

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

April 28, 1986

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 Monday, April 28, 1986, at 8:05 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

APPOINTMENT - Acting Board Secretary:      Mrs. Louise Simons

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

WHEREAS, the Board Secretary is ill and unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Education on April 28, 1986, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it request an individual to act in that capacity in order to carry out its necessary business,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in accordance with NJSA 18A:16-1.1 Mrs. Louise Simons is hereby appointed by the Nutley Public Schools Board of Education to serve as temporary Acting Board Secretary from 12:01 a.m. April 28, 1986 to 12:01 a.m. April 29, 1986, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mrs. Louise Simons perform all the necessary duties of Board Secretary in accordance with NJSA 18A:17-13.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Mrs. Simons 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 was scheduled to be held on Friday, April 25, 1986, at 8:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley. Since a quorum was not present at that time, the meeting was rescheduled for Monday, April 28, 1986 at the same time and place.

"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."

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Simons administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mr. Charles J. Piro and Mr. Gerard T. Restaino.

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Dr. Anthony N. Baratta, Mr. Sam Battaglia, Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Joseph L. Malanga, Mr. Charles J. Piro, Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel. Nine citizens were present.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Simons, assuming the chair as Temporary Chairperson, 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. Joseph Malanga placed the name of Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., in nomination for President, seconded by Mr. Charles Piro.

On a motion by Dr. Baratta, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved, nominations were closed. There being only one nomination, Mr. Kucinski was declared unanimously elected President of the Board of Education.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Kucinski requested Mrs. Simons to conduct the election for Vice-President. Mrs. Simons asked for nominations for the position of Vice-President.

Dr. Anthony N. Baratta placed the name of Mr. Frank V. Hermo in nomination for Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Rosalie Scheckel.

On a motion by Mr. Restaino, seconded by Mr. Malanga and unanimously approved, nominations were closed. There being only one nomination, Mr. Hermo was declared unanimously elected Vice-President of the Board of Education.

All nominations and seconds for the office of President and Vice-President were accompanied by laudatory remarks of past performances of the nominees.

Mrs. Simons turned the chair over to Mr. Kucinski, President. Mr. Hermo and Mr. Kucinski thanked everyone for their support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 24, 1986, at 8:35 p.m., being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Battaglia moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Simons presented and read the following communications:

1. A letter from Saul Cooperman, Commissioner of Education:

"Please be advised that on March 5, 1986 I recommended your district to the State Board of Education for certification for a period of five years. I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to the Public School Education Act of 1975 and as a result of the monitoring process, the State Board has certified the Nutley School District until December 1990. Congratulations for having successfully met the rigorous standards established by the new monitoring process."

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Joan Rubino questioned what the Madeline Hunter system is and who attends the committee meetings. Mr. DeCesare responded that it is a training session for teachers new to the district. It is a system to evaluate the staff, and the committee meetings allow the opportunity for question and answer sessions.

Mrs. Serafina Shuster made comments with regard to problems with write-in votes at the recent school election; the election officials were not aware of the procedures for write-in votes. She herself had cast two which were not recorded, and she expressed concern at how many votes may have been lost over the years.

Mrs. Judy O'Rourke stated that she had served as the Inspector of Elections at Yantacaw School, and could attest to the fact that they looked for write-in votes. Mrs. Shuster replied that she was referring to Lincoln School and Radcliffe School.

Mrs. Rubino suggested that a social studies teacher instruct the students on how to cast a write-in vote when the voting machines are brought to the schools during the school year. Mr. Kucinski replied that that was a good point.

Mrs. Mary Ann Gabriele stated that at the September Open House, the parents were told that fourth graders would be tested to improve reading comprehension, and she questioned if this would be done. Dr. Fadule replied that several tests had been given, and if Mrs. Gabriele would give him specifics, he would check if that test had also been given.

Mrs. Gabriele questioned the procedure for notifying parents when a child is injured. Dr. Fadule replied that it is a judgment call on the part of whomever is at the school, but if it is a serious injury, it is expected that the parents be notified. Mrs. Gabriele added that parents should be notified that school insurance does not provide 100% coverage.

Mrs. Diane Cordasco questioned the procedure for notifying parents if hair lice is discovered and the policy for returning a child to school after it is detected. Mr. DeCesare replied that students are checked routinely, and if lice are found, the other children in the class are checked. The school doctor is called in immediately, and this is handled by Barbara Hirsch's department. Mrs. Cordasco questioned if the children are re-checked before they are allowed back into school, to which Dr. Fadule replied that they are supposed to be, and he would check into this.

Mrs. Marilyn Heider questioned if there is anything further on the re-evaluation of the grading system. Dr. Fadule replied that a report would be forthcoming to the Board in the near future.

Mr. Sig Bogdanowicz questioned the procedure for the Nutley Veterans' Council to apply for the use of the Park Oval on Veterans' Day, to which Dr. Fadule replied.

Mr. Malanga requested that when the various reports are made to the Board during the next few weeks, that they be scheduled so that there are not three or four reports in a single night. Dr. Fadule replied that they are attempting to work out a sensible schedule.

#### STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Dr. Baratta presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel, 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 15, 1986, 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 \$13,335,064 in district taxes to support the proposed 1986/1987 Current Expense Budget,

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mr. Gerard T. Restaino, Mr. Charles J. Piro, and Mr. Frank V. Hermo be declared elected as members of the Board of Education for three year terms.

ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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

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. (Schedule A)

ADOPTION OF POLICIES:

Mr. Battaglia 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 of the Township of Nutley hereby adopts for the ensuing year all Bylaws and Policies, Rules and Regulations currently in force.

DEPOSITORY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Savings and Loan Association be designated as the official depository for the 1986/1987 school year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - Nutley Savings and Loan Association:

Mr. Hermo 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 Savings and Loan Association be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1986/1987 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts effective April 28, 1986:

Special Projects

A. C. Ramsland  
Jean Unglaub

School Accounts

Nutley High School

Frank T. Votto  
John Jacone

Franklin School

Paul Primamore  
William B. Shergalis

Lincoln School

Alexander B. Conrad

Spring Garden School

Anthony J. Stivala

Washington School

Rosemarie DiGeronimo

Yantacaw School

John Walker

Radcliffe School

Kathleen Serafino

High School Scholarships  
Savings Account

Frank T. Votto  
John Jacone

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - First Fidelity Bank:

Mr. Hermo 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 First Fidelity Bank be designated as the official depository for the remaining accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1986/1987 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the Board of Education be authorized to sign checks and warrants drawn on the general operating account, effective April 28, 1986:

Primary Signatory

Alternate Signatory

Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., President

Frank V. Hermo, Vice-  
President

A. C. Ramsland, Secretary

David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Monies

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Fidelity Bank be authorized to accept facsimile signatures of the check signing machine.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:

Mr. Hermo 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 Secretary-Business Administrator, with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to invest surplus funds of the Board of Education and funds which will be available for a determinate period of time in U.S. Government and Agency Securities, Business Savings Accounts of our designated depository, and Certificates of Deposit and Repurchase Agreements of our local banks, and in any other securities designated by law.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND NEGOTIATOR/CONSULTANT:

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

WHEREAS, there exists from time to time a need for legal services and negotiations/consultant services for the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Aron & Salsberg is hereby appointed Board attorney and negotiator/consultant for the 1986/1987 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because said services are of an extraordinary, unspecifiable nature which cannot reasonably be described by written specifications, and require specialized expertise, extensive training, and proven reputation in the field.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

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:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an annual audit of school accounts, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1986/1987 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law because said services are of an extraordinary, unspecifiable nature, which cannot reasonably be described by written specifications, and require specialized expertise, extensive training, and proven reputation in the field.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY TO NUTLEY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education leases a portion of its property adjacent to the Township Library to the Trustees of the Free Public Library of the Township of Nutley, for a term beginning May 1, 1986, and terminating April 30, 1987, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

Mr. Piro 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 leases 20 feet of property owned by it, known as Lot Number 14, Block 212, (Overlook Terrace, rear entrance of Spring Garden School playground) on the tax maps of the Township of Nutley, to John Janiec and Mrs. Anne Janiec, his wife, for a term beginning May 1, 1986 and terminating April 30, 1987, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE OF CHURCH STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY TO NUTLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education leases the Church Street School property to the Nutley Historical Society in accordance with the provisions of the lease dated February 14, 1972, for a term beginning May 1, 1986 and terminating April 30, 1987, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 21 Romano Street:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education that it hereby leases to Roxana Yang, owner of the property known as 21 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 20 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 45 and 46 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1986 and terminating April 30, 1987, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 22 Romano Street:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, that it hereby leases to Joseph L. and Mary Bernardi, owners of the property known as 22 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 25 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 78 and 79 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1986, and terminating April 30, 1987, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Fadule made reference to the newly adopted Schedule of Meetings, noting that the May 28 Board meeting is a Wednesday, and the June Board meeting is scheduled for June 23.

Mr. Kucinski addressed Mr. Donald Heerwig regarding the heating situation in the school buildings, stating that the Board's feeling is that the existing understanding that the Superintendent has is what will be abided by. Dr. Fadule elaborated, stating that it is left up to the personal judgment and discretion of the administrator involved in any given situation. He added that a new, automatic engineering system has been installed in the schools, which notifies the school of any interruption in heating.

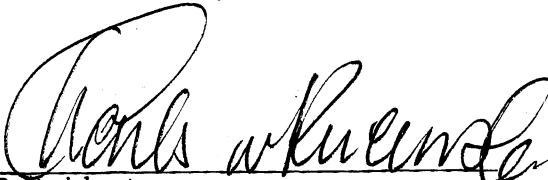
Mr. Kucinski stated that with regard to a recent article in the Nutley Journal whereby Mr. Heerwig, as Chairman of the Planning Board, recommended the use of Radcliffe School as an annex to the Nutley Library, the Board of Education has no plans to move its offices to the Library or to close the Radcliffe School. Mr. Kucinski added that the Planning Board and the Nutley Journal should not have made any such recommendations.

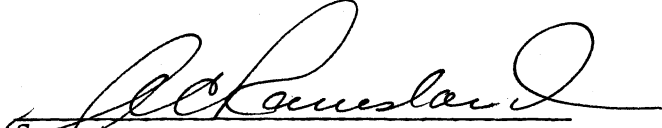
NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Malanga, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
Paul A. Rucinski  
President

  
J. J. Lauriano  
Secretary

May 28, 1984  
Date