

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

March 14, 1988

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, March 14, 1988 at 7:31 p.m., with Mr. Frank V. Hermo, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Hermo read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) and NJSA 18A:22-11, proper notice of this Special Meeting was made on March 3, 1988 and March 7, 1988. Said Notice was:

1. Published in The Nutley Sun on March 3, 1988.
2. Posted at the entrance of the Board Office.
3. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to The Nutley Sun, the Newark Star Ledger, the Passaic Herald News, and the Nutley Journal.
4. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to the Nutley Township Clerk.

"The purpose of this meeting is:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing on the 1988-89 school budget.
2. Adopt the 1988-89 school budget.
3. Adopt a resolution regarding the 1988 school election.
4. Conduct such other business that may properly come before the Board of Education.

"Formal action will be taken."

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, Mrs. Sally Goodson, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel. Late: Dr. Anthony N. Baratta (7:33 p.m.) and Mr. Charles J. Piro (7:37 p.m.). Absent: Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. and Mr. Gerard T. Restaino. Approximately 25 citizens were present.

Dr. Baratta entered

PRESENTATION OF 1988/1989 BUDGET:

Mr. Hermo explained that the budget is the result of a number of people having given a great deal of time and effort. This budget is what our professional staff feels is necessary to continue providing a quality education for our students. The staff outlined their needs on a priority basis, and the administration reviewed these and consulted with the staff. The budget was reviewed, and reductions were made prior to its presentation to the Board. The Board held a number of work sessions at which the budget was reviewed line-item by line-item. As taxpayers, Board members are aware of how high our taxes are, so we try our very best to provide a quality education at the lowest possible cost. Educationally, Nutley is outstanding while keeping costs to a minimum.

Mr. Hermo stated that the budget is increasing 6.2% over last year, and last year's increase was 7.4% over the prior year. The 1988-89 budget is almost 1.9 million dollars below the budget cap. This budget will increase our taxes at the rate of \$23 per \$10,000 of assessed value. Mr. Hermo further explained that a home assessed at \$50,000 will have a tax increase of \$115 for next year, and a home assessed at \$100,000 will have a school tax increase of \$230 next year, which is less than \$20 per month. Nutley's increase was accomplished in spite of a reduction in State aid of \$69,000, a 30% increase in health insurance rates and increased garbage disposal costs. Mr. Hermo added that the Board is proud that Nutley has an outstanding academic reputation, but is extremely cost conscious. Nutley spent over \$800 less per student than the average for all other Essex County school districts.

Mr. Piro entered

Mr. Hermo concluded by stating that the Board feels it has maintained a proper balance between taxes and the needs of the children, and it now asks the help of all voting citizens to do their part by voting on April 5 to approve this budget.

Mr. Hermo then requested Mr. Sincaglia to give a detailed explanation of the proposed 1988-89 budget.

Mr. Sincaglia explained how Nutley compares with the rest of the State as well as with the rest of Essex County. In comparative costs per pupil, Nutley ranked 12th out of 16 K-12 districts in Essex County. Mr. Sincaglia stressed that by every measure of comparison, Nutley showed itself to be an extremely efficient district. There are very few districts that spend below Nutley and produce what Nutley has been able to produce.

Mr. Sincaglia then reviewed each major account grouping and highlighted significant changes which are taking place next year.

With regard to Revenues, Mr. Sincaglia stated that the Board decided to match what was put in from surplus last year even though

the surplus amount has declined considerably, and we will not be able to continue this indefinitely. Mr. Sincaglia explained that this would hold down the amount of taxes to be raised. He then pointed out that Nutley is considered to be a property-wealthy town, and he explained what State aid we will be expecting and that the amount we receive per pupil is much lower than most of the other districts in the County.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that the 1988-89 school budget necessitates a tax increase of 23 points.

Mr. Sincaglia commented that over the last two years, taxes for the schools have gone up less than 9% while County taxes increased by over 19%, and local taxes increased by over 20%.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

Mr. David DePolito, 87 Evergreen Avenue, questioned what items are included in the 130N account, to which Mr. Sincaglia responded.

Mr. DePolito then questioned what the Board receives for the dues money they pay to the New Jersey School Boards Association, to which Mr. Sincaglia replied. Mr. Sincaglia pointed out that the payment of dues is mandated by law.

ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE 1988/1989 SCHOOL YEAR:

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:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley adopted a tentative budget for the 1988/1989 school year on February 3, 1988, and

WHEREAS, said tentative budget was properly advertised on March 3, 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the budget was conducted on March 14, 1988,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopt the official budget for the 1988/1989 school year in the following amounts:

Current Expense	\$19,519,611.00
Debt Service	<u>103,778.75</u>
Total Budget	\$19,623,389.75, of which

the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

Current Expense	\$15,683,381.00
Debt Service	<u>99,046.75</u>
Total	\$15,782,427.75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to place on the ballot at the Annual School Election to be held on April 5, 1988, the proposal to approve the Current Expense portion of the 1988/1989 school budget. (The complete budget for 1988/1989 is attached as Appendix 1.)

SCHOOL ELECTION:

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:

WHEREAS, the Annual School Election shall take place on April 5, 1988, and

WHEREAS, at said election the legal voters of the school district will elect three members to the Board of Education for a term of three years, and

WHEREAS, the legal voters of the school district will vote on the proposed tax levy for Current Expense for the 1988/1989 school year in the amount of \$15,683,381,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby directed to post notices on each school-house in the district and the following named public places: Township Hall, The Nutley Sun Office, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Gary's Pharmacy, Little's Pharmacy, Fred's Party Shop and Griffith Shade Shop, no later than March 26, 1988, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the boundaries of the sections of the school district, the voters of which shall be entitled to vote at the respective polling places, be as herein designated:

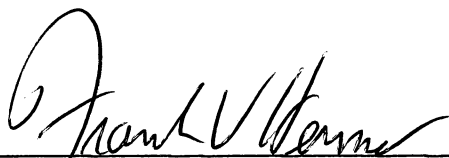
<u>Polling District No. 1</u> Lincoln School Ward 1 - Districts 1, 2 & 7	<u>Polling District No. 4</u> Yantacaw School Ward 2 - Districts 1, 5 & 6
<u>Polling District No. 2</u> Radcliffe School Ward 1 - Districts 4 & 6 Ward 2 - District 2	<u>Polling District No. 5</u> Yantacaw School Ward 3 - Districts 3, 4 & 5
<u>Polling District No. 3</u> Franklin School Ward 1 - Districts 3 & 5	<u>Polling District No. 6</u> Washington School Ward 3 - Districts 1, 2, 6 & 7
<u>Polling District No. 7</u> Spring Garden School Ward 2 - Districts 3 & 4	

and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the polls be open between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



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President



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Secretary

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Date

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