

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

April 13, 1987

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 13, 1987, at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. John C. Sincaglia, Temporary Chairman, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this meeting of the Board was provided on April 2, 1987. Said Notice was:

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

"The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Education to reorganize pursuant to NJSA 18A:10-3.

"Formal action will be taken."

RECESS MEETING:

Mr. Sincaglia stated that inasmuch as one of the candidates elected to the Board was not in attendance, he would entertain a motion for a brief recess if the Board was willing.

Dr. Baratta moved that the Board recess for a brief period of time to wait for Mrs. Scheckel, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting recessed at 8:03 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING:

The meeting was reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

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

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"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 7, 1987 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.

"Voting was conducted at the Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw, Spring Garden, Radcliffe and Franklin Schools, all in the School District.

"Voting was conducted for the election of one member to the Board of Education for a period of one year, three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$14,708,910 in district taxes to support the proposed 1987/1988 Current Expense Budget.

"The results of the election were as follows:

Candidate for 1-year term

Sally Anne Goodson	1282 votes
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Candidates for 3-year terms

R. Gregory Nicholls	1035 votes
Robert Rusignuolo	1535 votes
Sam P. Battaglia	1434 votes
Rosalie C. Scheckel	1247 votes
Lillian DeFillipis	3 votes
Sera T. Shuster	8 votes
Joan M. Rubino	4 votes
Peter Frazza	3 votes
Mike Batty	1 vote
Stephen C. Betts	1 vote
Olive Oyl	1 vote

"The candidates elected were:

Sally Anne Goodson for the one-year unexpired term.

Robert Rusignuolo, Sam P. Battaglia and Rosalie C. Scheckel for three-year terms.

"The votes for the Current Expense portion of the budget were as follows:

Yes	792 votes
No	1541 votes

"The question of the tax levy was defeated.

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"A copy of this report will be entered in the official minutes of the Board of Education."

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, Mrs. Sally Goodson, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel.

CALL OF ROLL:

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

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Sincaglia explained the procedures for the election of officers and then declared nominations open for the office of President.

Mrs. Goodson placed the name of Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. in nomination for President. Mr. Piro nominated Mr. Frank V. Hermo. Mr. Battaglia then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Piro, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sincaglia conducted a roll call of the Board. The votes were as follows:

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

Dr. Baratta  
Mr. Battaglia  
Mrs. Goodson  
Mr. Kucinski

Those voting for Mr. Frank V. Hermo:

Mr. Hermo  
Mr. Piro  
Mr. Rusignuolo  
Mrs. Scheckel

Mr. Sincaglia announced that no candidate had achieved a plurality and recommended that another ballot be taken.

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

Dr. Baratta  
Mrs. Goodson  
Mr. Kucinski

Those voting for Mr. Frank V. Hermo:

Mr. Battaglia  
Mr. Hermo  
Mr. Piro  
Mr. Rusignuolo  
Mrs. Scheckel

Mr. Sincaglia declared Mr. Frank V. Hermo elected President.

Mr. Kucinski then requested that his vote be changed to a vote for Mr. Hermo, as did Dr. Baratta and Mrs. Goodson.

Dr. Baratta moved that Mr. Hermo be elected President by a unanimous vote, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Hermo requested that Mr. Sincaglia conduct the election for the office of Vice-President.

Mr. Piro placed the name of Mr. Sam P. Battaglia in nomination for Vice-President. Dr. Baratta nominated Mr. Robert Rusignuolo. Mrs. Scheckel then moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Kucinski, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sincaglia conducted a roll call of the Board. The votes were as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Sam P. Battaglia:

Mr. Battaglia  
Mrs. Goodson  
Mr. Hermo  
Mr. Kucinski  
Mr. Piro  
Mrs. Scheckel

Those voting for Mr. Robert Rusignuolo:

Dr. Baratta  
Mr. Rusignuolo

Mr. Sincaglia declared Mr. Sam P. Battaglia elected Vice-President.

Dr. Baratta then moved that Mr. Battaglia be elected Vice-President by a unanimous vote, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Piro and Mr. Hermo both stated that Mr. Kucinski had done an outstanding job as President. Mr. Hermo also thanked Mr. Kucinski for his tireless efforts in attempting to promote a positive vote on the 1987-88 school budget.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Limited to Resolutions on Agenda):

None

ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Dr. Baratta presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel, 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:

Dr. Baratta 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 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 Mr. Rusignuolo. 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 1987/1988 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. 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 Nutley Savings and Loan Association be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1987/1988 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 13, 1987:

<u>Board of Education, N.J. Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Account</u>	John C. Sincaglia or Jean Unglaub
<u>Special Projects</u>	John C. Sincaglia or Jean Unglaub
<u>School Accounts</u>	
<u>Nutley High School</u>	John Jacone or Joseph Cocchiola
<u>Franklin School</u>	Paul Primamore or William B. Shergalis
<u>Lincoln School</u>	Alexander B. Conrad
<u>Spring Garden School</u>	Anthony J. Stivala
<u>Washington School</u>	Rosemarie DiGeronimo
<u>Yantacaw School</u>	John Walker
<u>Radcliffe School</u>	Kathleen Serafino
<u>High School Scholarships Savings Account</u>	John Jacone or Joseph Cocchiola

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - First Fidelity Bank:

Mrs. Goodson 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 First Fidelity Bank be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1987/1988 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 13, 1987:

Board of Education General Account

<u>Primary Signatory</u>	<u>Alternate Signatory</u>
Frank V. Hermo, President	or Sam P. Battaglia, Vice-President
John C. Sincaglia, Secretary	or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts
David Wilson, Treasurer of School Moneys	

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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 Sills Beck Cummis Zuckerman Radin Tischman & Epstein of Newark, NJ is hereby appointed Board attorney and negotiator/consultant for the 1987/1988 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.

Dr. Fadule noted that our previous firm had joined the firm being appointed tonight, and so we were still receiving legal advice from the same attorneys.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Mr. Piro presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. 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 of Morristown, NJ is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1987/1988 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 TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEYS:

Mr. Kucinski 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 Mr. David Wilson be appointed Treasurer of School Moneys for the 1987/1988 school year.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT - Essex County Educational Services Commission:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of the Board be authorized to enter into a contract with the Essex County Educational Services Commission for transportation of Special Education students during the 1987/1988 school year.

(NOTE: The Commission is presently transporting one such Nutley student.)

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY TO NUTLEY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

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

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, 1987 and terminating April 30, 1988, 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. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Battaglia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

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, 1987 and terminating April 30, 1988, 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. Rusignuolo 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 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, 1987 and terminating April 30, 1988, 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:

Mrs. Scheckel 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 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, 1987 and terminating April 30, 1988, 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. Battaglia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

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, 1987 and terminating April 30, 1988, 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.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Kucinski stated that he hopes the Board will take a close look at some programs and personnel in light of the budget defeat, and he feels the Board should consider forming a committee to look into the possibility of closing one of our schools.

Dr. Baratta commented that the Board has to define what its real priorities are, and everyone has to understand that educational programs cost money.

Mr. Battaglia stated that the request for a committee has to be tied in to the declining enrollment which we face as a district. Also, the Board must be familiar with areas that can be cut before the Board meets with the Commissioners. Mr. Piro questioned when the meeting with the Commissioners would be held.

Mr. Sincaglia stated that he had delivered budgets to the Commissioners and had requested a date for a meeting. According to law, the municipal governing body has to make a decision regarding school taxes by April 28. After the decision is made, the Board has fifteen days to determine whether it will accept the decision or appeal it to the Commissioner of Education.

Mr. Kucinski stated that our administrators have made themselves available to the Commissioners to give them information they might need to help them to better understand our budget.

Mr. Piro commented that he sees no problem with our administrators meeting with the Commissioners as long as the Board has some idea of what they will say and so the Board has some direction.

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 meet in closed executive session at the conclusion of this meeting, 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.

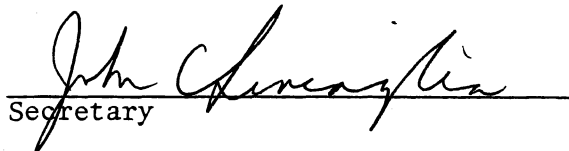
The resolution was moved by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mr. Battaglia, and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mr. Battaglia, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



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President



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Secretary

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Date