February 27, 1984

Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, February 27, 1984, at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, President, presiding.

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Kucinski 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. Frank V. Hermo, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Joseph Malanga, Mr. Carl Perez, and Mr. Robert Rusignuolo. Absent: and oxcused: Mrs. Ann Rabinowitz and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 22 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 1984, at 8:00 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Kucinski moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Malanga and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following communications:

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A letter from The Yantacaw School Teachers:

"We would like to thank the Board of Education in advance for reading this letter at the next public board meeting on February 27, 1984.

"The teachers of Yantacaw School would like to thank Mr. Robert Rusignuolo for his accurate and timely reporting of the serious problem at Yantacaw School.

"We would like to commend the Board of Education for reacting so quickly to Mr. Rusignuolo's recommendations.

"Since the fire on December 27, 1983 up until this past Tuesday, February 14, 1984, little had been done to rid the school of the terrible odor. This odor has permeated throughout the entire building even though the burned rooms had been blocked off.

"We had questioned the fact that none of the charred wood had been removed since the fire, however no attempts had been made to clear away the debris in the burned area.

"Thanks to Mr. Rusignuolo's recent visit to Yantacaw School, the charred wood is finally being removed and hopefully with it the odor and physical discomforts we have been experiencing.

"On behalf of the teachers and youngsters who have been affected by the after effects of the fire, we once again thank Mr. Rusignuolo for bringing this to the Board of Education's attention."

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented and read the following report:

"Plans and specifications for repair of the fire damage at Yantacaw School have been approved. The Facilities Planning Division of the State Department of Education cooperated beautifully with us by sitting down with our architect last Thursday and in a half-day reviewed the plans and gave approval to proceed with advertising for bids. Some minor changes were made, but none of any substance. The bid notice will be in the Nutley Sun on Thursday, and bids will be received two weeks from tonight. The recommendation for award will be on the agenda of the Public Hearing that evening. Work is to start immediately and be completed not later than Thursday, April 26. This is during the Spring Break, and the whole school will be ready for occupancy when the children return on Monday, April 30.

"Final payment has been received on the sale of the Washington Avenue property. Although the specifications allowed 18 months, after 30% on closing, the final payment was received within 10 months. On the property, one house is already framed, and another is still a hole in the ground.

"Transportation, both reimbursable and extra-curricular, is still increasing. Last year (1982-83) we ran 320 athletic trips with Boardowned vehicles, for a total of 9,257 miles, and, in addition, 47 Athletic trips with chartered vehicles. We also ran 219 Field trips with Board vehicles, totalling 10,068 miles, plus 19 Field trips with chartered vehicles.

'Maintenance report for the past month. (Last month's report was incomplete as to one of the crews; therefore, for that crew this report includes two months.)

Glass Replacement	24
Carpentry and General	42
Plumbing and Heating	23

Jan.	3	Yantacaw School	9:54	a.m.	2 min.		
Jan.	25	Franklin School	2:35	p.m.	2 min.	1	sec.
Jan.	25	Washington School	1:55	p.m.	1 min.	32	secs.
Jan.	26	Franklin School	2:30	p.m.	2 min.	2	secs.
Jan.	27	Radcliffe School	2:25	p.m.	1 min.	15	secs.
Jan.	31	Spring Garden School	12:47	p.m.	1 min.	32	secs.
Feb.	9	Spring Garden School	12:49	p.m.	1 min.	22	secs.
Feb.	10	Lincoln School	9:05	a.m.	1 min.	6	secs.
Feb.	10	Nutley High School	12:50	p.m.	2 min.	20	secs.
Feb.	10	Radcliffe School	2:00	p.m.	1 min.	15	secs.
Feb.	10	Washington School	9:30	a.m.	1 min.	33	secs.
Feb.	13	Yantacaw School	12:55	p.m.	1 min.	48	secs.
Feb.	17	Lincoln School	8:59	a.m.		58	secs."

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ramsland presented the financial report as of January 31, 1984, showing total funds available of \$15,963,774.76, contractual orders to date of \$14,104,484.66, leaving a balance of funds available of \$1,859,290.10.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fadule presented and read the following report:

"Attached is our student enrollment chart as of January 31, 1984.

"The new state tests for ninth grade students will be given the week of March 5th.

"On Saturday, February 18, 1984, a mathematics contest sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and CNA Insurance Companies was conducted for seventh and eighth grade students in northern New Jersey at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. We are pleased to announce that Nutley finished first in the competition. Our teacher sponsors were Mrs. Mary Peele and Miss Deborah Pinto and the team members were:

> Jersey Chen Hubert DeJesus David Lurie Joseph Gehring Scott Hartner Sejal Tailor

"The team soon is going to Princeton for further competition."

CAFETERIA RÉPORT:

Mr. Kucinski presented the cafeteria report as of January 31, 1984, showing a cash balance as of July 1, 1983 of \$327.78, total receipts of \$146,198.60, total disbursements of \$125,434.86, leaving a balance of \$21,091.52. Total "A" lunch - 17,425. Total milk sold -16,599.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Dr. Baratta, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Committee had met on February 22. The Committee reviewed and analyzed reports on non-tenured teachers. The Personnel Committee was impressed with the overall quality of the evaluations. The Committee also reviewed the status of the number of teaching positions in the school system. Dr. Baratta added that the Committee also discussed some personnel problems which will be presented to the full Board by Dr. Fadule in an executive session.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

A citizen raised questions with regard to the amount of homework given to students during weekends and vacation periods as well as during the school week, to which Dr. Fadule, Mr. Hermo, Mr. Malanga and Mr. Rusignuolo replied. The citizen also raised questions with regard to the kindergarten screening program, to which Mr. Restaino and Dr. Baratta replied.

Mr. Frank Solimo, 29 Briar Lane, made comments with regard to inflation and ratables, to which Mr. Restaino replied.

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Dr. Baratta. 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 \$1,238,777.85 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Department.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Perez, 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.

RETIREMENT - Teacher:

Mrs. Merrilea Trawin

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Dr. Baratta, and unanimously approved by the Board:

> BE IT RESOLVED, That the retirement of Mrs. Merrilea Trawin, high school English teacher, be accepted, effective August 31, 1984.

RESIGNATION - Permanent Unassigned Miss Mic Substitute:

Miss Michele Pellegrino

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the resignation of Miss Michele Pellegrino, permanent unassigned substitute, be accepted effective January 31, 1984.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Learning Disabilities Mrs. Leda Lubin Teacher Consultant:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve a maternity leave of absence for Mrs. Leda Lubin, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, effective February 29, 1984 through June 30, 1984, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any request for an extension of this leave must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools on or before April 1, 1984.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher:

Mrs. Edith Weedo

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 Board of Education approve a maternity leave of absence for Mrs. Edith Weedo, effective March 7, 1984 through March 31, 1984.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Secretary:

Mrs. Adeline Tortoriello

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

APPOINTMENTS - Intramurals Sponsors:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following teachers supervising in the intramurals program for the 1983/1984 school year be approved at the hourly rate of \$13.00:

Mr. John Calicchio, High School
Mr. Frank Giovannucci, High School
Mr. James Landy, High School
Mr. Mark Lanunziata, High School
Mr. Walter Murray, High School
Mr. Edward Olson, Washington School
Mr. Robert Ehrhardt, Lincoln School
Mr. Frank Comune, Lincoln School
Miss Lorraine Danchak, Lincoln School

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the December 19, 1983 appointment of the following intramurals sponsors be amended to \$13.00 per hour:

Mr. Gerard Adubato, Spring Garden School Mrs. Eileen O'Mara, Yantacaw School Mr. Howard Strouse, Radcliffe School Mrs. Juliet Turano, Spring Garden School Mr. Joseph Zarra, High School

APPOINTMENT - Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant: Mrs. Carolyn A. Swartz

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Carolyn A. Swartz be appointed Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, effective February 8, 1984 through June 30, 1984 at the annual salary of \$21,992.00, (M.A.-10), which is in accordance with the 1983/1984 teachers' salary guide. APPOINTMENT - Half-Time Instructional Aide:

Mrs. Suzzanne Fochesato

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

> BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Suzzanne Fochesato be appointed half-time instructional aide for the pre-school handicapped program, effective February 8, 1984 through June 30, 1984 at the annual salary rate of \$3,445.00 (5-4), which is in accordance with the 1983/1984 school aide salary guide.

AMENDING APPOINTMENT - Instructional Aide: Mrs. Christine Pecora

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christine Pecora was appointed half-time instructional aide for the pre-school handicapped program by Board resolution dated December 19, 1983,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment of Mrs. Christine Pecora be amended to full-time instructional aide effective February 8, 1984 through June 30, 1984, at the annual salary of \$6,890.00 (5-4) which is in accordance with the 1983/1984 school aide salary guide.

APPOINTMENTS - Permanent Unassigned Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following be approved as permanent unassigned substitutes for the 1983/1984 school year at the rate of \$35.00 per day and fringe benefits which include Blue Cross-Blue Shield and dental plans:

High School

Mr. John Genitempo, retroactive to January 26, 1984

Spring Garden School

Miss Pamela Batchelder, retroactive to January 31, 1984

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1983/1984 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Secretarial/Clerical Substitutes:

Mr. Malanga 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 following secretarial/clerical substitutes be approved for the 1983/1984 school year:

Dorothy Polewka Carmen Stelle

APPOINTMENTS - Custodial Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following custodial substitutes be approved:

Mr. Rocco Cianci Mr. Robert Klotz

Mr. John Biviano

EXTRA COMPENSATION - Workshops, Committees:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services performed in curriculum development:

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Guidance	Committee meetings,	January 14, 28,/1984	
Dr.	Frank Votto	\$300	
Mr.	Paul McCarthy	300	
Mr.	Mark Blaustein	120	

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Guida	ance Committee meetings,	January	14,	28,/1984	(cont'd.)
	Mrs. Helen Clement			\$180	
	Mr. G. Joseph Cocchiola			180	
	Mr. Mario Cocchiola			180	
	Mr. Paul Primamore			300	
	Mr. James Cummings			180	
	Mrs. Margaret Murray			180	
	Miss Barbara Hirsch			300	
	Mr. John Walker			300	
	Miss Judith Winick			180	
	Mr. Anthony Stivala			200	· .
	Mr. Frank Comune			180	
	Mr. Walter Murray			120	
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EXTRA COMPENSATION - Saturday Mathematics Competition:

Mr. Malanga 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 approve the payment of \$120.00 each to Mrs. Mary Peele and Miss Deborah Pinto for work done on Saturday, February 9, 1984 in the Mathcounts Regional Contest competition at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TESTS CLASSES - Franklin School, January 14, 1984:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mr. John Griwert be paid \$60 for teaching Scholastic Aptitude Tests classes on January 14, 1984.

APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS COURSES, 1984/1985 SCHOOL YEAR:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following Nutley High School Industrial Arts Courses be approved for the 1984/1985 school year:

> Advanced Electronics Advanced Metals Advanced Woods

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ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - Chapter 192/193, P.L. 1977:

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 192, P.L. 1977 requires the provision of certain auxiliary services to children in non-public schools and Chapter 193 requires the provision of certain services to handicapped children in non-public schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a contract be entered into with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide these services during the 1984/1985 school year to non-public school students who are residents of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the price to be paid to E.C.E.S.C. for these services shall not exceed the amount paid to the Nutley Board of Education by the State to implement this program.

PART B, P.L. 94-142:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accept Part B, P.L. 94-142 grant in the amount of \$11,999.14.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education concurs in the action of its Secretary in transferring the following funds:

From "J" to "W" \$6,975.00 (Transfer made December 19, 1983 from "W" to "J" in error) From "W" to Chapter 1 (1982-83)

W1767 -	Wolsten's Projector	20.00
W1768 -	J.L. Hammett & Co.	24.97

\$44.97

W1560 - Video Express

\$200.00

BY-LAW - Payment of Board Member Expenses:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the addition of Section 12 to By-Law #040 regarding payment of Board member expenses be adopted:

Section 12. <u>Conventions and Workshops</u> - The Board shall pay the expenses of Board members who attend county, state, or national seminars and workshops that are designed specifically for Board of Education participation.

The Board recognizes that the cost of attendance at local functions scheduled by district school and school-related organizations and civic and athletic organizations to which members are invited or at which their attendance is expected, is a legitimate Board expense. Therefore, the Board of Education will pay the price of the dinner or admission to a function sponsored by a district school or school-related organization or a local civic or athletic organization to which a Board member is invited or which a Board member attends primarily because of his or her position as a member of the Board of Education. Any additional costs, such as transportation within the district or county, will be borne by the Board member.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE BIDS:

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

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 7, 1984 for computer software as follows:

Science Research Assoc., Inc. \$8,368.25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the contract for computer software be awarded to Science Research Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$8,368.25.

NOTE: There were no other bidders for computer software.

COMPUTER HARDWARE BIDS:

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:

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 7, 1984 for computer hardware as follows:

Digital Equipment Corp.	\$43,126	
Pentamation	\$37,685	and

WHEREAS, Pentamation's bid is irregular, in that it does not include all the items specified,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Pentamation's bid be rejected, and that the bid be awarded to Digital Equipment Corp. in the bid amount of \$43,126.

TEACHING SUPPLY BIDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary-Business Administrator be authorized to purchase teaching supplies for the 1984-1985 school year under State Contract from J.L. Hammett Company, Union, New Jersey in the amount of \$73,948.21, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 18A:18A-10.

MEMORIAL:

Mr. Richard W. Booth

Mr. Hermo 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 Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. Richard W. Booth on January 13, 1984, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booth had served the Nutley Board of Education as an elected member for five years, from 1937 to 1942, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booth had served as a member of the Finance Committee, as a member and Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and as a member and Chairman of the Co-Ordinate Activities Committee, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Booth rendered distinguished service to the Nutley Public Schools,

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

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

MEMORIAL:

Mrs. Mary Logan

Mr. Hermo 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 Township of Nutley records the death of Mrs. Mary Logan on February 8, 1984, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Logan served as third grade teacher at Lincoln School for sixteen and one-half years, 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 Township 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. Adeline Tortoriello

Mr. Hermo 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 Township of Nutley records the death of Mrs. Adeline Tortoriello on February 20, 1984, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tortoriello served as high school secretary for one and one-half years, and

WHEREAS, she was held in high esteem by all who knew her,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley 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:

Miss Ann Troy

Mr. Hermo 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 Township of Nutley records the death of Miss Ann Troy on January 29, 1984, and

WHEREAS, Miss Troy had a distinguished educational career spanning 42 years in the Nutley Public Schools serving as teacher and principal, 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 Township 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Malanga made comments with regard to resolution #16, Extra Compensation - Workshops, Committees. It was his feeling that if an individual agrees to attend any of the workshops, and for which they are paid, the person has made a commitment and should attend all the sessions for that particular workshop or committee since continuity is important.

Mr. Malanga also questioned if the Board will receive a report on the intramural programs from Mr. LaBarbiera, to which Mr. DeCesare replied in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Perez brought to the Board's attention several bills pending in the legislature which would have ramifications for boards of education.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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March 12, Date