

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

March 9, 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, March 9, 1992 at 7:30 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) and NJSA 18A:22-11 and 22-12, proper notice of this Special Meeting was made on March 2, 1992. Said Notice was:

1. Published in The Nutley Sun on February 27, 1992.
2. Posted at the entrance of the Board Office.
3. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to The Nutley Sun, the Star Ledger, the North Jersey 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 1992-93 school budget.
2. Adopt the 1992-93 school budget.
3. Adopt a resolution regarding the 1992 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, Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mrs. Aileen Hresko, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Charles J. Piro and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mrs. Sally Goodson (7:32 p.m.). Absent: Mr. John G. Griwert. Approximately 60 citizens were present.

PRESENTATION OF 1992/1993 BUDGET:

Dr. Fadule indicated that the Nutley School District is educationally sound and fiscally responsible. He mentioned that Nutley ranks 24th out of 26 districts in cost per pupil in northern New Jersey. Dr. Fadule also noted that out of the 30 districts in the "G" category, Nutley was first in the average mean score in math, first in reading, eighth in writing, and overall, Nutley came in third, all the while being 26th in cost per pupil.

Mrs. Goodson entered

Dr. Fadule then introduced Mr. Sincaglia, Secretary/Business Administrator, and indicated that he would handle the budget presentation. Mrs. Scheckel noted that citizens would be able to ask questions upon the completion of the presentation.

Mr. Sincaglia explained the process involved in putting a budget together, noting that this year, Mrs. Scheckel had reinstated a Budget Review Committee which was more deeply involved in formulating the budget than the entire Board had been able to be in the past. Mr. Sincaglia indicated that an early problem was the budget cap which made it necessary for the Board to eliminate nearly \$700,000 from items in the budget.

Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that the Current Expense portion of the budget shows a 2.4% increase with an overall increase of 2.5% including Debt Service. Mr. Sincaglia then explained the Revenue section of the budget as well as the state aid picture and the proposed pension revaluation which resulted in increased aid to the district. Mr. Sincaglia stressed that this increased aid resulted in a six-point reduction in the amount needed from property taxes. All of the additional monies were used for tax relief, none to increase expenditures.

Mr. Sincaglia then reviewed costs per pupil, explaining that Nutley is \$662 below the state average and 17th out of 20 in cost per pupil in Essex County. He noted that Nutley's costs have consistently been well behind other districts in the county and state of comparable size and socioeconomic grouping.

Mr. Sincaglia then reviewed each major account grouping in the budget and highlighted significant changes which would take place next year.

Mr. Sincaglia indicated that the Debt Service portion of the budget is not voted upon since it reflects bond issues which had been approved by the voters in prior years.

Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that the budget came in \$121,000 below the budget cap which allowed a 6.3% increase from last year.

Mr. Sincaglia then explained that the school election will be held on April 7. He noted that both houses of the legislature had passed a bill to hold the election on April 28, however, the Governor has 45 days in which to take action, and the 45th day would be two days after the April 7 election date. Mr. Sincaglia indicated that the legislature is responsible for appropriations. They must appropriate the monies we are supposed to get, and if they refuse to do this, he was not certain what would happen. He stressed that this would be a very serious problem.

Mrs. Scheckel thanked Mr. Sincaglia for his thorough review of the proposed budget. Mrs. Hresko thanked Mr. Sincaglia for his time and effort, adding that he did a fantastic job which helped everyone to better understand the budget.

Mrs. Scheckel expressed her appreciation to the members of the Budget Review Committee for all their hard work.

Mr. Rusignuolo added that the academic accomplishments of the district were also worthy of praise.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

Mr. Joseph Pelaia, 104 Mountainview Avenue, reviewed accomplishments of the district and expressed his support for the budget. He added that the Board has a public trust which it has kept. He mentioned that this Board is not only concerned about the needs of the children but is also concerned about the tax-payers.

ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE 1992/1993 SCHOOL YEAR:

Mr. Battaglia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Hresko. 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 1992/1993 school year on February 3, 1992, and

WHEREAS, said tentative budget was properly advertised on February 27, 1992, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the budget was conducted on March 9, 1992,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts the official budget for the 1992/1993 school year in the following amounts:

March 9, 1992

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 place on the ballot at the Annual School Election to be held on April 7, 1992, the proposal to approve the Current Expense tax levy portion of the 1992/1993 school budget. (The complete budget for 1992/1993 is attached as Appendix 1.)

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

#### SCHOOL ELECTION:

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

WHEREAS, the Annual School Election shall take place on April 7, 1992, 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 1992/1993 school year in the amount of \$22,716,118,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby directed to post notices on each schoolhouse in the district and the following named public places: Township Hall, The Nutley Sun Office, Gary's Pharmacy, Little's Pharmacy, Fred's Party Shop and Griffith Shade Shop, no later than March 28, 1992, 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:

