Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey November 25, 1991

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, November 25, 1991 at 8:04 p.m., with Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mrs. Scheckel read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Regular Meeting of the Board was provided in the Annual Notice of May 6, 1991. Said Notice was:

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

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Piro 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:
Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, Mrs. Sally Goodson, Mr. John G.
Griwert, Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mrs. Aileen Hresko, Mr. Charles
W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Charles J. Piro and Mr. Robert J.
Rusignuolo. Five citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 21, 1991 at 8:10 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Kucinski moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Hresko and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from Thomas B. Corcoran, Policy Advisor for Education to Governor Florio. Mr. Sincaglia explained that months ago the Board had asked him to send a letter to the Governor with copies to legislators, local Township officials and the New Jersey School Boards Association, indicating the Board's great concern with regard to what happened with the amended Quality Education Act. Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that the letter was sent on April 2, and the response from Mr. Corcoran was dated October 24, 1991. Mr. Sincaglia then read Mr. Corcoran's letter:

"Your April 2nd letter concerning the effects of the Quality Education Act on the Nutley School District seems to have been lost in the mail referral system, and has just recently re-surfaced. The Governor has asked me to respond and to personally express his apologies for the long delay.

"As of yet, the pension issue remains unresolved. The Quality Education Commission is examining the issue. Their report is expected in December and the legislature will consider their recommendations along with other proposals. However, the issue is also before the court because the plaintiffs have raised it in their recent refiling of Abbott. NJEA also has filed a brief in this case that addresses this question.

"State payment of pensions reduces the amount available for foundation aid and therefore negatively affects the aid available to middle income communities such as Nutley. Conversely, the transfer of pension and social security payments to local districts would permit the state to reallocate the \$900 million currently used for this purpose to foundation aid. There have also been a variety of proposals made in which the state and local districts would share the costs.

"Thank you for writing. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me."

2. A letter from the Academic Booster Club regarding the Honor Society induction dinner held in October and mentioning several concerns and recommendations they had.

- 3. A joint letter from Peter E. Carter, Essex County Superintendent of Schools, indicating that Nutley's educational objectives and action plan for 1991-92 had been reviewed and approved and indicating the review process that will take place.
- 4. A thank-you letter from The Nutley Free Public Library for the loan of a piece of equipment.
- 5. An invitation to the Radcliffe School PTA Reading Rally held on November 15.
- 6. An invitation from the Belleville/Nutley Parade Committee to participate in the Belleville/Nutley Annual Softball Game.
- 7. An invitation from the Radcliffe School PTA to attend its annual "Santa Sale."
- 8. A notice from the Essex County School Boards Association regarding a General Dinner Meeting to be held on Monday, December 2.
- 9. An invitation from The Friends of The Nutley Public Library to attend a Holiday Open House and Furnishing Fund Donor Plaque Dedication Ceremony on December 15.
- 10. A letter to Paul Kocum, Franklin School teacher, thanking him for the Franklin School group which performed at the NJEA Convention.

Mr. Rusignuolo commented that some local legislators would be present at next week's Essex County School Boards Association meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of October 31, 1991. (See attached report.)

Mr. Battaglia moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys as of October 31, 1991. (See attached report.)

Mr. Battaglia moved that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Mondays, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fadule presented and read the following report:

"Following are the names of the students who have distinguished themselves in academic achievement by attaining National Merit Scholarship Program status:

Commended

David Chen Richard E. Ebeling Jared Hayter Nickolas S. Massas Leilani G. Milazzo Michelle R. Monteiro

"Elementary parent-teacher conferences were conducted on Wednesday, November 20.

"The Nutley High School Fall Sports Awards Program will be conducted Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

"On Wednesday, November 27, schools will be in session for a half-day before Thanksgiving recess. Classes will resume on Monday, December 2.

"Attached is the October 31, 1991 enrollment chart."

Dr. Fadule thanked the Board for agreeing to the district's having another one-half day articulation day, as recommended by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. He indicated that the articulation day would take place on January 13 from $1:30-4:00~\rm p.m.$

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

Fire drills held during the months of October and November were as follows:

Oct. 18	Washington School	2:20 p.m.	1 min. 15 sec	s.
Oct. 23	Nutley High School	2:00 p.m.	2 min. 14 sec	s.
Oct. 24	Yantacaw School	2:32 p.m.	1 min. 40 sec	cs.
Oct. 30	Franklin School	10:40 a.m.	1 min. 51 sec	s.
Oct. 30	Yantacaw School	1:24 p.m.	1 min. 38 sec	s.
Nov. 1	Lincoln School	9:50 a.m.	1 min. 24 sec	s.
Nov. 4	Spring Garden School	12:47 p.m.	1 min. 16 sec	s.
Nov. 12	Washington School	10:37 a.m.	1 min. 15 sec	s.
Nov. 14	Franklin School	1:15 p.m.	1 min. 56 sec	cs.
Nov. 14	Lincoln School	1:09 p.m.	1 min. 12 sec	cs.

Nov. 14	Radcliffe School	2:00 p.m.]	min.	28	secs.
Nov. 14	Spring Garden School	12:43 p.m.]	. min.	12	secs.
Nov. 14	Washington School	12:55 p.m.]	min.	18	secs.
Nov. 14	Yantacaw School	1:59 p.m.	1	min.	30	secs.
Nov. 15	Yantacaw School	2:17 p.m.	1	min.	25	secs.
Nov. 18	Nutley High School	2:05 p.m.	2	? min.	12	secs.
Nov. 19	Franklin School	2:05 p.m.	1	min.	54	secs.
Nov. 19	Radcliffe School	11:00 a.m.]	min.	32	secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Battaglia presented the cafeteria report as of October 31, 1991, showing a cash balance of as July 1, 1991 of (\$4,386.39), total receipts of \$76,258.10, total disbursements of \$64,634.43, leaving a cash balance of \$7,237.28. Total "A" lunch - 13,094. Total milk sold - 6,741.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Piro reviewed results of the fall sports season, mentioning the excellent performances of the girls' soccer team and the football team. Mr. Piro indicated that Tim Koster, Grounds Foreman, and his crew should be commended for the fine job they had done this past Saturday under the worst of conditions.

Mrs. Goodson discussed the extended day program and the positive results which occurred when the program took place on November 7 and 8 when the district was closed. She indicated that the program would take place during the days the schools were closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. She again thanked Commissioner Frank Cocchiola for his continued support and for the use of the Parks and Recreation building.

Mr. Kucinski reported that the Budget Committee had been meeting regularly and the members had also visited the schools to review specific items that had been requested. He added that in the near future the entire Board would be able to review the suggestions of the Budget Committee.

Mrs. Scheckel mentioned that the Graduation Committee had met for the second time and had a worthwhile discussion. She indicated that its next meeting would take place in February, at which time suggestions for changes would be finalized.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

Mr. Battaglia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo. On a roll call vote the resolution was adopted with Mr. Battaglia, Mrs. Goodson, Mr. Griwert, Mr. Hermo, Mrs. Hresko, Mr. Kucinski, Mr. Piro, Mr. Rusignuolo and Mrs. Scheckel voting aye:

BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(e), the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of October 31, 1991, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major accounts are Current Expense, Capital Outlay, Debt Service.)

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Piro 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 authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$2,424,469.18 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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

AMENDING APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:

Mrs. Debra Lanuto

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointment of Mrs. Debra Lanuto be amended to reflect an annual salary of \$29,154, B.A.+30-6.

APPOINTMENT - Permanent Unassigned Substitute:

Miss Linda Scarola

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Miss Linda Scarola be appointed as a permanent unassigned substitute for the 1991/1992 school year, effective November 20, 1991, at the rate of \$65.00 per day and fringe benefits which include Blue Cross-Blue Shield and dental plans.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

Mrs. Hresko presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. 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 1991/1992 school year.

Mr. Piro left at 8:25 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS - Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following substitutes be approved for the 1991/1992 school year:

Secretarial

JoAnn Armando Victoria Rubulotta

Clerical/Aide

Rose LaFaso Victoria Rubulotta

Custodian

Alfred J. Seldney

Mr. Piro returned at 8:26 p.m.

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

Mr. Hermo 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 following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

Curriculum Development Committee Meetings

K-8 Physical Education	- October	5, 1991
Marita Dow Thomas Gallucci Janice Gibson Anne Marie Kowalski Howard Strouse John Walker Diane Williams		\$109.76 156.40 109.76 109.76 109.76 156.40 142.68
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K-6 Handwriting - Octob	er 5, 199	<u>l</u>
Marie Bigley Margaret Dougherty Jeannette Fuller Patricia Griffin Sally Magin Theresa Ruffo Anthony Stivala	Total	\$109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76 175.96 \$834.52
K-12 Library Skills - C	october 5,	1991
Susan Ames Beverly Apple Alexander Conrad Rachel Daly Mary Flannery Marianna Francioso Maria Gernitis Judith Hardin Susan LaReau Camille Lofrano Amy Menendez	\$	109.76 109.76 156.40 109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76

K-12 Library Skills - (October 5,	1991 (contd	l.)
Robert O'Dell Carol Perrone Sharon Reed Susan Rooney JoAnn Tropiano	\$	109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76 142.68	
oomin Troprano	Total \$		

HSPT Interpretation/Skills Development (IKE Grant) - October 5, 1991

Lottie Alama	\$ 109.76
Lucy Anello	109.76
Mary Appel	109.76
Ann Bevere	109.76
John Biviano	109.76
Ronald Bonadonna	109.76
Justina Bruno	109.76
Raymond Chapman	142.68
Denise Cleary	109.76
Mario Cocchiola	109.76
Joseph Cocchiola	156.40
Michele Cristantiello	109.76
Kathleen Cullity	109.76
Dianne DeRosa	175.96
Toby D'Ambola	109.76
Rosemarie DiGeronimo	156.40
Mary Lou Dowse	109.76
Mary Jane Emde	109.76
Jainine Gambaro	109.76
Linda Gilroy	109.76
Geraldine Intiso	109.76
John Jacone	156.40
Janet Jelenski	109.76
Catherine Kinney	109.76
Paul Kocum	109.76
Richard Koegel	109.76
Louis Lombardi	175.96
Diane Lupo	109.76
Beverly Masullo	109.76
Eileen Mattone	109.76
Paul McCarthy	156.40
Mary McLaughlin	109.76
Jacqueline Meloni	109.76
Noreen Mickey	109.76
Joseph Mulley	109.76
Catherine Musco	109.76
Arlene Nardiello	109.76
Rae Nardone	109.76
Stephen Parigi	109.76

HSPT Interpretation/Skills Development (IKE Grant) - October 5, 1991 (contd.)

Paul Primamore Gail Reilly Sally Ann Ryder Kathleen Serafino Carol Shepherd Patricia Sloan Carol VanWagenen Rosemary Vivinetto Arleen Wellman	\$	156.40 109.76 109.76 156.40 109.76 109.76 109.76 109.76
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Total \$5,713.64

Chemical Health Education Inservice Program - (DFSCA Grant) - October 5, 1991

Total \$3,701.64

K-6 Elementary Science Inser 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30	vice - , 1991	October 1,	2, 8,
Lawrence Jinks		\$713.40	
Central Detention - October	1991		
High School			
George Ackerman Raymond Chapman Carol Shepherd Vito Ziccardi		\$ 44.64 14.88 193.44 14.88	
Franklin School			
Patrick Keating James Mauro Jacqueline Meloni Becky Pandolfi Lawrence Tuorto		148.80 29.76 14.88 14.88 74.40	
	Total	\$550.56	
SAT Review Classes - High Sc 24, 30 and 31, 1991	hool -	October 22,	23,
Ronald Bonadonna John Suffren		\$411.60 411.60	
	Total	\$823.20	
Instructional Aide Coverage			
JoAnn Krupka Vincenza Rizzo Beverly SanGiovanni		\$108.68 75.24 66.88	
	Total	\$250.80	

PLACEMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS:

Mr. Hermo 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 approves the placement of out-of-district special education students from the following districts in the following classifications for the 1991/1992 school year:

District	No. of Students	Classification	<u>School</u>	Effective Date
East Newark	1	Pre.SchHdcp.	Lincoln	12/2/91
Harrison	1 ,	NI	Washington	12/2/91
Irvington	1	NI	Washington	11/21/91

SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT - Atypical Students:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the change in placement of Special Education students:

School School	Classification	Effective Date	Tuition
*Passaic County Vocational School Passaic, NJ	ED	10/28/91	\$54.38 per diem
*North Jersey Friend- ship House Hackensack, NJ	ED	10/28/91	\$660.00 per month
**Woodcliff Academy Rumson, NJ	PI	11/1/91	\$16,788.80

^{*}Student formerly approved to attend Passaic County Vocational full time.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That transfers in the 1991/1992 Current Expense budget be confirmed as follows:

^{**}Student formerly approved to attend Woodcliff Academy in Woodcliff, NJ. The school has relocated.

	From	•
Surplus Account 05-215 Account 17-210 Account 18-210		\$ 78,000 50,500 500 1,000
		\$130,000
	To	
Account 00-520 Account 00-820 Account 00-870E Account 04-213 Account 05-214 Account 05-220 Account 09-210 Account 25-210		\$ 20,000 20,000 18,000 60,000 5,000 1,000 1,000
•		\$130,000

AUDIT:

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

WHEREAS, the audit of the financial records of the school district for the 1990/1991 school year has been made, according to the requirements of Title 18A, by the firm of Deloitte & Touche, and

WHEREAS, copies of a synopsis of this audit have been made available to the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the 1990/1991 audit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board approves the Corrective Action Plan as per Schedule D responding to the recommendations of the auditor and that a copy of the Corrective Action Plan be submitted, as required, to the County Superintendent of Schools.

APPLICATION FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW JERSEY LIBRARY NETWORK, REGION III, THE ESSEX-HUDSON REGIONAL LIBRARY COOPERATIVE:

Mrs. Goodson 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 approves the applications of the Franklin School, Lincoln School, Radcliffe School, Spring Garden School, Washington School and Yantacaw School libraries for entry into the New Jersey Library Network's Essex-Hudson Regional Library Cooperative, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these libraries agree to abide by the policies and procedures established by the Cooperative for the Network.

NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION - Drug Free Schools and Communities Act - 1991/1992 School Year:

Mr. Griwert 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 accepts notification of approval of allocation for the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act for the 1991/1992 school year in the amount of \$21,413.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL - New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety - Project Graduation 1992:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts notice of approval from the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Project Graduation 1992 in the amount of \$1,500.

LONGEVITY PAY:

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 following longevity payment be authorized:

Barbara Kirk \$389 Eff. December 1, 1991 (15 years)

APPOINTMENT - Cultivating Academic Talent Program:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Joyce Healy be appointed to the Saturday Cultivating Academic Talent Program (Spring semester) to teach Science Experiments for the 1991/1992 school year.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Battaglia indicated that Project Graduation ran two successful fund raisers during November, and he thanked Mr. Sincaglia and his staff for their assistance as well as thanking Commissioner Cocchiola for his help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Scheckel wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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12/16/91 Date