

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

May 1, 1995

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 1, 1995 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, 1995. 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 18, 1995 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 \$26,997,114 in district taxes to support the proposed 1995/1996 General Fund Budget.

"The results of the election were as follows:

Candidates for 3-year terms

Robert Schweikert, Jr.	1753 votes
Franklin J. Patterson	1737 votes
Michele DeBlasio Fleitell	1894 votes
Aileen Rush Hresko	1523 votes
George Hayes	26 votes
John Frank Vespa-Papaleo	1 vote
John Gehring, Jr.	1 vote
Maria D. Papaleo	1 vote
Robert J. Ugliese, Jr.	1 vote
Francis Rempusheski	1 vote
Kenneth Polakowski	4 votes
Barbara Bochese	5 votes
Kathryn Rempusheski	1 vote
Barbara Hayes	1 vote
John Russo	1 vote
Barney	1 vote
Mickey	1 vote
Big Bird	1 vote

"The candidates elected were:

"Robert Schweikert, Jr., Franklin J. Patterson and Michele DeBlasio Fleitell for three-year terms.

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

Yes	1727 votes
No	1156 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 election workers for their assistance on election day. He also thanked the buildings and grounds employees for their help, in particular Phil Nicolette, Richard Marks and Donald Stasi who were available at all times to assist during machine malfunctions.

Mr. Sincaglia further expressed appreciation to Linda Scarpa, Cafeteria Director, who had coffee and cookies prepared for the workers, the principals who promptly called in the election results and his staff for their assistance during the election. Mr. Sincaglia also thanked Mr. Ronald Bonadonna who provides assistance every year in preparing the budget brochure.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Michele DeBlasio Fleitell, Mr. Franklin J. Patterson and Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr.

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel and Mr. Robert Schweikert, 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, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel.

Mr. Pelaia 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. Pelaia placed the name of Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo in nomination for Vice-President.

Mrs. Scheckel placed the name of Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. in nomination for Vice-President.

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

A poll of the Board was then taken with the following results:

For Mr. Rusignuolo

Mrs. Fleitell
Mr. Pelaia
Mr. Rusignuolo

For Mr. Kucinski

Mr. Battaglia
Mr. Kucinski
Mr. Patterson
Mrs. Russo
Mrs. Scheckel
Mr. Schweikert

Mr. Kucinski was declared elected as Vice-President.

Mr. Battaglia assumed the Chair and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve again, adding that he looked forward to the beginning of his twelfth year.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

Mr. Battaglia noted that before moving on to the resolutions, he would recognize Mr. Frank Hermo, former Board member, as he did not have the opportunity to bid farewell to the Board at the last meeting. He extended the Board's appreciation to Mr. Hermo for his twelve years of service.

Mr. Hermo indicated that his decision not to seek re-election was based on his feeling that room should be made for a younger person with a new outlook. He noted that during his twelve years of service on the Board the Board was responsible for raising the level of income and status of teachers and other employees, removed asbestos, oil tanks and maintained school buildings, entered the world of computers, maintained a high level of academic achievement and teacher involvement in curriculum development. Mr. Hermo further added that on the negative side, the Board had been through two major fires and three budget defeats.

Mr. Hermo then requested the Board and administration to consider the implementation of a developmentally appropriate grading system for kindergarten through grade 3. He noted that the district would not be lowering standards; it would be insuring that our young people have a firm educational base.

Mr. Hermo added that Nutley is a great community which enjoyed a fine reputation in the area of education and he was pleased to have played a part in this. He thanked the Board members, administrators, teachers and other employees for making the twelve years a rewarding experience.

Mr. Battaglia indicated that the Board greatly appreciated all of Mr. Hermo's efforts. Mr. Battaglia then made mention of Aileen Hresko, who had been a fine Board member for six years but had been unsuccessful in her re-election effort. He added that he wished her well in the future.

ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

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 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:

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 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:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 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:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 Valley National Bank be designated as the official depository for the 1995/1996 school year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - Valley National Bank:

Mr. Kucinski 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 Valley National Bank be designated the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1995/1996 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 1, 1995:

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

John C. Sincaglia or
Jean Unglaub

School Accounts

Nutley High School

John Jacone or
Mario 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:

Mr. Kucinski 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 First Fidelity Bank be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1995/1996 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 1, 1995:

Board of Education General Account

Primary Signatory

Alternate Signatory

Sam P. Battaglia, President

or Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Vice-President

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

David Wilson, Treasurer of
School Moneys

Board of Education Salary Account

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

David Wilson, Treasurer of
School Moneys

Board of Education Referendum Savings Account

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. Patterson 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 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. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. 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 1995/1996 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. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. 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 1995/1996 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. 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 Mr. David Wilson be appointed Treasurer of School Moneys for the 1995/1996 school year.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

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 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, 1995 and terminating April 30, 1996, 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 - 21 Romano Street:

Mrs. Scheckel 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 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, 1995 and terminating April 30, 1996, 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:

Mr. Schweikert 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 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, 1995 and terminating April 30, 1996, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

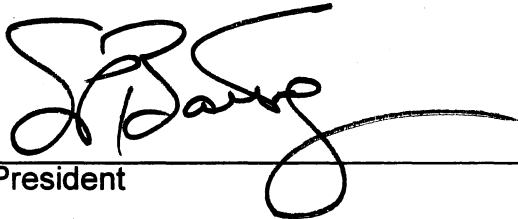
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

OTHER BUSINESS:

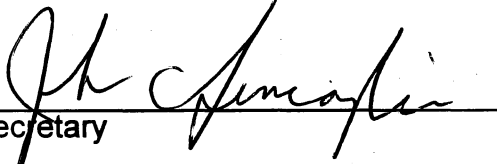
Mr. Battaglia requested Mrs. Russo and Mr. Patterson to remain after the meeting as they were being asked to join the Negotiations Committee and have a brief meeting with Mr. Kucinski.

ADJOURNMENT:

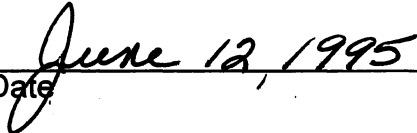
There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



President



Secretary



Date