

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

April 17, 1995

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, April 17, 1995 at 8:00 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 Regular Meeting was provided in the Annual Notice of May 2, 1994. Said Notice was:

1. Posted at the entrance to 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.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

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

CALL OF ROLL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mrs. Aileen Hresko, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Charles J. Piro, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo and Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel. Absent: Mr. Frank V. Hermo. Approximately 35 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 1995 at 8:01 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Kucinski moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Piro and unanimously approved by the Board.

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 3, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Kucinski moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Piro and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Sincaglia presented and read the following communications:

1. Three expressions of thanks for the Board's condolences for losses they had suffered during the past month from the following:

Lisa Maniscalco, Judith Story, Donald Stasi
2. A notice from Robert Rusignuolo, Nominating Committee Chair, Essex County School Boards Association, that the Committee would be meeting in the near future to consider candidates for office for the next school year.
3. A letter from the Clifton Public Schools regarding their adoption of a resolution and mission statement concerning state mandates whereby they want all remaining and future programs affecting municipalities and school districts to be fully funded by the state legislature.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of March 31, 1995. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Scheckel moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys as of March 31, 1995. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Hresko moved that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fadule presented and read the following report:

"Informational Items:

Third quarter report cards were distributed
on Thursday, April 13

School Board Election	April 18
Make-up for EWT 9	April 18, 19, 20
Make-up for TAP 10	April 21
Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)	April 17-21
Schools Closed - Spring Recess	April 24-28
Make-up for Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS)	May 1-3
Kindergarten Screening	May 1-5
Franklin P.T.A. Musicale	May 4 - 7:30 p.m.
District Writing Tests (Gr. 1-8)	May 9-10
Academic Booster Awards - Radcliffe School	May 9 - 7:30 p.m.
Yantacaw P.T.A. Musicale	May 10 - 7:30 p.m.
Lincoln P.T.A. Musicale	May 11 - 7:30 p.m.
Nutley Achievement Test - Geography (Gr. 6)	May 12
Radcliffe P.T.A. Musicale	May 16 - 7:30 p.m.
Washington P.T.A. Musicale	May 17 - 7:30 p.m.
Nutley High School - Fine Arts Festival Music Festival	May 18 - 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Spring Garden School Strawberry Festival	May 20 - 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
National Honor Society Induction	May 21 - (rain date)
District Reading Tests (Gr. 1-8)	May 23
District Math Tests (Gr. 1-8)	May 24
Spring Garden School P.T.A. Musicale	May 25
Memorial Day - All schools closed	May 25 - 7:30 p.m.
Franklin School - Art Festival	May 29
6th Grade Parent Orientation	May 31 - 6:30 p.m. May 31 - 7:30 p.m.

Attached is the student enrollment chart as of March 31."

Dr. Fadule stated that on behalf of the high school he was recommending that the date for senior commencement be changed from Friday, June 23 to Tuesday, June 20. Dr. Fadule noted that June 20 is the 181st day of school which allows an additional day in case of any problems. He further noted that the date is compatible with Project Graduation.

Mrs. Hresko moved that the Board approve the change of the high school graduation to June 20, 1995, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Fadule noted that the end-of-the-year calendar has not been mentioned as yet.

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

Fire drills held during the month of March were as follows:

March	1	Franklin School	10:30 a.m.	1 min. 48 secs.
March	2	Spring Garden School	1:56 p.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
March	2	Yantacaw School	1:04 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
March	7	Nutley High School	8:35 a.m.	2 min. 11 secs.
March	8	Franklin School	11:30 a.m.	1 min. 57 secs.
March	8	Radcliffe School	9:05 a.m.	1 min. 17 secs.
March	8	Spring Garden School	10:52 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
March	13	Washington School	10:29 a.m.	1 min. 15 secs.
March	14	Lincoln School	10:35 a.m.	1 min. 18 secs.
March	14	Radcliffe School	12:50 p.m.	1 min. 10 secs.
March	15	Nutley High School	2:00 p.m.	2 min. 11 secs.
March	15	Washington School	1:41 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
March	15	Yantacaw School	10:14 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
March	16	Lincoln School	1:50 p.m.	1 min. 16 secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mrs. Hresko presented the cafeteria report as of March 31, 1995 showing a 1994/1995 budget of \$586,900.00, contractual orders to date of \$490,255.27, leaving funds available of \$96,644.73.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

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, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(e), the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of March 31, 1995, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major accounts are General Fund and Debt Service.)

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$2,832,917.07 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Schedule B), provided they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

Mr. Kucinski noted that with regard to the Hoffmann-LaRoche rental of the high school auditorium on June 20, Mr. Sincaglia was to make alternate arrangements with them.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

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 teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1994/1995 school year.

APPOINTMENT - Substitute:

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 following substitute be approved for the 1994/1995 school year:

Bus Aide

Mary Anne Roman

April 17, 1995

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

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, That the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

Curriculum Development Committee MeetingsComputer Education K-8 - March 4, 1995

Mary Austin	\$ 123.88
Pamela Batchelder-Mitchell	123.88
Denise Cleary	123.88
Michele Cristantiello	123.88
Susan Dingwell	123.88
Elizabeth Foote	123.88
Elaine Karsnak	123.88
Nancy Kehayes	123.88
Maureen Lazur	123.88
James Mauro	123.88
Eileen O'Mara	123.88
Stephen Parigi	123.88
Lorraine Restel	123.88
Sally Ann Ryder	123.88
Kathleen Serafino	186.52
Patricia Sloan	123.88
JoAnn Tropiano	123.88
Ellen Ziobro	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$2,292.48

Industrial Arts Technology - March 4, 1995

Donald Baumann	\$123.88
John Jacone	165.80
Lisa Maniscalco	123.88
Joseph Mattiucci	186.52
Carol Ohlson	123.88
Andrew Retz	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$847.84

English 3 & 4 - March 4, 1995

Ronald Bonadonna	\$ 123.88
Cynthia DeBonis	123.88
Dianne DeRosa	186.52
Denise Mastrangelo	123.88
Noreen Mickey	123.88
Sharon Romaglia	123.88
John Ryan	123.88

English 3 & 4 - March 4, 1995 (contd.)

Carol Shepherd	\$ 123.88
Elizabeth Stolfi	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$1,177.56

Parenting - March 4, 1995

Rita Alfaro	\$ 123.88
Grayce Berk	123.88
Kathleen Bimbi	123.88
Kathleen Cullity	123.88
Patricia Griffin	123.88
Carol Gurney	123.88
Janet Jelenski	123.88
Margaret Murray	123.88
Becky Pandolfi	123.88
Deborah Pastena	123.88
Deborah Schop	123.88
Anne Starace	161.08
Patricia Tarczynski	123.88
John Walker	<u>165.80</u>
Total	\$1,813.44

Social Studies - K-8 - March 4, 1995

Lucy Anello	\$ 165.80
Frank Comune	161.08
Christine Crisson	123.88
Marilyn Hannon	123.88
Mary Haveron	123.88
Patrick Keating	123.88
Joan Lightfoot	123.88
Laura-anne MacMillan	123.88
Edmund Olson	123.88
Carol Perrone	123.88
Gail Reilly	123.88
Nancy Szura	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$1,565.68

Nutley Achievement Test (NAT) - March 15, 1995

Justina Bruno	\$108.40
Dianne DeRosa	145.08
Rosemarie DiGeronimo	93.26
Patricia Fischer	61.94
Linda Gilroy	61.94
Patricia Griffin	61.94

Nutley Achievement Test (NAT) - March 15, 1995
(contd.)

Geraldine Intiso	\$ 61.94
Catherine Kinney	108.40
Eileen Mattone	61.94
Jacqueline Meloni	46.46
Sharon Reed	61.94
Sally Ann Ryder	<u>61.94</u>
Total	\$935.18

Critical Thinking - March 4, 1995

Susan Ames	\$ 123.88
Justina Bruno	123.88
Andrea Carnevale	123.88
Marie Forgino	123.88
Jainine Gambaro	123.88
Janice Gibson	123.88
Scott Keena	123.88
Anne Marie Kowalski	123.88
Andrew Linfante	123.88
Kelly Lydon	123.88
Beverly Masullo	123.88
Ann Mary Mullane	123.88
Dorothy Mutch	161.08
Rae Nardone	123.88
Linda Pote	123.88
Sharon Reed	123.88
Monica Rhein	123.88
Carol Rizzo	123.88
Harriet Sabates	123.88
Valerie Sautter	123.88
Marilyn Testa	123.88
Patricia Trainor	123.88
Lawrence Tuorto	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$2,886.44

IKE Grant - March 9, 15, 1995

Lottie Alama	\$ 61.94
Jeannette Andreula	61.94
Anne Bevere	46.46
Denise Cleary	46.46
Rachel Daly	61.94
Jainine Gambaro	61.94
Mary Haveron	61.94
Gail Kahn	61.94
Susan LaReau	61.94
Beverly Masullo	61.94
Evelyn McMullen	46.46
Arlene Nardiello	61.94

IKE Grant - March 9, 15, 1995 (contd.)

Mary Peele	\$ 46.46
Carol Perrone	61.94
Lorraine Restel	61.94
Bernadette Santoriello	61.94
Arleen Slott	46.46
Nancy Szura	61.94
Andrea Zak	<u>61.94</u>
Total	\$1,099.46

CAT Program Payroll for Winter 1995 Session

Gerard Adubato	\$ 1,238.80
Edward Annett	1,672.38
Amy Cerisano	1,269.77
Rosemary Clerico	1,238.80
Paula Cofone	1,238.80
Hillary Hill Trovato	1,409.14
Barbara Hirsch	1,610.80
Lawrence Jinks	1,455.59
Paula Kasner	1,533.02
Frank Libert	1,455.59
Camille Lofrano	1,269.77
Carmen Mancuso	1,409.14
Harry Reddington	1,656.90
Louis SanGiovanni	1,533.02
Sherrie Tolve	1,409.14
Robert Topolski	1,409.14
Ciro Violante	1,471.08
Frank Zintl	1,269.77

Substitutes

Gail Kahn	123.88
Phillip Siculietano	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$25,798.41
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Gifted and Talented - March 4, 1995

Florence Carpenter	\$ 123.88
Alexander Conrad	165.80
Rosemarie DiGeronimo	165.80
Mariana Francioso	123.88
Suzanne Hagert	123.88
Susan LaReau	123.88
Linda Moscaritola	123.88
Carol O'Hara	123.88
Bernice Paschal	123.88
Theresa Petti	123.88

Gifted and Talented - March 4, 1995 (contd.)

Gertrude Reddington	\$ 123.88
Niki Vlasakakis	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$1,570.40

Spring In-Service Course - Introduction to the Macintosh Computer - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1995

Rosemary Clerico	\$402.70
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SAT Review Classes - March 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30, 1995

Ronald Bonadonna	\$ 557.46
John Suffren	<u>557.46</u>
Total	\$1,114.92

Central Detention Coverage - March, 1995High School

Carol Shepherd	\$319.01
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Franklin School

Denise Cleary	33.58
Cynthia DeBonis	33.58
Carol Harris	16.79
Hillary Hill Trovato	33.58
Jacqueline Meloni	151.11
Mary Peele	<u>16.79</u>

Total	\$604.44
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Saturday Morning Suspensions - March, 1995High School

Nicole Errante	\$ 70.17
Anne Marie Kowalski	70.17
Carol Shepherd	<u>140.34</u>

Total	\$280.68
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Intramurals - February 1-28, 1995

Susan Dingwell	\$ 72.03
David D'Olivo	120.05
William Farkas	216.09

Intramurals - February 1-28, 1995 (contd.)

Janice Gibson	\$ 96.04
Mary Haveron	48.02
Edmund Olson	192.08
Howard Strouse	144.06
Diane Williams	<u>240.10</u>
Total	\$1,128.47

LONGEVITY PAY:

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, That the following longevity payments be authorized:

Ann Starace	\$860	Eff. May 1, 1995 (25 years)
Noreen Baris	\$280	Eff. May 1, 1995 (15 years)

SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT - Educationally Disabled Students:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of students at Special Education classes for the 1994/1995 school year as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Lakeview Learning Center Wayne, NJ	*1	ED	3/27/95	\$6,951
Shaler Academy Ridgefield, NJ	*1	Pre-K Hdcp.	4/13/95	\$1,311 per month

*Note: This is a change in placement for this student.

ADOPTION OF BYLAW (Second Reading):

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

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO I.D.E.A.-B AND I.D.E.A.-B PRESCHOOL BUDGETS - FY95:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves submission of amended budgets for FY95 for I.D.E.A.-B and I.D.E.A.-B Preschool as per Schedule G.

APPROVAL OF TAX SHELTER INVESTMENT FIRM:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the firm of CJM Planning Corp. be approved to offer salary reduction agreements to interested employees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:66-127.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That transfers in the 1994/1995 General Fund budget be confirmed as follows:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-190-100-640	\$ 3,100	Account 11-205-100-101	\$ 200
Account 11-999-290-290	8,000	Account 11-212-100-106	200
Account 12-999-100-730	<u>9,100</u>	Account 11-217-100-101	300
		Account 11-220-100-320	3,000
	\$20,200	Account 11-402-100-500	500
		Account 11-999-218-600	200
		Account 11-999-240-500	10,400
		Account 11-999-270-515	2,600
		Account 12-130-100-730	<u>2,800</u>
			\$20,200

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following transfer in the Debt Service Fund be confirmed:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Debt Service Surplus	\$.25	Account 40-701-510-830	\$.25

MEMORIAL:

Miss Anna Jackson

Mrs. Hresko presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Miss Anna Jackson on April 10, 1995, and

WHEREAS, Miss Jackson was employed in October, 1946 as an elementary teacher in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career until her retirement in June, 1974, and

WHEREAS, Miss Jackson won the admiration and respect of her fellow teachers and the friendship of pupils who came under the influence of her understanding and capable teaching,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the contracts of the following non-tenured teachers not be renewed for the 1995/1996 school year:

Ms. Rita Alfaro	
Mrs. Arlene Baldino	(p/t .6)
Mrs. Andrea Carnevale	
Miss Mary Jo Chagnon	
Mr. Christopher Chern	
Mrs. Susan Lee Dingwell	(p/t .5)
Mr. David D'Olivo	(p/t .5)
Miss Jenifer Elkas	(p/t .5)
Mrs. Katherine Flannery	
Mr. Scott Keena	
Mrs. Nancy Kehayes	
Mrs. Diane LaPierre	
Mr. Andrew Linfante	
Mrs. Laura Love	
Miss Kelly Lydon	
Miss Laura-anne MacMillan	

Mrs. Marianne Marcantonio
 Mrs. Valerie Martin
 Miss Denise Mastrangelo
 Mrs. Elaine Mauro (p/t .5)
 Mrs. Marcy McKenzie
 Mrs. Evelyn McMullen
 Mrs. Claire Menza
 Mrs. Linda Moscaritola
 Mrs. Ann Mary Mullane
 Mrs. Rebecca Olivo
 Mrs. Eileen O'Mara (p/t .5)
 Ms. Rita O'Neill-Wilson (p/t .5)
 Mrs. Arlene Orenstein
 Miss Melissa Palm (p/t .5)
 Mrs. Debra Parigi
 Miss Deborah Ann Pastena
 Mrs. Carol Perrone
 Mrs. Julianne Philp
 Miss Robyn Powell
 Mrs. Carol Ann Rizzo
 Mrs. Olga Rombola (p/t .5)
 Mrs. Valerie Sautter
 Miss Linda Scarola
 Mrs. Michele Syme
 Mr. Joseph Tagliareni
 Mrs. Marilyn Testa (p/t .5)
 Mrs. Sherrie Tolve (p/t .5)
 Mrs. Patricia Trainor (p/t .5)
 Miss Lori Ann Vitaletti
 Mrs. Joyce Wood
 Miss Ellen Ziobro

NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS - Instructional Aides:

Mr. Pelaia 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 contracts for the following instructional aides not be renewed for the 1995/1996 school year:

Mrs. Donna Ferraro	Mrs. Janet Ponzoni
Mrs. Donna Luzzi	Mrs. Annette Pucci
Mrs. Audrey Paolino	Mrs. Gloria Yanuzzelli
Mrs. Christine Pecora	

SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK:

Mrs. Hresko presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education approves recognition of the week of May 15, 1995 as Special Education Week.

APPROVAL OF REVISED BUDGET - Basic Skills - FY 95 and APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION - Summer 1995 Chapter 1 Program:

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, That the Board of Education approves the revised budget for FY95 for the Basic Skills program and also approves the submission of application for the Summer 1995 Chapter 1 program (Schedule H).

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL:

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, That the Board of Education approve the use of the following textbook:

Math I

New Views in Mathematics, Course 1
Publisher, Educational Design, Inc., New York, NY,
1994

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the use of the following textbook:

Environmental Science

Environmental Science Ecology and Human Impact
Publisher, Addison Wesley, Reading, MA, 1995

Mr. Battaglia noted that the Board had received information regarding the K-3 grading system and high school report cards. He recommended that the Board table this discussion until after the

May 1 reorganization meeting since this would allow two or three new members to participate. Mrs. Scheckel commented that she felt this was a good idea.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kucinski noted that tonight is the last Board meeting for Mr. Piro. He indicated that Mr. Hermo was unable to attend because of a death in the family. Mr. Kucinski noted that Mr. Piro has been one of the more dedicated, vocal Board members and he would truly miss him. He added that Mr. Piro had been a good Board member.

Mr. Kucinski also commented that being a Board member anywhere is a trying job and he finds it difficult to take some of the abuse, but people become Board members because of their love for their children.

Mr. Battaglia noted that Mr. Piro had made a solid contribution to the school district, adding that he appreciated Mr. Piro's efforts and would miss him.

Dr. Fadule indicated that as Superintendent he was in a position to know how knowledgeable and helpful Mr. Piro has been and which did not necessarily become public knowledge. He added that Mr. Piro had not only been prominent and excellent in the area of athletics but had also been very helpful in many other areas. Dr. Fadule further stated that Mr. Piro would be missed.

Mr. Piro indicated that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Board of Education in spite of some criticisms by a local newspaper.

NEW BUSINESS:

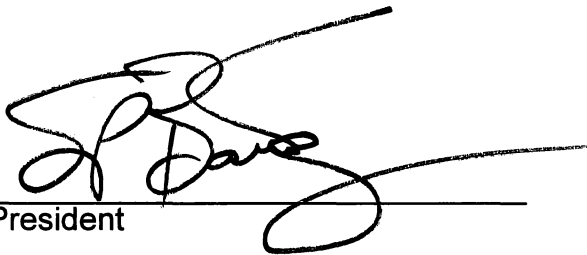
Mr. Pelaia noted that he and Mr. Battaglia attended the Reading Rally at Radcliffe School on April 1. He explained that this was funded by the New Jersey Education Association with no cost to the taxpayers. He commended the entire staff and in particular Michele Cristantiello, Ellen Ziobro and Jainine Gambaro.

Mr. Battaglia indicated that it was an entertaining day. Mrs. Scheckel noted that the children were very involved in the activities. Mr. Battaglia commended all the teachers involved.

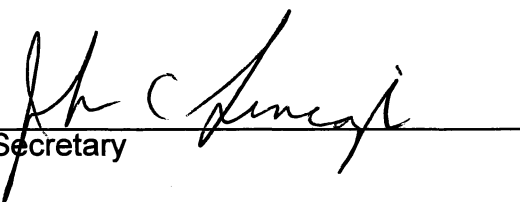
Mr. Battaglia reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day and hoped that they would support the budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

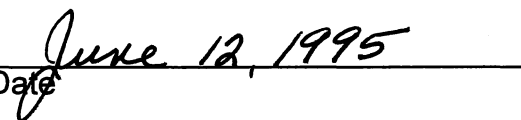
There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



President



Secretary



Date