

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, January 9, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Battaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Conference Meeting was provided in the Annual Notice of May 2, 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."

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mr. Frank V. Hermo, Mrs. Aileen Hresko, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo and Mr. Sam P. Battaglia. Late: Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel (7:32 p.m.). Absent: Mr. Charles J. Piro.

1. Dr. Fadule introduced Mrs. Danchak and Mr. Sautter who explained the proposed honors physics course.

Mrs. Scheckel entered

It was noted that this course would be offered to students already electing to take physics and would involve no additional cost with respect to personnel or materials.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the honors physics course be approved at the next regular Board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unani-
mously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Fadule discussed information about our results on the Eighth Grade Early Warning Test scores from the 1993-94 school year.

Nutley students did quite well. The overall rate of passing was better than all district factor groups except "J" districts. We also outscored all neighboring districts and all but four Essex County districts.

Dr. Fadule indicated that he had just received the 11th grade scores but had not had a chance to analyze them as yet.

3. Mr. Kucinski updated the Board on the activities of the Budget Review Committee. He explained that the Athletic Committee had made cuts last week and also reviewed information concerning reductions made by the Committee earlier this evening.

These newest reductions totaled \$56,030. With these additional reductions Mr. Sincaglia noted that the General Fund was now showing a 4.43% increase, and the overall budget was approximately 3.4%.

Mr. Kucinski also commented on the presentation by a custodial management company made to the Budget Review Committee earlier this evening. The Committee was interested in learning about this concept and felt they gained a good overview about how this service might work. The Committee members stated some of their concerns about this concept.

Mrs. Scheckel asked questions relating to budget items for music and Washington School, to which Mr. Sincaglia responded. Mrs. Scheckel also asked a question relating to computer items for the high school library.

There was additional discussion about the computer program on a district-wide basis, and it was requested that there be a report provided to the Board in the future about the entire direction of our instructional computer program. Dr. Votto said that he would arrange for this.

4. Mr. Battaglia questioned whether or not the Board should be involved at this point concerning the New Jersey Transit consideration of the rail line through the Township. The upcoming town meeting on February 1 was mentioned, and Mr. Battaglia indicated that he would attend, and Mrs. Hresko said she would also attend.
5. Dr. Fadule presented information concerning a pilot program for improved communications utilizing the phones for Radcliffe School. He and Mrs. Hresko talked about the use of the "mini message" boards, and it was noted that the EAN had received money from the NJEA which would underwrite the cost of this program through June of 1996.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that the phone company needed only a commitment of at least three or four months so that if the program was not successful it would not have to run any extended length of time.

Mrs. Scheckel moved that the Board approve the implementation of this plan, seconded by Mrs. Hresko and unanimously approved by the Board.

6. Dr. Fadule expressed some concerns that he and Mr. Sincaglia had with the weekend surveillance program. He noted that there seemed to be a problem in communications, and Mr. Sincaglia attributed this to the change in assignments in the regular position of the security person which has made it more difficult than in the past.

Dr. Fadule indicated that he had explored other options and was leaning towards the use of our own employees which had been done in the past and had proven fairly successful, although it was noted that there were certain advantages in having a law enforcement person perform these functions.

After some additional discussion, Mr. Kucinski moved that the Superintendent have flexibility to make changes in the security arrangements, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

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,

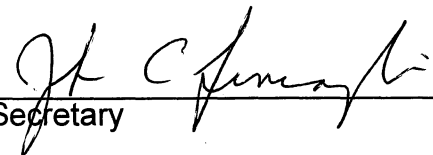
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, and

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 Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mrs. Hresko and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.


Secretary

1/11/95
Date