

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, March 27, 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, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel and Mr. Sam P. Battaglia. Absent: Mr. Charles J. Piro.

1. Dr. Fadule presented the proposed tentative calendar for the 1995-96 school year and for 12-month employees. There were no substantive changes.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that there would be a four day July 4th holiday, and this would alleviate the need to "create" an additional holiday in April as was necessary in 1994-95.

Mrs. Scheckel moved that the Board accept the calendars as proposed and to place this item on the agenda at the next regular Board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hresko and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Fadule asked Mr. Sincaglia to comment on the Special Education policy, second reading and the Bylaw change, first reading.

Mr. Sincaglia pointed out that the Special Education policy had been revised to clearly indicate that Board involvement for children under three was limited to referral assistance and not the providing of services. The Bylaw change had to do with changing Nutley Town to Township and listing the proper address of the Board of Education.

3. Mr. Sincaglia then explained the state's recent pronouncements concerning estimated versus actual surplus in school district budgets. He explained that the projected number was something that does appear in the budget but was clarified several months later by the actual audit which is what the Board must live by. He re-stated the point that excessive surplus must be appropriated by boards and that our surplus was not deemed to be excessive.

He also pointed out that the state was now counting our unemployment funds, which amount to approximately \$340,000, as part of surplus even though they can not be used for any expenditure other than unemployment claims.

4. Mr. Kucinski indicated that volunteer students and parents were willing to donate their time to spruce up the courtyard at Nutley High School. He indicated that Mr. Jacone said there was some money available in the high school fund and was hoping that the Board could provide a few hundred dollars to fund items such as seeding and shrubbery replacement.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$400 for various landscaping items, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo and unanimously approved by the Board.

5. Mr. Rusignuolo, the Chairman of the Insurance Committee, noted that Mr. Kucinski and Mr. Sincaglia had attended a recent meeting of the joint insurance fund to which the Township of Nutley belongs.

Mr. Sincaglia and Mr. Kucinski commented on the meeting and indicated that it appeared to be worthwhile that the Nutley Board of Education explore the possibility of joining this JIF for insurance coverage in the area of property and liability, auto and workers' compensation.

Dr. Fadule indicated that this should be discussed again at the regular meeting so that the public was aware of the Board's position.

6. Dr. Fadule noted that next month's agenda would be containing the notice of non-employment for non-tenured teachers.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Secretary

4/3/95
Date