

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

October 27, 1986

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey, was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, October 27, 1986 at 6:00 p.m., with Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Kucinski read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Special Meeting was made on October 21, 1986. Said notice was:

1. Posted at the entrance of the Board Office.
2. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to The Nutley Sun, the Newark Star Ledger, the Passaic Herald News, and the Nutley Journal.
3. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to the Nutley Township Clerk.

"The Agenda of this meeting is:

1. Resolution to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations.
2. Establishment of procedures for choosing a member to fill the existing vacancy.
3. Interviews with three prospective candidates for the vacancy.
4. Discussion and voting on the candidates.
5. Resolution to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations.

"Formal action may be taken.

"Following the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board will hold its regular conference meeting and monthly meeting. The monthly meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. as scheduled."

CALL OF ROLL:

The other members present at roll call were: Dr. Anthony N. Baratta, Mr. Frank V. Hermo, and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Approximately 53 citizens were present.

Mr. Kucinski declared the meeting in recess due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Gerard T. Restaino arrived at 6:04 p.m., and the meeting resumed.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Kucinski asked Mr. Sincaglia to read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education recess to closed executive session at this time, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education, or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

Mr. Charles J. Piro arrived at 6:05 p.m.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Rusignuolo, seconded by Mr. Hermo, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board went into executive session at 6:06 p.m.

The Special Meeting resumed at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Sam Battaglia and Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel were now present.

Mr. Piro reported on the meetings that his Special Committee held and the process used in making the selection of the three finalists. He thanked the other Committee members (Mr. Restaino, Mr. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Scheckel) for their hard work and indicated that choosing three finalists was a difficult task given the excellent caliber of the seventeen applicants.

Mr. Kucinski referred to the Procedures for Selection of a Board Member to fill Vacancy that had been developed by Mr. Sincaglia and him. He reviewed the nine items:

1. Three candidates will be interviewed in alphabetical order.
2. Each candidate will have up to 5 minutes for presentation and an additional 10 minutes for questions and answers for a total of 15 minutes.
3. Each of the three candidates will be eligible for election upon conclusion of interviews and any discussion by the Board.

4. A roll call vote of the Board will be conducted. Each Board member will cast a vote for one of the three candidates.
5. A candidate who receives a majority vote of the members present will be declared elected.
6. In the event that no candidate receives a majority as is noted in item #5, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be removed from consideration and an additional roll call vote will be conducted limited to the two candidates with the most votes.
7. If, on the first roll call vote, no candidate achieves a majority and the remaining two candidates are tied, all candidates will be considered for an additional roll call vote.
8. The Board reserves the right to have further discussion about the candidates between ballots.
9. If after 3 ballots, no candidate has achieved a majority as defined in item #5, then the Board shall make no further attempt to conduct a selection, but shall instead refer the matter back to the special committee who shall submit a recommendation to the Board no later than November 10, 1986.

Dr. Baratta moved that the procedures be adopted as submitted, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, and carried unanimously.

#### INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES:

Mr. Kucinski asked Mr. Michael Batty to come forth and Mr. Batty, following an opening statement, responded to questions from members Dr. Baratta, Mr. Rusignuolo, Mr. Hermo, Mrs. Scheckel, and Mr. Restaino.

Mrs. Lillian DeFilippis, following an opening statement, responded to questions from Mr. Restaino, Mr. Hermo, Mr. Battaglia, Dr. Baratta, Mr. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Scheckel.

Mrs. Sally Anne Goodson, following an opening statement, responded to questions from Mr. Hermo, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Scheckel, Mr. Restaino, Dr. Baratta and Mr. Rusignuolo.

The interviews were concluded at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Scheckel commented on the outstanding quality of all the applicants. Dr. Baratta reiterated Mrs. Scheckel's comments. Mr. Piro asked for clarification concerning procedural item #9. Mr. Kucinski stated that the 3 ballots mentioned in item #9 did not include the first ballot if the first ballot resulted in the elimination of the lowest candidate.

VOTING ON CANDIDATES:

Mr. Kucinski asked Mr. Sincaglia to poll the Board on their choice for the vacancy.

Mr. Batty received the vote of Mr. Restaino.

Mrs. DeFilippis received the votes of Mr. Hermo, Mr. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Scheckel.

Mrs. Goodson received the votes of Dr. Baratta, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Piro and Mr. Kucinski.

Total votes were:	Mr. Batty	- 1
	Mrs. DeFilippis	- 3
	Mrs. Goodson	- 4

Mr. Kucinski stated that under the terms of procedures, Mr. Batty's name would be removed from consideration.

Mr. Kucinski asked Mr. Sincaglia to conduct another roll call,

Mrs. DeFilippis received the votes of Mr. Hermo, Mr. Piro, Mr. Restaino and Mr. Rusignuolo.

Mrs. Goodson received the votes of Dr. Baratta, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Scheckel and Mr. Kucinski.

Total votes were:	Mrs. DeFilippis	- 4
	Mrs. Goodson	- 4

Mr. Kucinski asked Mr. Sincaglia to conduct an additional roll call.

Mrs. DeFilippis received the votes of Mr. Hermo, Mr. Piro, Mr. Restaino and Mr. Rusignuolo.

Mrs. Goodson received the votes of Dr. Baratta, Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Scheckel and Mr. Kucinski.

Total votes were:	Mrs. DeFilippis	- 4
	Mrs. Goodson	- 4

Mr. Kucinski asked Mr. Sincaglia to conduct the final roll call.

Mrs. DeFilippis received the votes of Mr. Hermo, Mr. Restaino and Mr. Rusignuolo.

Mrs. Goodson received the votes of Dr. Baratta, Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Piro, Mrs. Scheckel and Mr. Kucinski.

Total votes were:	Mrs. DeFilippis	- 3
	Mrs. Goodson	- 5

Mr. Sincaglia stated that Mrs. Goodson had achieved the majority and should be declared elected.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. Kucinski asked Mrs. Goodson to come forward to take the Oath of Office, and Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Goodson and welcomed her as a member of the Nutley Board of Education.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Sincaglia read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education, or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING:

The Special Meeting concluded at 7:08 p.m.

  
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 Secretary

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