

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

February 3, 1992

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, February 3, 1992 at 7:00 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 Special Meeting was made on January 29, 1992. Said Notice was:

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

"The purpose of this meeting is to consider adopting a resolution amending the tentative 1992-93 school budget.

"Formal action may be taken."

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mrs. Aileen Hresko, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mr. John G. Griwert (7:03 p.m.) and Mr. Charles J. Piro (7:05 p.m.). Absent: Mrs. Sally Goodson. One citizen was present.

Mrs. Scheckel turned the meeting over to Dr. Fadule who explained that the reason for tonight's meeting was as a result of revised state aid information.

Mr. Griwert entered

Dr. Fadule then turned the meeting over to Mr. Sincaglia who read a statement concerning the revisions in state aid and their proposed impact on the Nutley 1992-93 school budget:

"On January 28, 1992 Governor Florio introduced the New Jersey state budget for fiscal year 1993. In the Governor's budget message was a revaluation of the state pension system. Briefly, this involves the state counting all the assets of the pension system at their true market value. By doing this the annual state contributions and those of local governments would be reduced.

"As a result of this revaluation the state contributions to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund on behalf of local school districts was lowered by over 341 million dollars. This reduction made additional Foundation Aid available to many local school districts, including a number who had been told that they would receive nothing in Foundation Aid for 1992-93.

"Nutley is such a district. Originally, the district was informed that it would receive no Foundation Aid, but with the pension revaluation, the district would now be getting \$580,425. In addition, the proposed revaluation will give the Board the option to make an adjustment in its own contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System (pension system for nonteaching employees).

"For the Nutley Board of Education the notification of this additional school aid will permit the Board to reduce the local property tax requirements in the 1992-93 school budget. The tax savings as a result of these state aid changes will amount to nearly \$700,000. None of these additional funds will be used to pay for any expenditures, despite the fact that the Board had previously made numerous substantial budget reductions to get the 1992-93 budget under the statutory cap. The 1992-93 budget will now be set well below the cap figure by an amount of over \$121,000.

"With these various adjustments in state aid and expenditures, the Board is now able to adopt a new tentative current expense budget of \$29,238,663 which represents an increase from 1991-92 of 2.4%. The tax increase for 1992 will now be set at 31 points, a reduction of 18 points from last year's budget increase, and a 7 point reduction from what had previously been anticipated.

"While the Board is pleased with the additional state aid, the amount available to support the 1992-93 Current Expense budget is still only 11.4%. While this is an increase from last year's 10.9%, it is still well below what the district

used to experience - a state share of about 14-15%. The Board has recently communicated its concern about shrinking state school aid and the increasing reliance on local property taxes, to the new leadership in the state legislature."

Mr. Piro entered

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

Mrs. Scheckel then asked if there were any comments from the public. No one wished to speak.

ADOPTION OF REVISED TENTATIVE BUDGET:

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 adopted a tentative budget for the 1992/1993 school year on January 27, 1992, and

WHEREAS, revised state aid and expenditure information has been made available to the school district,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts a revised tentative budget for the 1992/1993 school year in the amount of:

Current Expense	\$29,238,663*
Debt Service	<u>246,956</u>
Total Budget	\$29,485,619, of which

the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

Current Expense	\$22,716,118
Debt Service	<u>202,413</u>
Total	\$22,918,531

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to submit this revised budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon receiving the approval of the County Superintendent, the Secretary be authorized to publish the 1992/1993 budget in The Nutley Sun.

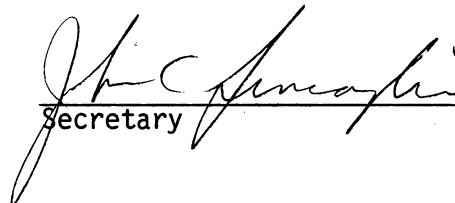
\*NOTE: The Current Expense budget contains \$9,587 in Capital Outlay Foundation Aid which will be transferred to Current Expense.


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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Kucinski, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

  
Paul P. Schickel  
President

  
John C. Battaglia  
Secretary

  
Feb 24, 1992  
Date