

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

May 2, 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, May 2, 1994 at 7:30 p.m., with Mr. John C. Sincaglia, Temporary Chairman, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this meeting of the Board was provided on March 29, 1994. 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.

"The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Education to reorganize pursuant to NJSA 18A:10-3.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Battaglia leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"The Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 1994 between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as was necessary to permit all the legal voters then present at the polling places to vote.

"Voting was conducted at the Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw, Spring Garden, Radcliffe and Franklin Schools, all in the School District.

"Voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$26,034,740 in district taxes to support the proposed 1994/1995 General Fund Budget.

"The results of the election were as follows:

Candidates for 3-year terms

Maria Russo	1768 votes
Joseph C. Pelaia	1925 votes
George Hayes	1607 votes
Charles W. Kucinski, Jr.	1755 votes
John G. Griwert	1607 votes

"The candidates elected were:

"Maria Russo, Joseph C. Pelaia and Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. for three-year terms.

"The votes for the General Fund portion of the budget were as follows:

Yes	1871 votes
No	1396 votes

"The question of the tax levy was approved.

"A copy of this report will be entered in the official minutes of the Board of Education."

Mr. Sincaglia thanked the many election workers for the hard work and time they gave on election day. He added that they make a small amount of money for their services.

Mr. Sincaglia also thanked the members of his office staff who helped out in a variety of ways on election day, as well as Donald Stasi and Philip Nicolette for being available all day to take care of machine problems. Mr. Sincaglia additionally thanked the custodians for helping the election workers and the principals for being there and calling in the results. Mr. Sincaglia also expressed his appreciation to Ronald Bonadonna for his assistance with the preparation of the budget brochure.

Mrs. Scheckel entered (7:35 p.m.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia and Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Sincaglia declared nominations open for the office of President.

Mr. Kucinski placed the name of Mr. Sam P. Battaglia in nomination for President.

Mr. Hermo made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board.

A unanimous ballot was declared by the Board for Mr. Battaglia as President.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Battaglia requested that Mr. Sincaglia conduct the election for the office of Vice-President.

Mr. Piro placed the name of Mrs. Aileen Hresko in nomination for Vice-President.

Mr. Battaglia made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board.

A unanimous ballot was declared by the Board for Mrs. Hresko as Vice-President.

Mr. Battaglia assumed the Chair and thanked everyone for their support. He welcomed the two new Board members and wished them well. He noted that at the last meeting the Board said farewell to Sally Goodson for a job well done, and he recognized the efforts of John Griwert over the past three years.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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 regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley be held on the fourth Monday of each month, except as noted otherwise, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the following schedule of meetings be adopted.  
(Schedule A)

ADOPTION OF POLICIES:

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 Board of Education of the Township of Nutley hereby adopts for the ensuing year all Bylaws and Policies, Rules and Regulations currently in force.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designates The Nutley Sun as the official newspaper for meeting notices and hereby directs the Board Secretary to also send meeting notices to the Nutley Journal, Star Ledger and the North Jersey Herald and News.

DEPOSITORY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Valley National Bank be designated as the official depository for the 1994/1995 school year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - Valley National Bank:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Valley National Bank be designated the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1994/1995 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts, effective May 2, 1994:

Board of Education, N.J. Unemployment  
Insurance Trust Fund Account

John C. Sincaglia or  
Jean Unglaub

School Accounts

Nutley High School

John Jacone or  
Joseph Cocchiola

Franklin School

James Vivinetto

Lincoln School

Alexander B. Conrad

Spring Garden School

Lucy Anello

Washington School

Rosemarie DiGeronimo

Yantacaw School

John Walker

Radcliffe School

Kathleen Serafino

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - First Fidelity Bank:

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 First Fidelity Bank be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1994/1995 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts effective May 2, 1994:

Board of Education General Account

Primary Signatory

Sam P. Battaglia, President or  
John C. Sincaglia, Secretary or  
David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Moneys

Alternate Signatory

Aileen Hresko, Vice-President  
Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

Board of Education Salary Account

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary or  
David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Moneys

Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

Board of Education Referendum Savings Account

Primary Signatory

Alternate Signatory

John C. Sincaglia

or

Jean Unglaub

Board of Education Cafeteria Account

John C. Sincaglia

or

Jean Unglaub

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Fidelity Bank be authorized to accept facsimile signatures of the check signing machine.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary/Business Administrator, with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to invest surplus funds of the Board of Education and funds which will be available for a determinate period of time in U.S. Government and Agency Securities, Business Savings Accounts of our designated depository, and Certificates of Deposit and Repurchase Agreements of our local banks, and in any other securities designated by law.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND NEGOTIATOR/CONSULTANT:

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

WHEREAS, there exists from time to time a need for legal services and negotiations/consultant services for the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Sills Cummis Zuckerman Radin Tischman Epstein & Gross, P.A. of Newark, NJ is hereby appointed Board attorney and negotiator/consultant for the 1994/1995 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an annual audit of school accounts, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Deloitte & Touche of Morristown, NJ is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1994/1995 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEYS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mr. David Wilson be appointed Treasurer of School Moneys for the 1994/1995 school year.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

Mr. Piro 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 leases 20 feet of property owned by it, known as Lot Number 14, Block 212, (Overlook Terrace, rear entrance of Spring Garden School playground) on the tax maps of the Township of Nutley, to John Janiec and Mrs. Anne Janiec, his wife, for a term beginning May 1, 1994 and terminating April 30, 1995, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE OF CHURCH STREET SCHOOL PROPERTY TO NUTLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education leases the Church Street School property to the Nutley Historical Society in accordance with the provisions of the lease dated February 14, 1972, for a term beginning May 1, 1994 and terminating April 30, 1995, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 21 Romano Street:

Mrs. Russo 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 by the Board of Education that it hereby leases to Roxana Yang, owner of the property known as 21 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 20 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 45 and 46 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1994 and terminating April 30, 1995, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 22 Romano Street:

Mrs. Scheckel 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 by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, that it hereby leases to Angelo Rotonda, owner of the property known as 22 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 25 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 78 and 79 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1994 and terminating April 30, 1995, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sincaglia noted that he had sent to the Board information from the Department of Education regarding reviewing basic information about budgeting and spending at the Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Sincaglia explained that every month the first resolution on the agenda deals with certifying that the accounts are in order and not overexpended, and the Report of the Secretary contains a certification by him that everything is in order.

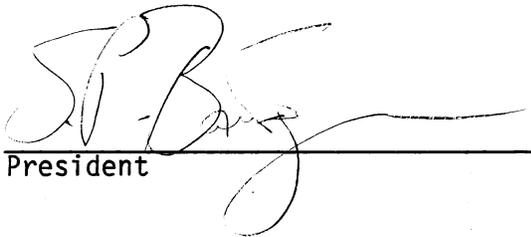
Mr. Sincaglia indicated that it is a legal obligation on the part of the administration and Board to insure that these certifications are done. He added that it is a routine matter, but there have been cases where this was not routine in other districts. Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that only the Board can certify that accounts are in order. He added that in reporting this to the Board he had complied with the language of the statute. He further added that he would be happy to meet with any Board member who had a question.

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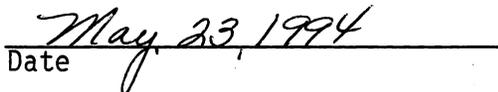
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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mr. Piro, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

  
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Date