Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

March 21, 1994

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 21, 1994 at 7:00 p.m., with Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Battaglia 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 March 9, 1994. 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 & 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 and adopt the tentative budget for the 1994/1995 school year.

"Formal action may be taken."

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mrs. Aileen Hresko, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Charles J. Piro and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel (7:07 p.m.). Absent: Mrs. Sally Goodson and Mr. John G. Griwert.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

None

Mr. Battaglia asked Mr. Kucinski, Chairman of the Budget Review Committee, to make some comments relative to the agenda item dealing with the adoption of the budget. Mr. Kucinski commented on the hard work of the administration and Budget Review Committee in bringing together the 1994-95 budget at an increase of 4.9% in the General Fund. He noted that this budget was able to expand nursing services at the elementary schools and, unfortunately, had to exclude many worthwhile requests from teachers and principals in order to be under the cap and within our fiscal means.

Dr. Fadule commented that there would be no reduction in existing programs as a result of this budget, and he was gratified by that fact.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that in the past two years there has been an enrollment increase of over 200 pupils which represented the largest enrollment since 1986-87 and also noted that the state aid for 1994-95 was the lowest since 1986-87 with the exception of the first year of Governor Florio's QEA budget. He noted that the state aid was picking up a much smaller share of the budget than ever before.

Mr. Sincaglia also commented on the budget development process and calculated that the administration and Budget Review Committee had reduced the budget by an amount of \$1,537,000. He indicated that possibly 95% of the requests that had come in were legitimate and worthwhile, but when faced with the constraints that the state has placed on us, it was necessary to concentrate on only the things that were most essential.

Mrs. Scheckel entered

ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts a tentative budget for the 1994/1995 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$29,332,656
Special Revenue Fund	663,163
Debt Service	277,676
Total Budget	\$30,273,495, of

which the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

General Fund

\$26,034,740

Debt Service

263,743

Total

\$26,298,483

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to submit this 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 1994/1995 budget in The Nutley Sun.

ESTABLISH DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 1994/1995 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:

Mr. Hermo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the public hearing on the 1994/1995 budget be held on Monday, April 11, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Battaglia asked Mr. Sincaglia to 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 adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters and negotiations, 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 Mrs. Scheckel, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

President

Secretary

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