free to contact me.

"Looking forward to seeing you on April 30th."

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

## STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Malanga, 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 12, 1983, 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 \$11,798,172 in district taxes to support the proposed 1983-1984 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 Frank V. Tangorra, Gerard T. Restaino, and Frank V. Hermo be declared elected as members of the Board of Education for three year terms.

#### BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Perez presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was adopted with Mr. Tangorra, Dr. Baratta, Mr. Hermo, Mr. Kucinski, Mr. Malanga, Mr. Perez, and Mrs. Rabinowitz voting aye and Mr. Restaino abstaining:

> BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$859,689.49 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Department.

## ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley be held on the fourth Monday of each month, except as noted otherwise, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the following schedule of meetings for the next twelve months be adopted. (See Schedule B)

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

# NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Fadule announced that results were received with regard to the most prestigious mathematics exam in New Jersey, conducted by the New Jersey Math League for seventh grade students. Five Franklin School students did extremely well on the test, and our team placed seventh in the State of New Jersey.

The five Franklin School students are:

Scott Hartner David Lurie Linda LaMagra Linda Sauter Joseph Gehring

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mrs. Rabinowitz, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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